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RE: Official Plan Amendment File OPA1/15 and Zoning By-Law Amendment File Z1/15 by Tri-County Aggregates Ltd

We address this letter to all parties that this concerns, and I would like to have all of my concerns go on record.

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There is still a great number of concerns that still need to address, as a almost 20 year resident of East Garafraxa our concerns are being documented but are they really being heard. It feels as though everyone else's agendas are going through and the single home residences are just speed bumps in the way of progress of the aggregate operations and commerce. It is purely obvious that not one of counsel members homes are directly affected or in line with the pit operations and trucking routes because I feel items of discussion, impact of quality of life and community safety concerns would be very different discussions. It's like living in a broken family home where the township and the pit operations are the parents and the local residence are the children sitting at the way side awaiting decisions to be made for them that will affect their futures and way of life forever, it's like that old saying children are to be seen
but not heard. We want to be heard, we want our same quality of life that we have without interruptions and major inconveniences.

We all chose to build our lives, raise our families and retire in East Garafraxa, a peaceful existence away from all of the irritants that living in towns and cities have and to connect with nature and all the pleasures and joy that come with it, and we have had that for a number of years and all is changing and not for the better for all of us concerned.

I have spent a great deal of time reading through the report provided by Tri-county Aggregates Ltd and now I don't claim to be an expert on any of the areas discussed in the report but I have found many items that seems inconclusive, old out dated data was used, insufficient samples were taken and skewed in their favour. Listed below are some of the main issues I found with references to where they are in the report.

ITEMS OF CONCERN TO GO ON RECORD

(1)
(a) As per by-law and early start time gravel pit and stone crushing are being treated as a construction site, gravel pits are classified as mining as per the Ministry of Labour and should be treat as such. Early start times should be revoked.

(b) Number of days and hours of operation must follow all federal, provincial and local rules, regulations, restrictions, laws and by-laws

(2)
(a) The duty of enforcing any and all by-laws fall on the corporation of The Township of East Garafraxa to enforce any and all by-laws without any exceptions.

(b) Does the township have the means of enforcement.

(3)
(a) Noise pollution and resident's concerns of noise and lack of enforcement. DOES THE TOWNSHIP HAVE THE MEANS TO ENFORCE AND OVERSEE THAT ALL RULES AND BY-LAWS ARE BEING FOLLOWED.

(b) In their study the noise pollution is only documented on the pit site, what of the surrounding area and nearby residential homes, and operational farms with livestock.

(c) Equipment operation noise pollution from example: Loaders, Excavators, Crushers, Aggregate Washers, Hauler Trucks

(d) Suggested equipment white noise safety beepers (example duck quack) does not meet the Ministry of Labours minimum safety standard and cannot be used in lieu of currently installed equipment operation warming alarms.
(4)

(a) Traffic plan is not complete, it does not take into account traffic flow from all directions, in particular east to west over a blind hill does not permit line of site for more than 400 feet.

(b) Trucks using paved and gravel shoulders when turning east from 17th Line onto County Road 3 causing dust and particulate clouds and unsafe merges onto County Road 3. (Confirm with Andrew Fenech and Lydia Pirc-Fenech of 064312 County Road 3 with how many trucks are still on the grave shoulder passing their home before finally merging on the paved road).

(c) Increased truck traffic and insufficient road infrastructure is causing unsafe conditions for residents, commuters and children’s school bus transportation to and from school.

(d) Engine brakes being used to slow down trucks and trunk & trailer combinations.

(e) Transportation study used is old and out dated sample date was October 2013, traffic flow has change significantly in the last 5 years and is subject to even greater traffic upon completion of the new Religious Centre’s completion.

(f) The traffic study was skewed and incomplete, not enough thorough data was collected.

****SEE PAGE 55 /658  11. TRAFFIC IN THE REPORT

(g) Major reconfigurations of County Road 3 will have to constructed to ensure safe travel for all motorist, (for example speed restrictions and speed enforcement, traffic lights, turning lanes, merging lanes) and who will be responsible for any and all costs for the necessary improvements…Tri-County Aggregates Ltd …East Garafraxa Township …our us the residence by increased tax dollars billed.

(h) SEE TRANSPORTATION SECTION / ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS IN THE REPORT

(5)

> The issue of Natural Resources where the water shed being used for industrial services to the amount of millions of gallons. This is the area’s source of water and the surrounding community of Alton.

****SEE PAGE 127 / 658  3.5 WELL HEAD PROTECTONS AREAS IN THE REPORT

(a) [direct insert from the report/ copy and paste (We note that because the application is for above water table extraction, there are no direct potential impacts on the groundwater system associated with excavation. However, some water balance changes may occur due to changes in landscape. As part of site operations aggregate washing is also expected. Therefore the study will also present a groundwater and surface water impact analysis, including water balance assessments, as needed to address planning considerations of environmental protection and enhancement)]

****SEE PAGE 123 / 568  1.2.3. STUDY TEERM REFERENCES

(b) Tri-County spokes person said in a previous meeting that they will stay 1.5 metres above the water table, BUT in their report it states that they WILL be going below that in order to create washing /silt ponds
(c) >Water study also states that 6 months of the year when the drier seasons (summer & winter) when rain and melted snow are at a minimum that they would be accessing the water table to ensure no interruptions to production.

(d) >If the above mentioned is the case and local residential and farm wells are compromised due to the practices and usage of ground source water is the Township of East Garafraxa going to hold Tri-County Aggregate Ltd accountable for any and all expenses and inconveniences in the event an issue arises.

(e) >Well studies were only done within 500 metres of the proposed site, what about the direct and indirect residential homes and farms that surround the proposed pit area.

****SEE PAGES 127 / 658 PRIVATE WATER WELLS IN THE REPORT

(f) >In the report provided by Tri-County Aggregate Ltd it comments on the town of Alton's water well system at ground water supply and they may be effected by the usage of the pits operational water consumption over a period of time. Why were members of this community NOT notified of the possible risks to their water supply.

****SEE SECTION 7 TITLED WATER IMPACT STUDY IN THE REPORT

(6)

****>There is mention in the report of concrete recycling also being conducted within the site that I don’t recall being mentioned at the previous meeting that brings up other concerns of dust, noise, water consumption and traffic.

>SEE SECTION 13.9 APPROVED CONCRETE RECYCLING IN THE REPORT

Please review and take into consideration all of the above concerns listed.

Sincerely,

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