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## OPEN LETTER TO OUR COUNCIL ABOUT QUARRIES

### FROM A CONCERNED CITIZEN

***Dear Councilors of Trent Lakes and Peterborough County:***

***Re: Proposed application for Dewdney Farms and other Quarries***

*I have followed the progress of the proposed amendment OPA 41 to accommodate the huge Dewdney Farm Quarry application. I have followed it with dismay and concern. Here are some questions I have with regard to the apparent haste with which this process has been completed and a fear that all forthcoming amendments will also be hastily handled:*

- 1. Why has the specified land already been clear-cut, before this amendment has even passed the Peterborough County Council for approval. Is there any monitoring of ground cover left as mulch for rehabilitation?*
- 2. There are rumors of 9 more potential quarries in the process of application adding to the 35 existing ones in the Trent Lakes region. What is the potential total tonnage and truck usage on the roads going to be? Where do I find this information? Again will you do a cumulative impact study? Will, in the future, there be transparency at the Township and County council?*
- 3. Who is responsible for the cost of maintaining roads and ensuring that obligations are met? Are there adequate charges to the quarry operators to cover this additional cost and to ensure that this does not fall to taxpayers to pay for?*
- 4. As a tourist and rural region of lakes and forests, how will this impact on the quiet enjoyment of a lifestyle I invested in via my purchase of vacation or year-round property here?*
- 5. Have you properly considered the total effect of noise, dust and water pollution on our lakes and rivers, wildlife, lifestyle, property values and the survival of local business?*

*Councilors, it is your duty as elected officials to protect us from reckless development that has the potential of destroying this area forever. I, and others, have voiced this in many ways but have yet to hear that our concerns are being addressed. We ask for true accountability and transparency from those who govern.*

*Please let me know that as my representatives you take my concerns seriously.*

*Sincerely,*

*(Signed)*\_\_\_\_\_