

"The NPLRA is not the only one worrying about what is going on. We feel others should read Charlie's letter. It has been reprinted and distributed with his permission. Thanks Charlie"

Letter to Paul Cutmore, Agregates Officer at MNR, Peterborough ON

Dear: Mr. Cutmore:

I wrote to you last year asking for information regarding quarries in the area, to which I received an e-mail and voice mail suggesting that it was a lot of work and perhaps we could just resolve it over the phone.

Mr. Cutmore I work out side for a living, if I wanted any sunshine blown up my ass I wouldn't feel the need to call you for it.
And I'm still waiting for my information like a good tax payer that you work for.

You were given more than your share of respect when we first conversed and you chose to disregard or to reciprocate.

My father and brother had sixty years between them as Conservation Officers. I have three years of post secondary education in Fish & Wildlife and another two years of Law. I have successfully taken the M.O.E. and the M.N.R. jointly to task before, for the mismanagement of this Class A Wetland that I am fortunate enough to reside in, so I know a little something about half truths and deception.

I am curious to know whether you declared the fact that your father-in-law owns a licensed quarry, complete with crushing machine in the vicinity of the Warsaw Caves.

Autocrats with soft hands that can't find their way through their father in law's woods without blazing every other tree with an axe do not impress me, so let's drop the false pretences. I realize I may not be talking to a game warden that could possibly and genuinely care about the environment and all it's flora and fauna. I'm not talking to the every day Joe who lives and works in the real world. It is my belief, you sir are part of that soft bellied, complex, compartmentalized labyrinth that takes tax payers dollars and uses it against them and the environment by strengthening the collusion between government and big business. Sorry if the truth hurts, but it is time to decide what side of the fence you are on. Even the M.O.E. has two distinct mandates:— one to protect the environment and issue permits; and two, to investigate and enforce penalties against infractions. Case in point:- the M.N.R. has allowed logging to go on, on Crown Land adjacent to the fish sanctuary this winter – is this to be the future site of yet another quarry? I am going to protect myself, my community, and my environment as you would if the situation were reversed. If this requires trying to get you more media attention than Mike Duffy or Rob Ford, then just continue to sit idle and ignore your obligations to the people that pay your wages.

Correct me if I'm wrong but it is my understanding that the large deer wintering yard on the Dewdney property that was possibly creating a government tax break

for the owner before it was decimated, is still before council as a rezoning application, and as such he had no legal right to clear cut hundreds of acres before the required studies were completed, thus destroying and displacing much flora and fauna under your jurisdiction while profiting at the same time.

Furthermore, the on-going trucking of materials and mulch as a result of such prior activity, should not have commenced, let alone be continuing as I am writing this, and this should be stopped immediately. With prior knowledge and willfully allowing Mr. Richie to continue these activities under your jurisdiction given your oath of office, even a layman such as myself would not be mistaken to recognize this as perhaps a dereliction of duty on your part sir. It is my belief that all such actions on the Dewdney property should cease and desist immediately until the rezoning matter is resolved and perhaps prosecution for the willful disregard of law and protocol should be considered. I am of the belief that none of these activities have been committed legally, yet somehow been allowed to continue. If I am mistaken, I would very much like to review any of the permits that Mr. Ritchie has already obtained. Who do you work for and what oaths have you sworn to uphold.

I'm not going to go into what I believe to be the lame studies done privately or by the M.N.R. that I've been reviewing, or the road standards that are currently being breeched by this current activity, not to mention the rezoning of the property that is still under review, while he persistently carries out these activities regardless of the outcome.

Council is one matter Mr. Cutmore, with the possible conflicts of interest regarding council members and their personal interests in quarries, which I would have to assume you may have been aware of. But for you to possibly have what could rightly be considered a conflict of interest regarding quarries yourself, and being an inspector of aggregates for the M.N.R. who has sat on many O.M.B. hearings, now that's a different kettle of fish altogether. Merely replacing yourself with another at the O.M.B. level, would perhaps not be considered sufficient sir.

There is also the matter of the Jeep festival that I am given to understand Mr. Richie is said to profit from, despite the annual destruction of Sanctuary and Crown lands. In my somewhat informed opinion, I believe this is also a matter that the M.N.R. has a legal obligation to investigate and further prevent.

This letter is not meant to be threatening or diminutive to yourself or others. It is just a synopsis of a few of the facts that you have apparently failed to observe thus far.

As a result of the increasing lean towards collectivism in our government your boss, Mr. Harper has seen fit to gut the Environmental Protection Act; close down the Internationally renowned Scientific Research Station, sub-contracting M.N.R. decisions and jobs to private industry and apparently closing the Minden M.N.R. office; leaves someone like myself wondering just how big this bed is that

he has decided to climb into and how it trickles down to my backyard. This growing infestation of bed bugs is reaching epidemic proportions and is increasingly becoming intolerant to those constituents already feeling short-sheeted.

In closing Mr. Cutmore I ask of you two things.

One, that you realize that at the end of the day there will be accountability demanded by the people and that you start acting accordingly,

Two, that you furnish me with the contact information of your superiors in the event that you continue to disregard your responsibilities concerning this matter.

If you are a reading man Mr. Cutmore I would suggest anything by” Edmond Burke... father of democracy “ and “ Environment Under Trial “.

Perhaps you have heard it said when peoples’ backs are against the wall and our representatives have been less than supportive of their constituents’ concerns and no provisions have been made for the people, that we will not sit idly by while our environment is destroyed by our very own government. I am sure that I am only one of a growing legion that are mad as hell and not going to take it anymore.

Sincerely,

Charles E Simpson.

Concerned resident of Nogies Creek.