



NDACT NEWSLETTER

PROTECT YOUR WATER and FOOD

AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT (ARA)

The North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) welcomes the Ontario Liberal Party's recent announcement that it will review the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) to balance the Province's need for aggregate with the environmental, food and water security concerns of its citizens.

This is another excellent step by our government, following on the heels of the recent announcement of its unprecedented Environmental Assessment for the proposed Highland Companies' Mega Quarry.

This announcement indicates that the government is listening to the thousands of Ontarians who have expressed deep concerns about this proposed mega quarry and its impact on fresh water resources for up to one million people downstream as well as the permanent destruction of thousands of acres of the highest quality farmland in the province.

NDACT calls on all political parties in Ontario to endorse both the call for an Environmental Assessment and this review of the ARA.

Click here for link to government's announcement regarding the Environmental Assessment: <http://www.news.ontario.ca/ene/en/2011/09/statement-from-minister-of-the-environment-john-wilkinson-regarding-highland-companies-proposed-quar.html>

Contact every leadership candidate in the October 6 election for their views on the mega quarry

Liberal, Dalton McGuinty dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Conservative, Tim Hudak tim.hudakco@pc.ola.org

New Democratic Party Andrea Horwath ahorwath-co@ndp.on.ca

Green Party, Mike Schreiner: leader@gpo.ca

Link to all candidates running in Ontario: <http://wemakevotingeasy.ca/en/find-your-candidate.aspx>

What can YOU do now?

- Continue to call for a federal environment petition (see David Tilson's information below in grey)
- Push for a FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL PANEL REVIEW - the highest level of review.
- Email all candidates running in your riding, as well as all provincial leaders vying to form the next provincial government in the October 6, 2011 election and ask them to provide in writing, their position on the Mega quarry should they be elected-link to all candidates in the provincial election:
<http://wemakevotingeasy.ca/en/find-your-candidate.aspx>

On October 6 Vote No Mega Quarry

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

David Tilson, MP for Dufferin-Caledon, has called for a full Federal Environmental Assessment. To that end he is circulating a petition to be presented in the House of Commons.

Due to the parliamentary rules, the petition must contain original signatures.

Here is a link to a copy of the form and instructions for completion.

<http://www.davidtilson.ca/left-icons/default>

Even if you only have two or three signatures on the petition, return via postage (no charge) to Tilson's office. Every signature helps!!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR FOODSTOCK

Jobs include parking & traffic control, assisting with setup/take down, staffing information booths, chefs assistants, trouble shooting, selling signs, etc. etc.

PLEASE RSVP

davidwaters@remax.net OR dbaylis@xplornet.ca
to commit to dates and times.

High school students can work toward their 40 hours of community service hours.

For more details, see page 4 of this newsletter

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Website: www.ndact.com

UPCOMING EVENTS TO STOP THE QUARRY

September 30, 2011 Stop the Mega Quarry Rally, Making History-Protecting our Future Rally at Queen's Park 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

We are celebrating how far the Stop the Mega Quarry movement has come over the past six months. We have united country and city in a campaign to preserve the headwaters of a vital part of our province and thousands of acres of prime farmland that feeds us. We made history earlier this month when the provincial government announced an unprecedented Environmental Assessment for the proposed mega quarry under the Environmental Assessment Act. We will celebrate this achievement. But we also recognize there is much work to do in the months and, likely, years ahead. In many ways, our campaign is just beginning. We hope you will join us on September 30th to hear from farmers, foodies, Council of Canadians, First Nations and city folks as we move forward in our effort to protect Ontario's water, prime farmland and the environment for future generations. "

October 1, 2011 Peaceful Anti-Mega Quarry Demonstration @ 3:00 p.m.

Purpose: To express our opposition to the proposed quarry which would destroy 2300 acres of prime farm land and threaten the water relied upon by ONE MILLION CANADIANS.

Location: Minister of Natural Resources Linda Jeffrey's campaign office:
2250 Bovaird Drive East, units #109/110, Brampton (beside the Hearing Aid Clinic)
Organized by: Brampton Greens

<http://www.wellingtonwaterwatchers.ca/2011/09/peaceful-demonstration-against-the-mega-quarry/>

October 1 & 2, 2011 Artists against the Mega Quarry First show and sale 10-5pm
In a follow-up to the Paint In this past July where area Artists gathered in Mulmur to Paint the Beauty of the Hills at Risk, Honeywood - 597494 2nd line W.
Studio on Dragon's Back is part of the North of 89 Open Studio Tour -
Works from many local artists including: Bryan Davies, Glen Conley, Inese Bite, Peter Adams, Laurie Foote, Brenda Dekker, Arnold deGraff, Donna Tranquada, Sandi Wong, Martha Bull, Mary Lazier and many more... Proceeds from the sale of works will go to support the Opposition to the Mega Quarry through NDACT."

October 2, 2011: Rehearsal for volunteers for Foodstock at the event site, Lennox Farms, Dufferin County Road 124, Township of Melancthon from noon to 3p.m.

Oct 2, 2011 Evergreen/Brickworks -Picnic Noon -4pm Local food fest to raise funds and awareness for farmers and producers; 1500 guests expected.

(<http://ebw.evergreen.ca/picnic>) Stop the Mega Quarry info booth will be there.

October 2, 2011, Blessfest at Fairy Lake Park in Newmarket from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm FREE ADMISSION Blessfest is a celebration of our pets. A unique and fun way to share with those non-human family members . (<http://www.blessfest2011.com/>) Stop the Mega Quarry info booth will be there

October 6, 2011 : Provincial election- Vote No Mega Quarry

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October 16, 2011: 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

FOODSTOCK 2011 - MIDDLE OF THE PROPOSED QUARRY LANDS

Location: Lennox Farms,

Google: 518024 County Rd 124. **Shelburne, Ontario**

Located on Dufferin County Road 124, just north of Sideroad 20 in the Township of Melancthon, Province of Ontario

Join Chef Michael Stadtlander and 70 of the best chefs from across Canada for an outdoor, pay-what-you can, public food event in support of the movement to Stop The Mega Quarry. All funds raised will go to fighting the mega quarry. Each chef will prepare one item, celebrating the local bounty and will be encouraging Ontarian's to stand up and have their voice heard by the government. Everyone is welcome.

First Nations representatives
Jim Cuddy
Foodies
Friends

Sarah Harmer
Local Farmers
Neighbours
More to be announced

www.ndact.com <http://canadianchefscongress.com/2011/07/07/foodstock-in-melancthon-township-october-16-2011/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOODSTOCK- jobs may include parking control, traffic control, runners between chefs, messengers, staffing information booths, chefs assistants, trouble shooting, selling signs, etc. etc.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday October 2, noon to 3 p.m. Lennox Farms to do a run through of Foodstock layout and jobs.

Wednesday October 12, Thursday October 13, Friday October 14 at Lennox Farms between 4 and 7 pm to do setup for Foodstock

Saturday October 15, at Lennox Farms anytime through the day to do setup for Foodstock

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16 at Lennox Farms 7:30 am to 10 p.m. **SHOW TIME** so please show up to volunteer.

PLEASE RSVP to davidwaters@remax.net OR dbaylis@xplornet.ca with your firm commitment on dates and times.

A BUS HAS BEEN RENTED TO BRING PEOPLE FROM COLLINGWOOD TO FOODSTOCK, please contact Joslyn Biggins (705) 445-2950

Check www.ndact.com frequently for updates to events

NDACT SIGNS

A minimum donation of \$10.00 to cover costs is requested for a sign. You can contact info@ndact.com to find out how to pick up a sign in your area get a sign at the following depots:

SHELBURNE:

McCarthy Signs,
110 Centennial Road
Shelburne, ON
Mon-Thurs 8-5pm Fridays 8-2pm

French's Flowers
124 Main Street
Shelburne, ON
(519) 925-2070

GUELPH:

Catherine Killen
18 Sydenham Street. Guelph
Call first: (519) 821-2374

ALLISTON:

John DeCrombie
319 King Street North, Alliston
Call first (705) 435-5167

CAMBRIDGE:

Keith Tobey
Call first: (519)249-1055

TORONTO:

Rotate This
801 Queen Street West (near Bathurst)
Toronto
416-504-8447
Business Hours:
Monday - Friday 11 AM - 8 PM
Saturday 11 AM - 7 PM
Sunday 12 PM - 6 PM

Patagonia
500 King Street West
Toronto, Ontario
M5V 1L9
Store Hours:
Mon-Sat: 10am-7pm
Sunday: 11am-6pm

Dufferin Grove Farmers Market
875 Dufferin, S of Bloor
Thursdays 3-7:00pm year round

ORANGEVILLE:

Bob and Shirley Mitchell
247503 Sideroad 5, Mono Ont L9W 2Z2
Call first: (519) 943-1321

Dragonfly Arts on Broadway
189 Broadway, Orangeville
info@dragonflyarts.ca
(519) 941-5249
Business Hours

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COLLINGWOOD

Call to make arrangements
Joslyn Biggins
(705) 445-2950

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