



Melancthon Against Quarries

You Can Stop The Blast Quarry

Send Just One Letter!



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Write a letter. Stop a blast quarry.

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Breaking News

Last Friday, July 11, Strada announced that it has received its completion certificate from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNR). Today, we are announcing MAQ's **Letter Writing Campaign**. Here's what you need

to know now.

Strada's next step involves giving 'public notice' – to the general public and to the Township and other government bodies. They will do this by direct communication with some individuals and organizations along with newspaper announcements to the general public.

Once their public notice is complete, you will have approximately 60 days in which to send in your Letter of Objection. For more details on when to send your letter, see below under FAQs. Your letter should set out simply and concisely your objections to the first blast quarry in Dufferin County. It will be a huge crater, up to 200 feet below the water table, at the heart of our water supply. We can give you more details for your letter quite soon - as soon as we've reviewed the full application.

For more details, read on. To keep in touch, subscribe to this newsletter if you've not already done so: <https://www.juststopit.ca/>. Tell your family, friends, neighbours and contacts on social.

Contact us: info@juststopit.ca

What You Will Need To Do. How We Will Help.

Our **Letter Writing Campaign** will include a web-based system for writing letters of objection to the blast quarry. We will also hold as many Town Halls as it takes where people can come to get information and assistance on writing their letters.

If you wish, our web-based system will let you compose and send your personal letter of objection directly from our website. It will be up and running as soon as we have reviewed the Strada application.

Your web based letter can be as simple or as detailed as you choose to make it. When you finish composing, the web app will create an electronic signature and you will click 'Send'. Your personal letter will be sent to the right addresses.

All of you will know family members, friends or neighbours who are not comfortable working with computers. You will be able request forms from us that will allow you to help them compose and send the letter they wish. You can volunteer to help people at our Town Halls. For more information, contact us at info@juststopit.ca

Will It Matter?

Letters of objection are huge because Strada must address with you the issues you raise and must attempt to resolve your issues to your satisfaction. Any unresolved issues identified in your letter of objection will influence the Ministry's decisions and will form part of what it ultimately sends to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who? Everyone who is interested in any of the issues presented by the Strada Blast Quarry should write a letter of objection. You do not have to live in Melancthon or even in Ontario.

When? The deadline for sending your letter will depend on when Strada completes its public notice – quite likely within the next week or so. You will then have 60 days to get your letter in. We will take the first few days to review the application. Then we'll let you know that the web app will go active. Strada made community input as hard as possible by making the summer months the time for sending letters. For now, we are advising people to plan on getting their letters in by the end of August. If that date moves, we'll let you know. There will be other opportunities for letting Strada and the Government know what you think, but you shouldn't miss this one.

What? The Township and many organizations will write more technical letters. For individuals and small organizations, your letter definitely does not have to be technical. Your letter can be brief and should contain a simple statement about who you are and why you oppose the quarry. You might say, for example "Our daughter suffers from severe asthma. We live about 2km from the blasting and believe that toxic silica dust from the quarry will damage her health and likely require us to move, probably selling our home at a loss." You can make simple statements like this about as many of the issues as you want. From our surveys, we know that water is important but most people are interested in most of the issues.

Where? When we know, we will provide you with the names and addresses you will need to send your letter. If you use our website to compose your letter, the names and addresses will be pre-filled by the app.

How? You have options. You can write your letter completely independently. You can work through our website. You can (and this is important), help those who are not comfortable with computers to write and send their letters.

What About People Who Are Not Online?

Here's where you can really help. Please help all of those you know who are not comfortable with computers to become aware of the plan to blast below the water table and to write and send their letter. This will likely include family, friends, neighbours and people you know through work and socially. We will be providing forms in hard copy which people can use, amend, sign and send by snail mail or, with your help, as an email attachment.

Your future is up to Doug. Just Doug. That's it and that's all. Let him know this matters to you.

If you're on social, tell everybody you know about the Melancthon Against Quarries Letter Writing Campaign. Forward this email to your contacts.

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