



Melancthon Against Quarries

Just Stop It!

Your Guide To Our Quarry Fight

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Join us to get this newsletter twice a month.

Written in Melancthon by people who live here, each issue will tell you in 5 minutes or less what's new, what it means, and what you need to know to stop the Strada mega quarry and other gravel expansion.

**We stopped the last mega quarry.
Let's just stop this one too.**

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What You Should Know Today

What's New?

Strada wants to convert its pits on the 4th line to an immense quarry. They plan to extract 2,000,000 tonnes of aggregate per year. That's around 65,000 truckloads. It would be the first ✨ blast ✨ quarry in Dufferin County. We learned last week that there is an application to expand the DHL pits just across the road from Strada. Coincidence?

Why Does It Matter?

This mega quarry will blast down below the water table. For us, this means danger—from explosions, noise, vibration, polluted air and water, heavy truck traffic, and irreparable destruction to farming land and habitat. The DHL expansion will just make all of this worse. For the quarry owner, it means profit.

What Can We Do?

Let's start by asking our Mayor and Council to take action. They should launch a public consultation about the place of gravel in our future and how they plan to deal with it. You can [contact the Township of Melancthon](#) and subscribe to their email list for occasional updates and important information [here](#).

People Are Fighting Big Gravel All Over Ontario

Big gravel companies are expanding pits and quarries all over Ontario. For a good introduction to the issue, check out the [Reform Gravel Mining Coalition](#) who are leading the fight against unrestrained gravel expansion.

In Caledon, the [Forks of the Credit Preservation Group](#) are in a big fight over the expansion plans of [Votorantim Cimentos](#), a Brazilian construction giant. Votorantim owns companies in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Luxembourg, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey. They are ranked #8 in the world for aggregate production.

Nearby, France's [Lafarge](#) owns Caledon Pits. With 60,000 employees in 60 countries, it describes itself as, "Canada's largest sustainable and innovative building solutions provider, including aggregates, cement, ready mix & precast concrete, asphalt & paving, and road and civil construction".

Published in December 2023, the Auditor General published a damning report that concluded that the management of aggregate resources is in crisis, and the province is failing to protect the public from the negative impacts of gravel mining. [Read the report here.](#)

Help Spread the Word!

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