



# Melancthon Against Quarries

***Let's Fight Back. Again.***

October 11, 2024

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## **Big Quarry News This Week**

Item 1: On October 17, Melancthon Township Council will hear a presentation on the process for approving aggregate quarries. Please attend if you can. In person or by Zoom. Scroll down for details.

Item 2: On Monday, **October 7**, the people of Caledon won a landmark victory in their fight against the aggregate expansion that has scarred their community. We can learn from them. Scroll down for details.

**Caledon refused to believe that gravel expansion was a 'done' deal. They fought back. They're winning. Let's fight back in Melancthon.**

**Please Join Us**

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## **Melancthon Council Talks Gravel**

***Council Meeting: October 17 at 5pm.***

### **What's Happening?**

Melancthon Town Council will hold an open meeting to receive a legal presentation on the gravel approval process.

### **What Does It Mean?**

The good news is that Council is taking a step forward in preparing for a wave of gravel expansion applications. They getting a briefing on the approval process. But will the presentation tell them how they can stop blast quarries? Will they announce a community consultation programme? Will they allow questions? We'll see.

### **What You Can Do?**

1. You can attend the meeting. We strongly believe that people in Melancthon do not want to be the first place in Dufferin County to have 🌟blast quarries🌟. By attending Council meetings, we send a message about our strong opposition to gravel expansion. Bring a friend!

**Date:** Thursday, October 17

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Place:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office 157101 Highway 10

**Topic:** The Aggregate Approval Process. Number 17 on the Agenda.

**See More:** To see the agenda, go to the Township website '[Agenda and Minutes](#)' page. Scroll down to October 17. We're Item 17 on the Agenda.

**Zoom:** To watch on Zoom, see the details at the top of the 'Agenda and Minutes' page.

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Note: These updates do not include upcoming Council Meetings. They are held every second Tuesday. We'll try to keep you up to date.

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## Caledon Takes Control. We Can Too.

Melancthon should **take control** of the gravel expansion process. On Monday, October 7, Caledon Council did just that when they voted **unanimously** for better regulation.

Here's what they did.

1. They started by preparing an **analysis** of their existing plans, policy and bylaws. That analysis recommended a thorough and proactive approach to aggregate regulation. **Melancthon Council should do this.**
2. Caledon Council then directed that a review or study be undertaken with respect to land use planning policies. To allow time to develop their review they passed an **Interim Control By-Law** to freeze gravel expansion for one year (renewable for a second year) so the study could be properly done. **Melancthon Council should do this.**
3. They launched a robust community consultation process to examine all the issues and the pros and cons of every option. **Melancthon Council should do this.**
4. They approved a plan to update their Official Plan to guide aggregates resource extraction, with **environmental stewardship, infrastructure**

**development** and **community well-being** as key principles. They approved a study that includes key provisions that:

- Ensure sustainable extraction practices in line with provincial regulations
- Address community concerns such as air quality, land rehabilitation and water resource and natural heritage area protection
- Support infrastructure development that benefits the community, including road maintenance and transportation planning
- Provide clear guidelines for the review of future aggregate extraction development applications, ensuring transparency and accountability

**Melancthon should do all of this. It could cut down time and costs down by piggybacking on these studies and by mobilizing the knowledge of the Caledon community organizations and political leaders who made it possible.**

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**Happy Thanksgiving To Everyone!**

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**Help Spread the Word!**

Please talk to 3 friends and neighbours about the blast quarries. The easiest way is to forward this email to them. Or, they can go directly to our webpage - [JustStopIt.ca](http://JustStopIt.ca).



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