



Melancthon Against Quarries

Council Should Lead The Fight

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- **Last month** we got out a **newsletter**, distributed more than **300 flyers** and monitored a Council meeting on the **gravel approval process**.
- This month, we're outlining a **Gravel Protection Plan for Melancthon**. Read more below.
- We're learning more about toxic **silica dust** - a dangerous gravel risk. Read more below.
- We're keeping up with the **gravel fight back** from across Ontario.

Please Join Us

COUNCIL SHOULD BUILD OUR GRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN

Council has the mandate and the resources to lead this fight. They should...

- Pass a resolution confirming that we want a **healthy rural community** and not an exhausted **mining town**.

- Undertake a **thorough review** of existing plans and by-laws and make the amendments that will protect us from blast quarries.
- Pass an **Interim Control By-law** to freeze additional gravel expansion while the review is underway.
- **Consult the community** to build support for a comprehensive **Gravel Protection Plan**.
- **Pass** the final plan into law.

We can and should **maximise our protection** against gravel expansion that is unwanted, unneeded and very dangerous

To find out more, send us an email at info@justopit.ca.

Learning More About Quarry Dust

An important gravel risk

Silica dust from stone, sand or gravel can cause *irreversible lung cancer*. New Brunswick's worker protection body says so [here](#).

Ontario Regulation 490/09 provides some protection against silica hazards *in the workplace*. It has **no application** to surrounding communities.

For workplace protection, Ontario trusts to industry self-regulation. Mine owners **make their own assessments** and set up their **own control programmes**.

Ontario's Auditor General recently [reported](#) that the Ministry responsible for administering the Aggregates Act does not have "effective systems and processes in place to ensure compliance with the Aggregate Resources Act".

We're thinking that explosions bring dust. What protection will we really have from **toxic dust** in the air?

Keeping Up To Date

Communities across Ontario are mobilizing to oppose unwanted gravel expansion in their communities. For the best coverage of advocacy campaigns across Ontario, subscribe [here](#) to the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition newsletter.

Help Build Our Team!

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.



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