





Melancthon Against Quarries

Say No To Explosions

Say Yes To Our Health

February 18, 2025



Strada Aggregates has applied for Dufferin's first ever  blast quarry  licence. For more information, see **Town Hall**, below, for your invitation to our first citizens meeting, Sunday, March 2, 3-5pm at the Hornings Mills Community Hall. You really should have a look at the **Blast Quarry Video**, below. For information on why **NDACT** does not represent the citizens of Melancthon, check out **Just Say No**. Find additional blast quarry facts and sources in **Blasting By The Numbers**. To find out why your participation matters, check **It's Not A Done Deal**.

Please Join Us





Courtesy of Environmental Defense Canada

Town Hall

Sunday, March 2, 3:30 to 5:00

You are invited to a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, March 2 at the Hornings Mills Community Centre. Doors will open at 3:00 for informal discussion. The formal part of the meeting will start at 3:30 and continue until everyone has been heard.

Strada Aggregates submitted its official below the water table  blast quarry  application to the Government of Ontario on January 31.

The Town Hall will give you a chance to meet and hear news and views from Melancthon's Mayor Darren White and other councillors, from community members and from representatives of organizations fighting for healthy communities.

If you are thinking that a blast quarry sounds like bad news for Melancthon, come and hear how we can just stop it.

This Town Hall is sponsored by Melancthon residents who have been putting out this newsletter.

SEE FOR YOURSELF



WATCH A DRONE VIDEO OF AN EXPLOSION IN A BLAST QUARRY

Check out this shocking [video](#).

Thanks to CORE Burlington for sharing this video. CORE will join us for our Town Hall on March 2 to tell you about how they are fighting blast quarries. We can too.

JUST SAY NO!

IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL

Strada Aggregates is part of a big Toronto construction outfit that was at the centre of the Greenbelt fiasco. Owned by the DeGasperis family, it owns the site of the proposed **below the water table**  blast quarry  on Melancthon's 4th line.

NDACT is an organization that played an important role in defeating the Mega Quarry in 2012. You can read about their agreement with **Strada**, [here](#).

If this partnership succeeds, **we will have a ±300 feet deep below the water table quarry on the 4th line. With explosions just like the one you just watched. For up to 50 years. 100%.**

But what if you believe that there is no need for a blast quarry in Melancthon and that it poses serious risks to our health.

Then, just say no. Just say no to **NDACT's** claim that it represents you. Or that it represents our community. It does not.



Just say no to **Strada's** claim that there is a healthy way to develop a blast quarry.



Just say no to anyone who denies that Ontario needs this gravel. That's a lie. There is an estimated 38 year gravel supply in the Greater Golden Horseshoe area.

Just say no to any politician who fails to oppose the Strada blast quarry with all of his or her might. Insist that they commit to us that they will fight for as long as it takes.

BLASTING BY THE NUMBERS

12 Reasons to 'just say no' to Strada/NDACT

- 0: Zero is the number of *below the water table*  blast quarries  we now have in Dufferin County. Let's keep it that way.
- 0: The number of people in Melancthon who actually want a blast quarry on the 4th Line.
- 1: Healthcare is the number 1 issue for Ontarians going into the provincial election (see [Nanos poll](#)).
- 1: The number of times **Sylvia Jones**, the minister responsible for our health has said anything at all in public about aggregates. That was on April 15, 2024 when she [met in her office](#) with representatives of Ontario's aggregate industry. After the meeting, she thanked them for their efforts in building a stronger Ontario. No mention of building a healthier Ontario. Sylvia Jones is our MPP and has been our Minister of Health since June 24, 2022. You can get in touch with her [here](#).
- 2: Two kilometres is the approximate distance as the crow flies from the proposed blast quarry to the Hornings Mills Community Hall where we will meet on Sunday, March 2 at 3pm.
- 3: The distance in kilometres flying rock from a blast quarry can travel. For details on the aggregate industry's 'dirty little secret' fly-rock secret, see [here](#). For excellent technical reports on the dangers of fly-rock, loss of property value, land use compatibility and aggregate reserves, check [here](#).
- 8: The number of blast quarry issues that raise vital health concerns. And these aren't even nearly the only issues you might be concerned about.
 1. Natural environment
 2. Air quality
 3. Ground and surface water
 4. Noise
 5. Blasting fly-rock
 6. Road safety
 7. First nations' rights
 8. Final rehabilitation
- 10: The number of months it took campaigners to stop the destruction of the [Greenbelt](#) by big developers. Look [here](#) for Premier Ford's announcement restoring the Greenbelt after two investigations and four high-level resignations. See [here](#) for the most recent news on the Greenbelt fiasco. At the centre of it all was the DeGasperis family, prominent Toronto developers and builders. One family member, James DeGasperis, owns Strada.
- 38: The number of years of estimated aggregate supply already available from existing licensed pits in the Greater Golden Horseshoe Area. This is about greed, not need. See [here](#)
- 91: The number of kilometres from Melancthon to the DeGasperis home in Vaughan. Mr. DeGasperis should be clear of most of the toxic effects of his blast quarry.
- 2,000,000: The number of metric tonnes per year Strada plans to extract from its proposed blast quarry on the 4th line. Check it out [here](#). Yes, that's 2,000,000 tonnes. Every year. For ± 50 years.
- 128,000: At an average of 35 tonnes per truck, it will take approximately 128,000 round trips for heavy trucks to extract 2,000,000 metric tonnes annually from the Strada properties. Add say 10% for other shipments from the properties (the pits that continue to operated) and 5% for other purposes (building berms, backfill, construction, equipment, fuel etc). That comes to approximately 64 truck trips per hour through major choke points. So if you're thinking of driving now and then (or every day?) through the lights at

Masonville, or the ones by the Foodland, or at the intersection of Highways 89/10, well, everything will be different once the  explosions  start.

YOUR GUIDE TO THE APPROVAL PROCESS

In our next issue, we will give you a special report on how you can help defend us all by just writing a letter.

Help Spread the Word!

Please talk to 3 friends and neighbours about the blast quarry. Let them know about the Town Hall meeting on March 2. The easiest way is to forward this email to them. Or, they can go directly to our webpage - JustStopIt.ca. To let us know how we're doing or to suggest topics to cover or for anything else, you can reach us at info@juststopit.ca.



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