



Melancthon Against Quarries

Melancthon Says No!

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Community Peer Reviewer Terminated

Garry Hunter, the Community Peer Reviewer on Strada's blast quarry project, has been terminated.

Mr. Hunter, a distinguished expert on environmental issues, was chosen by NDACT to act as the 'community peer reviewer' of the vital issues raised by the Strada under the water table blast quarry.

Under the NDACT/Strada [Community Engagement Agreement](#), Strada promised that it would not proceed with its application if Mr. Hunter's review concluded "...the Proposed Quarry would cause unreasonable adverse environmental effects, Strada will not proceed with a formal application". However, NDACT did submit its blast quarry application on January 31 without Mr. Hunter's sign off.



In his communication to Melancthon Town Council, Mr. Hunter said:

For Council's consideration, I enclose my response to the NDACT / Strada shared abrupt Mar 10 termination of my 'Community Trusted Consultant' Peer Review retainer. I understand that this termination was a consequence of my strenuous objection to the proposed Strada Quarry Jan 31, 2025 Site Plan Application filing with the Ministry and my direct request to Strada that the application be withdrawn until the Community Engagement Agreement scientific process had progressed to its natural conclusion.

I continue to be available to discuss next technical steps with the community.

Garry Hunter's termination raises significant doubts about Strada's commitment to be 'guided by the science'.

Report on our Citizens' Town Hall

Not one single person at our Citizens Town Hall spoke in favour of Strada's below the water table  blast quarry 

Mayor Darren White said Town Council is limited in what it can say now. He assured us that the Council is giving the quarry proposal a good, hard look.

Quarry fighters from Caledon, David Sylvester and Debra Wilson from the [Forks of the Credit Preservation Group](#) emphasized the importance of the on the letter writing campaign. For FAQs on the letter writing campaign, see below.

Susan Lloyd Swail, from the [Reform Gravel Mining Coalition](#), the province-wide organization that supports the fight against Big Gravel came from Guelph to help and support.

A BIG shout out to all those too numerous to mention who helped make our first Citizens Town Hall a great success.

NOT IN ANYONE'S BACK YARD

There was a lot of interest at the Town Hall in this video showing the dramatic impact of a quarry blast near Burlington. You will see a huge cloud of toxic dust blanketing the immediate area and then spreading out as the wind takes it. See it [here](#), on the front page of the site of CORE Burlington. If you hear anyone say 'c'mon, it won't be so bad', tell them to watch this video.

Can this possibly be justified in a populated area when there's an oversupply of gravel in Ontario?

Thanks to [CORE Burlington](#) for sharing this video.

How will the blast quarry affect you?

If you would like to share how the quarry will affect you, please write us at info@juststopit.ca

A neighbour writes:

"I am the father of a young family, a firefighter and your neighbour, living in Mulmur right past the Melancthon border.

Like many others, my wife and I moved with our children to this rural area for fresh air, fresh water, and a quiet serenity that you just don't get in the suburbs or city.

A few years ago, I drove cement trucks around the GTA. I saw with my own eyes the thick clouds of toxic dust and the deposits that pits and quarries dump on houses, cars, gardens and pools - and onto you and your children. Your once fresh country air will be contaminated with carcinogenic dust that will sit at the bottom of your lungs for the rest of your life. I remember saying to myself "these poor people who live near this place."

We know that's not all. Blasting below the water table can affect wells and drinking water all over Melancthon, Mulmur, and Shelburne. Daily commutes will be made slower and more dangerous by 65 trucks per hour barrelling up and down the quiet country roads of Melancthon, Mulmur and Shelburne. Those aggravating rush hour pinch points will get much worse.

If we want our rural community to retain the things we all so dearly love, then it is up to us, the citizens, to take a small amount of time to build a strong opposition to the blast quarry. Strada could give notice anytime now that the 60-day consultation period has started. That's when we need to pen letters to let the government know we will not stand for this. We'll be able to get help on writing our letters from the Melancthon Against Quarries newsletter.

This blast quarry will alter our community forever. The second we accept defeat, the fight is over. For ourselves, our relatives, our kids and our community, we need to take a stand and stop this blast quarry. Please take a few moments out of your busy day, and jot down a few words about your true feelings about this. It is the only chance we have in stopping this. We MUST come together as a community and stop it NOW."

Just one letter.

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

And we'll help you do it.

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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