

Approved by City Council last night was a motion to update our Aggregate Resource mapping. The reason behind this move is because the old mapping has not been updated since 1984. Described by FORCE as being **mis-leading**, confirmed by City staff as being **inadequate** and now approved by Hamilton Council to **rectify**, this motion directs staff to undertake and finance the extensive studies that will identify incompatible land uses as well as identifying other areas that have significant resource potential with few land use conflicts.

This is critical to us on several fronts. It speaks to the need to identify incompatible uses in, on, and around the potential Quarry site on the 11th Concession in Flamborough. " The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has traditionally been responsible for producing this mapping but have refused to produce the updates leaving the entire cost and associated justification studies to the City", stated in their Planning Report (PED06207) June 26/06.

Conversations with Mike Stone at the Ministry of Natural Resources led me to investigate the work done by the County of Huron where they worked on updating 9 Municipality's Aggregate Resource Mapping. They undertook the work through their own City Staff and completed the updates in one year for the entire County. Working in conjunction with Provincial Representatives, G.I.S. mapping experts, and community groups the team set out to identify Primary, secondary and tertiary (third) calculations of how many constraints were identified as obstacles to quarry extraction. They then made recommendations based on those findings to the municipalities to adopt into their Official Plan Policies identified as **Primary or Prohibitive.**

The transferred responsibility for the mapping of geological factors took place in 1986, **moving** the responsibility over from the Ministry of Natural Resources to the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. In talks with Cam Baker of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, he confirmed that the only updates that are the responsibility of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines would be solely based on geological factors and as stated before the other "identified land uses are the responsibility of the City to uncover and finance."

So my gratitude goes out to my Council Colleagues who approved the support for this essential work to be undertaken to update our Aggregate Resource Mapping. This is a good news story for the City as a whole!

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