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Subject: MNR Deems St. Marys Application INCOMPLETE

Dear Flamborough and Halton Residents

Today the Ministry of Natural Resources notified St. Marys that their application for an Aggregate license is INCOMPLETE. This decision from the MNR comes two days early. (As of yet we do not know which items in the application were deemed incomplete). However, we do know that St. Marys has been requested to make some "minor changes to the site plans, and to provide clarification on a few points". The MNR have advised, "that as the application is not considered public information at this time, specifics can not be provided." As ambiguous as this may sound coming from the Ministry of Natural Resources, it is still good news for a community anxious to see how another governing agency handles this proposed quarry application.

It is now expected that St. Marys will resubmit another application to the MNR within the next couple of weeks, and at that time the Ministry has another 20 days to review the revised application and respond. So if on first blush we can take a sigh of relief, that breath however is best saved for our next round. Because, if or when the Ministry of Natural Resources does deem the application complete we then have only 45 days to provide our objections once published notice is provided.

With that in mind, a motion from the City of Hamilton will be presented to the Ministry of Natural Resources explaining why the City feels the MNR should not allow license approval. This ensures the City is on record requesting denial of the license within the 45 day prescribed time frame of notice being published. My community's objections come in here too, and I will be once again asking for your strong participation in getting the message out in volumes as to why this license request should be denied....

More details to follow

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