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The Planning and Development Committee  
C/O Jo-Anne Rudy, Committee Clerk & Briar Allison, Committee Assistant  
City of Burlington  
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**Re: Meridian Brick / Aldershot Quarry Study Review**  
**Report No: MO-17-19**  
**File Numbers: 210-01**

We are pleased that Mayor Meed Ward has put forth a recommendation directing the City to undertake a review pertaining to Meridian Brick and their activities at their North Aldershot quarry (King Rd & North Service Rd.).

Since initiating our project in 2015, Tyandaga Environmental Coalition (TEC) have raised the matter with our City officials and certain staff on a number of occasions. We have maintained that the clear cutting of approximately 9,000 trees followed by the quarrying activities, considered a heavy industry, nearby existing densified residential /mixed use areas for many years to come, could negatively impact health, well-being and our environment.

The recommendation put forth is a positive step forward. Perhaps this quarry matter is a REAL CASE that can applied to the Climate Emergency Declaration which our Council approved and signed in April 2019.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward stated:

*"Our health, livelihoods and futures are directly linked to the environment. Flooding, storms, water quality and air quality affect everything and everyone in our community. Real change requires all of us to work together. If our goals are to build a prosperous, healthy and green city for the long-term, we need to take serious, tangible action. Passing this declaration is another step in ensuring that we are doing everything we can to stop climate change — this companion motion includes timelines for action, as well as reporting back on initiatives that are already underway at the City of Burlington.*

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The Meridian Brick/Aldershot quarry case could truly demonstrate what could be accomplished when businesses, citizens and various levels of government work together in the interests of healthy, safe and green communities.

We recognize the importance of industry to our community and with this case there are perhaps more economically and environmentally sustainable options to be explored that could benefit all.

We support the recommendation and urge the Committee to approve it. We remain hopeful and are willing to work with the City and our Council members to make a positive difference in our community to help preserve and protect our environment.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fran Fendele', is centered below the text 'Regards,'.

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