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Minister Yurek and M.P.P. Harris,

Thank you both for making the time to separately meet with our delegation from the City of Burlington at the virtual AMO conference last week.

My colleagues and I appreciated having the opportunity to share our city's priorities with you as they relate to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry:

- Supporting the valuable watershed management activities of Conservation Authorities and their local approach to programs and services
- The proposed new expansion of the Nelson Quarry in northwest Burlington that will be in close proximity to agricultural and residential spaces as well as recreational (golf club) – this item is under its own review process with the Joint Agency Review Team. The application has been deemed complete and staff will begin the extensive review process. Residents will also provide their feedback. This is expected to take 2 years. We will keep you posted, as ultimately the decision rests with the MNR.

- The expansion of the 70-year old Meridian Quarry in the Aldershot area of Burlington that utilizes their existing license and is in very close proximity to a residential neighborhood whose residents have concerns about air quality and impact to human health.

We are attaching a copy of the presentation we shared with you during our conversation if you find it helpful to reference.

As we discussed in our each of our meetings with each of you, we would like to set up a meeting in the near future to discuss the Meridian Quarry as it relates to the conditions of the site plan and their oversight and due diligence in ongoing monitoring and studies conducted on the air quality impacts of the quarry activities to ensure the quarry is operating within provincial regulations.

In addition to yourselves, we would like to suggest that the meeting involve our local MPP Jane McKenna, along with the relevant ward councillor, Kelvin Galbraith and representatives from the Meridian Quarry itself.

My team will reach out to you next week with some suggested dates and times for this meeting and work towards an option that aligns with everyone's availability.

We look forward to your involvement and insights as we work towards a solution that works for all stakeholders involved in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marianne Meed Ward', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
City of Burlington

cc: MPP Jane McKenna, MPP Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP Parm Gill