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*Regarding: Nelson Quarry Potential Expansion*

Please accept this delegate statement for the September 18 meeting.

Those of us living in North Burlington are extremely concerned about Nelson Aggregates' Mt. Nemo expansion plans. This is not a case of NIMBY. We are not concerned about a hypothetical impact; we know what an expansion will bring. We experience the negative impact of the current quarry daily. We are using our personal time, money, and energy to lobby against Nelson Aggregates' expansion plans because this expansion will permanently destroy our fragile ecosystem.

North Burlington residents are rightfully concerned about:

- protecting the water supply. We rely on wells and don't know how additional blasting will impact quality and quantity of the water supply. Nelson Aggregates accepts untested waste construction fill for the current quarry. They don't know what may be in this fill. Contaminated fill may leach into the aquifer and into local wells;
- Nelson Aggregates massive taking of water from the aquifer. Many of us in North Burlington rely on that water;
- general health and wellbeing resulting from quarrying processes including fly rock resulting from blasting, vibrations from blasting and trucks, dust coating everything;
- Gravel trucks, 500-700 daily, are one of the most immediately visible negative impact of the quarry. These trucks, often tandem trucks, travel at excessive speed heading south on Guelph Line. These trucks are dangerous and the negative impact can not be understated. Often a truck heading north will be pulled over to the side of the road causing unsafe conditions.

The permanent destruction of an additional 124 acres is tragic. The land will be destroyed. We can not get the farmland, recreational land, wet lands back. This environmental assault will change things forever. Residents and visitors who travel through the escarpment area north of Burlington, including the Mount Nemo area hike the local trails, visit the Mount Nemo Conservation Area, or simply live on the escarpment are well aware of how unique and value this land is and how we must fight to preserve it for future generations. Natural environments close to urban areas are valuable resources. Destroying this resource for easily accessible gravel is extremely short sighted.

We need Burlington City Councillors to support local residents by speaking out against the Nelson Aggregates expansion proposal.

**From:** Amy Moroz  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 6:54 PM  
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**Subject:** Planning application: Nelson Aggregate Co. Objection

Hi,

I would like to submit my objection to the above planning application.

I have done so on a number of occasions, and hope that at some point my voice along with many other voices will be heard.

I understand the need for aggregate, however, I just think we need to be more responsible about which land is chosen. This is part of the Niagara Escarpment. The previous extraction land has still not been remedied, and is in a sad state.

I grew up in North Burlington and now live in Guelph. We too have an abandoned aggregate site, right off of our highway, and we have our own problems with that.

I beg all decision makers to please reject this application, and to do perhaps the hardest thing...to think on a more long term basis...

What is the legacy that we want to leave for future generations?

Respectfully,

Amy

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*Amy Moroz,*

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