

Town of the Blue Mountains

August 26, 2019

Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Friends of the Pretty River Valley

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# Deputation Purpose

## To Reach Out to Council

- **Not to Change** The Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction bordering the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park
- **Not to Allow** Extraction Below the Water Table

## To Vigorously Oppose the Application

- **Support** the Will of the Community
- **Protect** a Blue Mountain Treasure - A Nodal Park

# Deputation Purpose

- Council Support - The Mandate September 24, 2018

## Motion Passed / Ratified

Vigorously Oppose the Application Not To Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction

**The Importance / Power of Word...Words Matter**

**Council** - With a Purpose Emphasized / Highlighted the Word

**VIGOROUSLY**

# Deputation Purpose

Oxford Dictionary - Definition -

**Vigorously**

- In a Way that Involves
  - Powerfully
  - Forcefully
  - Energetically
  - Aggressively
  - Enthusiastically
  - Intensely Hard - As Hard as Possible
  
- **ELECTED COUNCIL** (October 2018) - Governing Legacy

Be Your - Word / Promise / Commitment

Not to Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction Bordering the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park.

Not to Allow Extraction Below the Water Table.

Support - The Tax Payers that Voted For You

# The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

The Proposed Application to  
Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone



## The Application - **If Accepted**

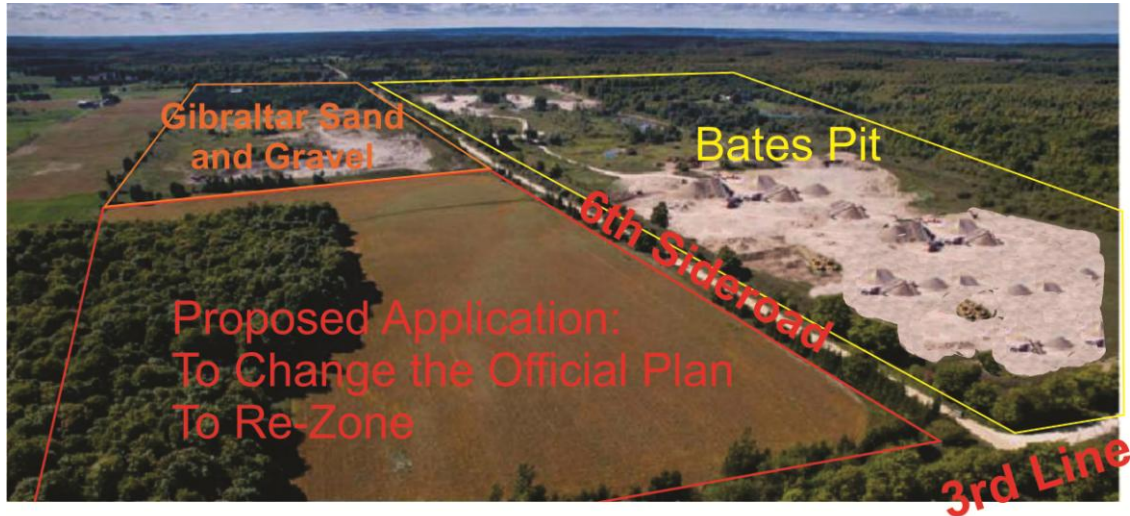
### **Decimate the Environment**

- Projected 2,700,000 Tons
- Projected Pit Life - 60 years - 3 Generations
- Massive Devastation / Landscape Scarred Forever

**The Affect**

- Wild Life
- Endangered Species
- Wood Lot - 200+ Years Old
- Vegetation Flowers

## The Gateway to the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park



Entrance to  
Pretty River Valley Park  
- 3 Stages

**Bates Pit** - Covering - 4th Line to 3rd Line

**A Must See** - Duntroon / Walker Aggregates

Parallel Situation

- 2 Mega Pits - Separated by a Narrow Dirt Road
- **Gateway** - To a Blue Mountain
  - Treasure
  - Nodal Park
  - Recreation - All Seasons
  - Tourists

## The Process

- Recognized As Being **Broken** and **Inept**
- **The Park Should Not Be The Consequence**

## Step Back

Walk in the Friends Shoes...

### The Journey

**Friends VS**

### The Opponents

- The Applicant
- Blue Mountain
  - Council
  - Planner
  - Legal Council
- Grey County
  - Planner

## Top Line

- May 2016**
- The Sign - Site
  - Nobody Knew About the Application - 120 Metres - **Outdated Policy**

### **July/August/September 2016**

- Full Media Support
  - Video - Scott Thornton / Jeff MacInnis
- 2 Weeks - +5000 views

- October 2016**
- 1085 Petition Signatures
  - Submitted to Council

2 1/2 Months - **Unprecedented**



## November 14, 2016

- Presentation / Deputation - COW
- **The Friends Kept Reaching Out**

## March 2018

- Grey County - Approve the Application
- Friends - Not Aware of the Meetings

## **MHBC Had an Open Playing Field**

## April 4, 2018

Presentation / Deputation - COW  
**5 of 5 Councillors**

- **Rejected the Staff Report**
- **Rejected the Application**
- **Council Recognized the Flawed Staff Report**

## **Interesting to Note:**

- Brian Zeman / MHBC - Presentation Agency Support · Highlighted - Town Planning

**Called Out** - Michael Martin - Not So!!

## **April 16, 2018 - Council Meeting**

- April 4, 2018 Motion **Not Ratified**

**What Happened** - In That 12 Day Period?

## **My Feelings**

**Applicant Lawyer** - Frank Wright · Letter to Council

- Condescending
- Rude
- Bully Letter

**- Frank Wright - A Hawk Not a Dove  
"Spooked Council"**

**May 2018** - Blue Mountain

- **Appeal** to Grey County - **Should Not** Have Made Decision Before the Town

**Friends - Appeal** - To Grey County Re: Decision

- **Appeal Town** - Request a Seat at the Planning Table

- **Due to the Alignment of Planning and MHBC**

**July 14, 2018 - 6 Hrs. - Mountain Bike Race**

- **Alar Soever** - **Pledged** Support **Not To** Change the Official Plan
- **Odette Bartnicki** - **Pledged** Support **Not To** Change the Official Plan
- **Andrea Matrosovs** - **Pledged** Support - **Not to** Change the Official Plan

## Friends Produced Campaign Videos at the Site

### Candidate Councillors - Pledged Support - NOT TO Change the Official Plan

- Peter Bordignon
- Rob Sampson
- Rob Potter
  
- **The Friends Communication Network Supported the Candidates**

**August 7, 2018** - Friends - Brian Hunt Video  
+25,000 Views - 3 Weeks

**Focus** - The Park VS Pit Application  
- Upcoming Election

**September 10, 2018** - Council Meeting - COW

- Motion Passed to **Vigorously** Oppose the Application

**September 24, 2018** - Council Meeting

- September 10, 2018 Motion  
**Ratified** to **Vigorously** Oppose

## **Town Council - Introduction**

- Meeting Close
- Never Met Before

## **Question - "What Will Your Compromise Be"**

### **October 22, 2018 - Municipal Election**

- 16 Candidates
- 14 Supported **Not To** Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone

### **October 23, 2018 - Elected Winners**

- 6 of 7 Supported **Not To** Change the Official Plan

## **February 2019**

### **Requested** of the Friends

- A Show of Good Faith - To Communicate
- **With Reluctance**

"A Compromise"

### **Presented** - North / South Line on The Site Map

# The Friends / Council Request

1. **Vigorously Support** the Ratified Motion

- September 24, 2018

**Not to Change** The Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction bordering the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

2. **Negotiate** - If Possible

- **The Compromise** - North/South Line on the Site Map

3. **If Not Vigorously** Oppose the Application

LPAT Meeting

4. **Accept** No Negative Narrative

5. **Legacy** - Council Governing Legacy

- **Be Your** - Word / Commitment/Promise / Pledge
- **Not** To Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone

## 6. **Assemble** - The **Best Team** To Support the Town's Opposition to the Application

- **Legal** - Experience
  - Passion/Energy
  - Commitment to Win
- **Experts** - Covering All Elements

In View of the Mishandling of This Journey - It Should Not Be About Dollars/Cost

- **Correcting**
  - A Right From Wrong
  - A Broken Inept Process

The Park **Should Not** Be the Consequence

**On Behalf**  
**Of**  
**The Friends of the**  
**Pretty River Valley**

**Thank You For**  
**Your Time**