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### Caledon Rockfort Quarry Public Meeting Report

An estimated 300 people attended the Town of Caledon's December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the proposed Rockfort open pit mine.

The purpose of the meeting was to brief the public on the results of the fourth set of peer reviews for the Rockfort Quarry application and to receive feedback from citizens. Caledon Council will be voting in February on their position regarding the application.

The Town laid out key upcoming milestones leading to the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, final Ontario Municipal Board hearing. The Hearing is expected to go on for six months, sitting four days a week.

The Town, James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL) and the Coalition of Concerned Citizens (CCC) gave presentations prior to the public comment session. Both the Town and CCC highlighted concerns and gaps regarding JDCL's reports.

Peer reviews conducted by the Town, Region, CVC and CCC, cited serious concerns and gaps regarding the Rockfort Quarry proposal reports. Specific concerns included questions regarding the recommended mitigation measures and the financial and operational feasibility of the grout curtain based on incomplete studies and flawed assumptions. CCC's grout curtain expert estimates that JDCL stands to lose in excess of \$150 million if they are serious about protecting the water resources while mining the Rockfort quarry.

The proposed quarry site is surrounded by over 20 Environmentally Significant Areas. The Ministry of Natural Resources announced this week that spawning Atlantic Salmon were observed for the first time in over 100 years in Terra Cotta as part of a restoration program of this heritage species. A quarry in the headwaters of this stream could have negative impacts to the fishery.

"The risks are very high, regarding water issues from this proposal and the consequences could permanently damage the system" stated Penny Richardson, CCC President. "Even though the issue remains a staggering cost to citizens defending the area with their own after tax dollars, we will be opposing this at the OMB."

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