

Fundraising Fairways

We have just completed our most successful fundraising event of the year and we thank all of you for your unprecedented support. Our 5th. Annual Golf Tournament was a sold out success. Sponsorship revenues were up, the weather was spectacular and thanks to our host and hostess, our countryside dinner auction was an evening to remember. Most of all we thank you! Your ongoing commitment to the community and countryside is truly inspiring.

The Coalition has waged a very responsible and professional battle in the last eight years. ***Our goal is to ensure that our water, environment and community are protected from the threats of unsound development. Despite our fundraising successes, your support remains critical to our ongoing ability to mount and sustain a credible opposition.***

Please consider a donation in your year-end tax planning.

**Return pledge card & donation in an envelope to: Coalition of Concerned Citizens
General Delivery
Terra Cotta, ON LOP 1N0
Tel: 905.838.4333**



If you have any questions regarding information in this newsletter, or to do with the Coalition generally, please call Lorraine Symmes at 905-838-0041.

YES, I would like to help in the fight!

Find my donation enclosed for the "Coalition of Concerned Citizens" in the amount of:

- \$30.
- \$50.
- \$100.

**If a tax receipt is required, make cheques payable to the:
Environmental Defence Canada (for the CCC)**

other \$ _____ or bill my Visa/Mastercard

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mail in an envelope to the address above. Thank-you!



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CONCERNS

THE NEWSLETTER FOR COMMUNICATING OUR CONCERNS

Keeping our communities green and safe

ROCKFORT REVIEW

If you were wondering what's happening with the James Dick Rockfort Quarry proposal in Caledon, read on...

The aim of this Coalition Newsletter is to give you an update and answer any questions that you might have. The proposed quarry at Olde Base Line and Winston Churchill, is a precedent setting case for all of Caledon and surrounding Municipalities **and still remains a threat to our water and our countryside.**

The fundamentals of this application

remain the same:

- James Dick wishes to mine to approximately **100 feet below the watertable in an environmentally sensitive area**, immediately adjacent to the Niagara Escarpment, a world Biosphere reserve.
- The consequences of approving this application could potentially have devastating effects on our water, our environment and our community.

The great big
**GARAGE
SALE**



We are already receiving interested calls about our date for our **7th. Annual Great Big Garage Sale so circle your calendars for Saturday, May 7th., 2005.**

Cleaning out your basements in the meantime? Know someone who is moving and would like to donate his or her excess STUFF? Would you like to volunteer some time for a great cause?

Give us a call at **905-838-4333.** More information will be in our Spring Newsletter.

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THE BROADER ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY

As reported in the last newsletter, *the Ontario Municipal board (OMB) found in our favour, in a precedent setting decision- that it was in the better public interest, that the James Dick application should be heard under the new tougher 2003 Planning requirements.* This decision meant that James Dick needed to do further studies to address the better planning standards of the Town.

To that end, James Dick has retained "LGL" a Burlington company, which began a "Broader Environmental Study" of area '9A' in September 2004. This study area includes the Rockfort site and other properties in the surrounding sub watershed.

If you have been approached by LGL to have property access for environmental analysis, then we encourage you to agree to this assessment. The Ontario Municipal Board needs as much accurate data as possible to properly judge the merit of each case. Liability coverage has been looked after and site notes will be left with you. We would appreciate a fax copy of the site notes for our files. Please fax to: 905-838-4842.

It is unclear at this point exactly how long these studies will continue as it depends in part, on how long Mr. Dick takes to properly complete the work required. The last estimate of a full hearing start date was no earlier than June 2005.

The next pre-hearing meeting with the OMB is scheduled to take place 10 a.m., December 14th and 15th. 2004 at the Caledon Community Centre in Caledon East. This will include a progress report as to the timeline. If you wish to attend, please check with the Town of Caledon close to the date for confirmation of time and place.

Important Things For You to Note:

- 1. If you have been approached to have your land accessed for environmental analysis with regard to the Rockfort-Broader Environmental Study,** then we encourage you to agree to this assessment. Call us if you have any questions.
- 2. A Greenbelt Public Information Meeting** will be held in Caledon East on November 29th., 2004, from 7-10pm, at the Caledon Community Centre. Come and let your voice be heard!
- 3. The Town of Erin** is having a public meeting to consider modifications to the proposed Town of Erin Official Plan. This will include changes to the Urban Centre Boundary and agricultural land designation. In order to receive public input, this meeting will be held November 29th., at 7:30pm in the Municipal Office, 5684 Wellington Rd. #24, Hillsburgh.

PROVINCIAL MOVES

The last eight months have seen many new planning initiatives made by the Provincial Government. They have consulted with the public in many areas including:

- **Water Source Protection:**
To establish protection for groundwater sources.
- **Planning Act and Provincial Policy Statement:**
To reform Ontario's land-use planning policies.
- **Greenbelt Taskforce:**
For consultations to curb urban sprawl, and protect green space.
- **Infrastructure and Transit Reform:**
Long term plans for growth that will help movement of people and goods while lowering pollution.
- **OMB Reform:**
To undertake a formal review of the Board's powers and mandate.
- **Support for Rural Communities:**
To develop sustainable, strong communities with a limited tax base.

The Coalition has made submissions

regarding most of these Provincial initiatives.

It is encouraging to see the Government place higher priorities on environmental protection, but one can only hope they haven't taken on more than they can reasonably accomplish.

'Caledonians' appreciate the balanced approach their Municipality has taken with regard to "green" concerns and sustainable growth policies. Many local stakeholders have also been involved in consultations over Aggregate policies and Agricultural policies, so we have been urging the Province to be open and flexible in their dialogue with Caledon, which has already done its homework.

The province has just released a draft of the Greenbelt Legislation and public information meetings have been scheduled around the GTA for November. The closest meeting will be held in Caledon East on November 29th from 7pm-10pm at the Caledon Community Centre. For more information on this important initiative, go to www.mah.gov.on.ca and click on "Greenbelt Protection".



Protect Our Water!