



January 17, 2021

**To: Mayor George Cornell, Deputy Mayor Steffen Walma, and Councillors Cindy Hastings, Tony Mintoff and Gibb Wishart, and Shawn Persaud, Director of Planning and Development**

**Re: PERMIT TO TAKE WATER IN THE TEEDON PIT**

**Please include in "Correspondence" in the next Committee of the Whole Agenda.**

On January 14, 2021, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks issued a [10-year Permit To Take Water for washing aggregate in the Teedon Pit](#) in spite of the 133 submissions it received on-line and the additional 5,113 comments it received by email. MOECP listed the five types of concerns it received – and dismissed. It appears not to have believed the reports prepared by hydrogeologist Wilf Ruland about silt in neighbouring wells. It dismissed the concerns of Dr. William Shotyk and Dr. John Cherry who have begun to explore the movement of groundwater in the area of the pit.

In a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry about aggregate extraction and washing in the area of the Teedon Pit, Council included two comments, first that the Township is fundamentally opposed to the extraction and washing of aggregate in environmentally sensitive areas and second that there is presently a groundwater study being undertaken by Dr Cherry et al and that the finding of this report be taken into consideration by the Province prior to the issuance of any further licenses.

We urge Council to appeal the Ministry's granting of a 10-year PTTW to CRH Canada Group Inc. Information about the decision and the appeal process is available [here](#) on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Time is short - the period for beginning the appeal process is only 15 days from January 15.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of FoTTSA's board and 24 member associations representing roughly 5,000 households in Tiny Township

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