



# NDACT NEWSLETTER

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## PROTECT YOUR WATER and FOOD

### PROVINCE CALLS FOR FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

#### Statement from Minister of the Environment John Wilkinson Regarding The Highland Companies' Proposed Quarry in Dufferin County

September 1, 2011 5:55 PM

"After careful consideration, the Minister of Natural Resources and I have agreed to bring forward a regulation making Highland Companies subject to the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. As a result the company will be required to undertake a comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the proposed quarry in Melancthon Township.

Ministry of the Environment officials have thoroughly examined the technical reports which were submitted by the quarry proponents.

Based on a review of those reports, and because of the unique nature of the Melancthon quarry proposal, I believe a full Environmental Assessment is necessary.

The McGuinty government is committed to protecting our water and our environment. Today's decision ensures that a transparent and independent assessment of the environmental impacts of Melancthon quarry proposal will be conducted."

<http://www.news.ontario.ca/ene/en/2011/09/statement-from-minister-of-the-environment-john-wilkinson-regarding-highland-companies-proposed-quar.html>

You can view the regulation here: <http://www.search.e-laws.gov.on.ca/en/isysquery/4880fdf6-2d2e-4298-a2b9-424afbe42e64/1/doc/?search=browseStatutes&context=#hit1>

**Unlike Premier McGuinty, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, PC Leader Tim Hudak has not, as yet, come out in support of the Environmental Assessment. It is important that he hear from each of us. Let him know that you want his support for this important measure!**

**You can e-mail Tim Hudak at:**

[tim.hudakco@pc.ola.org](mailto:tim.hudakco@pc.ola.org)

**While the Liberals have passed the regulation calling for a full Provincial Environmental Assessment, this does not mean the mega-quarry has been stopped?**

**What can I do now:**

- **We must continue to call for the Federal Government to recognize the potentially grave risk to Fisheries posed by the Highland Mega Quarry Proposal. environment petition. We must continue to press the Feds for a Joint Panel to lead the Environmental Assessment process (along with the Province of Ontario). See David Tilson's information below in grey.**
- **Email all candidates running in your riding, as well as all provincial leaders vying to form the next provincial government in the October 6, 2011 election and ask them to provide in writing, their position on the Megaquarry should they be elected**

**On October 6 Vote No Mega Quarry**

**FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**David Tilson, MP for Dufferin-Caledon, has called for a full Federal Environmental Assessment. To that end he is circulating a petition to be presented in the House of Commons.**

**Due to the parliamentary rules, the petition must contain original signatures.**

**Here is a link to a copy of the form and instructions for completion.**  
<http://www.davidtilson.ca/left-icons/default>

**Even if you only have two or three signatures on the petition, return via postage (no charge) to Tilson's office. Every signature helps!!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO STOP THE QUARRY

**August/September:** Creemore's Farmers Market, every Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Caroline Street East, Station on the Green, Creemore

**September 16, 17 & 18** Shelburne Fall Fair <http://www.shelburnefair.com/Home.html>

**September 16, 2011** Community supper  
6:30 p.m at Peace Valley Ranch - 638135 Prince of Wales Road.  
Lennox Farms is cooking for 50, all are welcome

**September 17, 2011** Unity Ride to Stop the Largest Quarry in Canada  
When: Depart Saturday Sept 17th at 10:30 a.m  
Where: Peace Valley Ranch 638135 Prince of Wales Rd.  
People can join the Unity Ride by car, or on foot, from the intersection of 2nd Line West Mulmur Township and 20th sideroad. It is a public rd.; please give care, and space, to the horses and their riders.  
Flag raising at Lennox Farms at noon

**September 30, 2011** Rally at Queen's Park  
Ontarians need to speak now, and to have their collective will expressed to politicians in power. We will not stand for the destruction of our farmland, the poisoning of our water and air, the jeopardization of safety on our roads, the elimination of the rich cultural fabric of our rural communities and an uncertain future for our children and grandchildren.

**October 1, 2011** Peaceful Anti-Mega Quarry Demonstration  
Purpose: To express our opposition to the proposed quarry which would destroy 2300 acres of prime farm land and threaten the water relied upon by ONE MILLION CANADIANS.  
Location: Minister of Natural Resources Linda Jeffrey's campaign office:  
2250 Bovaird Drive East, units #109/110, Brampton (beside the Hearing Aid Clinic)  
Organized by: Brampton Greens

**October 6 provincial election - On October 6 Vote No Mega Quarry**

**October 16, 2011:**  
**FOODSTOCK 2011 IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROPOSED QUARRY LANDS**  
Join Chef Michael Stadtlander and 70 of the best chefs from across Canada for an outdoor, pay-what-you can, public food event in support of the movement to Stop The Mega Quarry. All funds raised will go to fighting the mega quarry. Each chef will prepare one item, celebrating the local bounty and will be encouraging Ontarian's to stand up and have their voice heard by the government. Everyone is welcome. [www.ndact.com](http://www.ndact.com)

**For details on how to be a sponsor of the Foodstock event click here:**  
<http://orangevillemarketwatch.typepad.com/Foodstock/Foodstock%20Sponsorship%20Package.pdf>

Check [www.ndact.com](http://www.ndact.com) frequently for updates to events

# TRACTOR RALLY UPDATE



On Sunday August 28, 2011 over 40 tractors and farm vehicles, motorcycles, ATV's and lawn tractors turned out for a show up support for Professor Varty and his cross Canada tractor tour. His cause is to bring awareness to the plight of the small farmer across Canada.

Professor Varty led the parade as it left Primrose at 1 p.m. and headed toward Melancthon followed by approximately 40 vehicles. He agreed to led the parade to voice his concern about Highland Companies proposed 2,300 acre, 200 foot below the water table, open pit limestone mine.

Dale Goldhawk MC'd the event, Tom Barlow played his genre of music as the parade arrived at the Wallace Farm at the completion of their 20 kilometre ride. The speakers of the day included Dale Goldhawk, Professor Varty and then focused on the face of the female farmers in the area. Speakers included Kate Armstong and Diane French.

Several documentary film makers were in attendance and several media outlets covered the event. New potatoes and fresh corn were in abundant supply.

Here are pictures and an article on the day:

<http://www.orangeville.com/news/local/article/1074609--highlighting-farmers-plight>



More pics on page 6

## **NDACT SIGNS & MERCHANDISE**

A minimum donation of \$10.00 to cover costs is requested for a sign. **Please be sure you check with your local municipality as to any possible restrictions on placing signs via municipal sign bylaws.**

You can contact [info@ndact.com](mailto:info@ndact.com) to find out how to pick up a sign in your area get a sign at the following depots:

### **SHELBURNE:**

McCarthy Signs,  
110 Centennial Road  
Shelburne, ON  
Mon-Thurs 8-5pm Fridays 8-2pm

### **GUELPH:**

Catherine Killen  
18 Sydenham Street. Guelph  
**Call first:** (519) 821-2374

### **ALLISTON:**

John DeCrombie  
319 King Street North, Alliston  
**Call first** (705) 435-5167

### **CAMBRIDGE:**

Keith Tobey  
**Call first:** (519)249-1055

### **TORONTO:**

**Rotate This**  
801 Queen Street West (near Bathurst)  
Toronto  
416-504-8447  
**Business Hours:**  
Monday - Friday 11 AM - 8 PM  
Saturday 11 AM - 7 PM  
Sunday 12 PM - 6 PM

### **ORANGEVILLE:**

Bob and Shirley Mitchell  
247503 Sideroad 5, Mono Ont L9W 2Z2  
**Call first:** (519) 943-1321

Dragonfly Arts on Broadway  
189 Broadway, Orangeville  
[info@dragonflyarts.ca](mailto:info@dragonflyarts.ca)  
(519) 942-4456  
**BUSINESS HOURS**

### **CALEDON:**

Shelley Sargeant  
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## **OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE**

### **CREEMORE FARMERS MARKET while supplies last**

- White T-shirts (NDACT (front), Stop the Mega Quarry (back)) in Men's & Ladies (M, L, XL) are available in limited quantities for a \$15 donation.
- NDACT baseball caps are available in limited quantity for \$20 donation
- STOP THE QUARRY buttons

Dragonfly Arts on Broadway  
189 Broadway, Orangeville  
519.941.5249

*Handmade jewellery depicting the landscape we stand to lose. Proceeds to Stop the Quarry. Click here for details:*  
<http://dragonflyartsonbroadway.blogspot.com/2011/07/artists-against-mega-quarry.html>

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

With the October provincial election quickly approaching, there are some exciting opportunities to spread the word about the proposed mega-quarry!

Firstly, we are putting a concerted effort into having a presence at various farmers' markets, festivals and fairs.

In addition, a Queen's Park rally has been organized for September 30th at noon. Bring a sign, wear a "Stop the Mega-Quarry" T-shirt and let our provincial representatives see just how concerned you are about Ontario's food and fresh water.

On October 16th, Foodstock is going to host 70 of Canada's top chefs, on the lands near the quarry and will require everyone to either Volunteer or attend. Also, you can help at any time by posting a sign or handing out brochures -- drop some at your local supermarket, laundromat or library. Let's make this upcoming event a strong message to MPP's and candidates.

Check [www.facebook.com/friends.of.ndact](http://www.facebook.com/friends.of.ndact) and look for the Volunteer Opportunities link. You don't need a Facebook account to use the link.

## **MORE TRACTOR RALLY PICS**

