

APPENDIX I - ADDITION

March 29, 2022

Dear Neighbours,

I am writing to relay the concerns of both myself and the residents in our community regarding an application submitted for a new aggregate gravel pit in Wilmot Township.

I am expressing my position against the Hallman Pit quarry application. I believe there are potential hazards of this proposed site, which we should not risk exposing. We need to protect the water resources and the people who depend on them.

I understand that decisions on zoning and licensing will be made at local and provincial levels, and I am aware that this is not my jurisdiction as a federal member of parliament. But it is my water.

In Waterloo Region, we are heavily reliant on water from the ground and the Grand River. I am proud of the many citizens taking a strong stance and asking elected representatives to consider the negative consequences of more aggregate sites. Their passion for protecting our land and water is inspiring, as is their diligence and evidence.

I have attended meetings hosted by the company proposing the gravel pit and meetings held by concerned citizens who have reached out and shared their thoughts and views with me, opposing the site.

This proposal's points of contention include groundwater contamination, farmland protection, pollution and community health issues, and road safety issues. There is evidence to support these concerns.

As for the demand for more aggregate in infrastructure, the industry has permission to dig thirteen times more aggregate than we need. There are already multiple active licenses near the proposed site, and throughout our region, many sites sit dormant.

Waterloo Region has high-quality soil and aquifers; giving unhindered and self-regulated access to mining would be unsound. Our region has some of the best soil in Canada. Farmland is not a renewable resource; we should be preserved. We must protect our water and environment for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

Canadians deserve a healthy environment and a safe community. All levels of government must work together to ensure we protect and preserve the safety, quality, and supply of our water.

I am asking that our citizens' health and the protection of our environment be considered up-front and consistently in all reviews. This decision should be about the needs of the residents, not the applicant's wants.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Lo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.