

Attachment E

Public comments: unique letters and emails in opposition

Respondent Names: No Address

Endi Grujic
Sommer Mullins

Unique Responses

Respondent Names: Non-Wilmot

Barbara Schumacher

Respondent Names: Wilmot

Christina Koprivica
Ned Halley
Jeff Bedard
Jim Bearinger
Julie Neves
Sheli Wallace-Stoltz
Stephen Bechthold
Susan Bender
Janice Fleming
Sonya Kurevija
Maria and Alberta Alves
Julie, Paulo, Veronica, Izabella and Tiago Neves

From: Barbara Schumacher
Sent: August 29, 2022 3:10 PM
To: ARAapprovals@ontario.ca
Cc: Clerks <clerks@wilmot.ca>
Subject: Rezoning sought for 1856 Snyder's Road E. Petersburg.

I am writing to register my concerns and objections to Petersburg Sand Company Application to Wilmot Township and ARA (Aggregate Resources Act approvals of ON) to rezone 1856 Snyder's Rd E Petersburg, to "Class A Extraction and Recycling". This gravel pit would be extracting, processing, and crushing gravel, as well as recycling asphalt and concrete on this 68-acre property just east of Petersburg, fronting on Snyder's Road. There are homes across the street, south of the property and a business to the west. It would be the seventh gravel pit in the area. The 200,000 tonnes per year extracted from these existing seven pits is only 10% of the total licensed capacity (approximately 2 million tonnes per year). Therefore, no new licenses are needed.

Local residents are concerned about safety for their children, dust, air pollution, noise, heavy traffic, groundwater impact, human health impacts and loss of agricultural land.

As stated by the National Farmer's Union of Ontario: *"Humans are simply unable to fully recover the agricultural and biodiversity values and ecological functions, formed over the centuries, that are lost when aggregate extraction proceeds."*

Residents from across Waterloo Region have a responsibility to demand protection of the Waterloo Moraine which filters the ground water that supplies our wells and that we depend on.

Please do not approve this rezoning application.

Sincerely,

Barbara Schumacher

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Barbara Schumacher.

Heidelberg, Ontario

N0B 2M1

From: DAMIR KOPRIVICA
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:18 PM
To: Planning
Cc: Harold O'Kafka
Subject: WE WANT TO OBJECT AGAINST THE NEW PROPOSED SANDPIT 1856 Snyder's Road east

To Whom it May Concern:

AUGUST 9,2022

This formal email/letter is to inform the council and to all members of the township and community who are directly involve to the new proposed sandpit, That we Object against the new proposed sandpit on 1856 Snyder's road E. Our names are Damir and Christina Koprivica we live at [REDACTED] Snyder's Road east right across the proposed new sandpit. My husband and I have been living here since 1999, and the concerns that we have to the proposed sandpit are very serious and alarming.

The number 1 concern, is the safety of our children we have 3 kids that attend sir Adam Beck and Waterloo Oxford High-school, and the children that are on the bus already, our designated bus stop for our kids is right across from the proposed sandpit, few feet away, From 1856 Snyder's Road east and this is very scary. We will have huge dump trucks every 8-10 minutes colliding and interfering with our kids bus stop. Where there is already on going heavy traffic for this area. These engineers can NOT prove that this will be safe. This will increase the chances of accidents and possible death from these dump trucks. We are very concern and scared and this is affecting my mental health because of the safety of my 3 kids and the kids that already on the bus are going to be compromised.

The second concern is the health and wellbeing of our family. Being in such close range to this new sandpit. There hasn't been a medical report or proof from a medical doctor or a scientist proving that these airborne air dust particles and noise will not hurt us, and the people in this area. I will not be able to open my windows for fresh air because of the dust and the noise and this will affect our mental well being. Our rights are being stripped away from us, enjoying the necessity of life such as clean air and quietness and the enjoyment of our property and our community. We would like a medical report from a licensed physician not an engineer for our health concerns to be adress. This new sand pit will change this area. It will stop young families to come and live in this desirable are. As well with the climate changing in such a negative way this will make it worse.

I hope that you will find some senses in this letter especially with the safety of our kids and the kids that already on the bus, as well there is multiple buses that go on this road. This township should be for the people and for the children NOT FOR CORPORATES.

Thank you From Christina Koprivica

Andrew Martin

From: Endi Grujic
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:54 PM
To:
Subject: Public Opposition of zone change proposed by Petersburg Sand Company and the Middle Street Pit

Good evening,

I'm writing today to publicly, on the record, oppose the zone change for the Middle Street Pit proposed by the Petersburg Sand Company.

I want this forwarded to the Waterloo Regional Council and both Waterloo Region District School Board as well as the Waterloo Region Catholic District School Board. I want this on the record with my regional MPP, as well as it being on the record with Premier Doug Ford.

This new gravel pit is a literal money pit, but not for Petersburg, for Mr. Hodgkinson and Petersburg Sand Company. The town of Petersburg is not going to see any revenue from this endeavour but will have to deal with the increased traffic, road damage, accidents because of the trucks and noise because of the trucks.

The investigations that new gravel and sand pits do only hit the bare minimums and report on them. My neighbours and I have no idea of the long-term effects on the water, or our air because of the dust that rocks and gravel obviously turn up. Because of the two gravel pits that we have presently we are already battling breathing difficulties such as asthma, bronchitis and allergies year-round.

With Mr. Hodgkinson, and the Petersburg Sand Company distributing his 'Fast Facts' he has left out, there are so many pits across Ontario that are still open and not being used at the moment but because of a 'loophole', some of the gravel is allowed to stay in the ground and not extracted, therefore forcing the pit to stay open. Indefinitely. Because of that 'loophole' that ground will not be rehabilitated. Can Mr. Hodgkinson give us a definite date of when we will see rehabilitation start?

With another pit potentially being put into our community I would rest any and all issues, road accidents because of the increased traffic, increased air quality problems, water contamination, etc; squarely on the shoulders of the owner of the organization Mr. Hodgkinson, as he is knowingly moving forward with such a problematic endeavour.

I wish to oppose the zone change application and development of the Middle Street Pit.

Please, Stop The New Sand Pit!!!

Thank you,

Endi Grujic

From: noreply@wilmot.ca <noreply@wilmot.ca> On Behalf Of Janice
Sent: August 22, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Angie Hallman <angie.hallman@wilmot.ca>
Subject: Say NO To Gravel Pit Application

As a resident of Petersburg there is visible display of opposition to the application for the new Gravel Pit extraction and recycling site along Snyder's Road.

This raises several questions:

Who is going to regulate that the trucks are only on the roads weekdays between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as this is not the case now?

When will the police enforce the traffic violations in this area as the trucks pass each other in no passing areas and other vehicle traffic speeds thru the area once they can get around a truck due to their slow down by the truck traffic?

What impact will this realistically have on the agricultural ground water run off area?

Who is going to regulate that the number of truck trips they indicate are to be added to the area is not exceeded?

I am sure others have raised many other questions about this application.

If the slogan is "Wilmot Stronger Together" then it is time to act and say no to this application.

Janice Fleming

1856 Snyder's Rd East

Part Lot 5

Concession North of Snyder's Rd

We live at [REDACTED] Snyder's Road, which is directly next door to the proposed entrance to the Gravel Pit.

We are semi-retired and presently enjoy the tranquility of our back yard and deck. With the proposed Gravel Pit we have many concerns and questions.

- The proposed plans show a sound barrier being installed only on our neighbour's side of the entrance. Why is a barrier not being installed on both sides of the proposed entrance?
- Without the barrier, we will now have increased dust and noise from the trucks for 12 hours a day. We sit in our backyard and on our deck daily to enjoy the quiet country living provides, the gravel pit takes this away.
- We hang our clothes to dry outside, with the increased traffic and dust from the trucks we can no longer do this. Who will pay for our increased hydro bill because we can no longer dry our clothes outside?
- Can the company requesting this gravel pit guarantee there would be no adverse effects to the structure of our house with the constant truck traffic? Who will pay for damages to the house because of the traffic?
- Can the company requesting the gravel pit guarantee our well water supply and quality will not be affected in the years to come? Who will pay for changes due to the gravel pit?
- Can the Township guarantee the gravel pit will not negatively affect our property value? Who will compensate for loss of property value?
- Traffic on Snyder's Road is busy enough with the present gravel pits, accidents and speeding are a constant, will the speed limit be reduced? We sit right where the speed limit changes in both directions.
- There are enough accidents on Snyder's Rd, adding another gravel pit entrance and exit will only increase incidents. As it is people drive thru the ditch to get around turning vehicles.
- Access to our driveway will become an issue as we are right next door. Will turning lanes be put in? Who will pay for the construction? How will we be compensated for the inconvenience of construction for this unnecessary gravel pit.

All we can see from this gravel pit is noise, dust, increased traffic, reduced property value. There are more than enough gravel pits in Petersburg, there is no need for another. Disrupting people's homes and tranquility for a gravel pit is not needed.

From:
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:25 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Zone Change Application 06/22 , Petersburg Sand Company Inc.
Attachments: Petersburg Sand Company.pdf

Mayor Armstrong and Wilmot Township Council,

My name is Jim Bearinger. I am responding to the notice of application for an aggregate pit licence by Petersburg Sand Company Inc. I would like my comments to be part of the public record. I ask that

you pass them onto the Region of Waterloo, Province of Ontario and the GRCA.

My wife and I have farmed in Wilmot Township for 49 years. We represent the 5th generation and our grandchildren who are involved in our operation would be the 7th.

We are a multi farm operation, owning two farms southeast of Haysville, one east of Baden and our home farm east of Petersburg on Lot 4 Snyders Road South. The application before you is Lot 5

Snyders Road North.

We are passionate about agriculture and it hurts us dearly when farmland disappears to uses other than growing food. Ontario is a large province, yet only 5 percent of it's land mass is productive

farmland. According to a 2021 census data, we are losing over 300 acres a day to urban sprawl, aggregate pits and other non agricultural uses. That is extremely troubling and we can do better.

An information packet was distributed to neighbours of the Applicant which included Project Details. Many important details are missing.

This application is land locked. It is totally dependent on CN RailRoad giving crossing access. At the public meeting on July 12, the Applicant when asked had not addressed that issue.

Included in my email is an attachment containing a google earth photo of this application. It clearly shows a significant wetland in the centre of the proposed pit. Having rented the farm on the

west side of the application for 27 years, I never remember it being farmed. It is full of Bull Rushes, Swamp Grass and standing water. The Applicant has strategically placed the test wells in the

driest areas of the proposed pit. The water table has to be very near the surface surrounding the wetland.

In the Project Details there was no mention of the rehabilitation plan. As a farmer, we know first hand that it is a broken system. Rehabilitated Pits are seldom suitable for agriculture.

It is

impossible to return the land to a productive state as it will suffer from compaction, no moisture holding ability, low organic matter and so on. When Pits are approved, that is a short term vision.

What really is being approved in the long term is a crater with little value.

As our region reviews it's Official Plan, it clearly shows the area of this application as protected land. This application and the three existing pits to the east are basically sand pits. Gravel

is a very small part. Sand is readily available and there is no need to turn a blind eye on an area to be protected for a product in abundance.

I know my last point is a Regional issue but since my comments will be sent to them, you get to hear them. This application would have a terrible access to Snyders Road. Just over a hill with

little frontage leaves few options. The truck traffic would only add to the cumulative traffic from the other pits. Add to that all the fill being hauled on our road into our Township. It is not

uncommon to have a truck pass by every 30 seconds. It can be very difficult as a farmer to share the road and we are on it a lot travelling to our other farms.

In closing I realize that Wilmot Council can only do so much with these applications. But having said that, I ask you to do everything in your power to protect farmland. Every time one of these

applications gets approved, it is another nail in the farming coffin.

As a taxpayer, I support Wilmot Council defending their position if it ends up at the Ontario Land Tribunal.

I am passionate about this Township and I have always considered Petersburg to be the Gateway to Wilmot.

Thank You

Petersburg Sand Company

Write a description for your map.

Legend

1856 Snyder's Rd E

1856 Snyder's Rd E 1856 Snyder's Rd E



Petersburg Sand Company Inc. (c/o Mike Hodgkinson):

1856 Snyder's Road East, Petersburg, ON N0B2H0

mike@petersburgsandcompany.com

C/O ARAapprovals@ontario.ca

August 27, 2022

To the Petersburg Sand Company Inc.,

RE: ZONE APPLICATION 06-22 PETERSBURG SAND COMPANY
INC., 1856 SNYDER'S ROAD EAST, PETERSBURG, ON N0B2H0

We, Julie and Paulo Tavares Das Neves, [REDACTED] Erbsville Rd RR#3 Waterloo,
On N2J3Z4 and our daughter Veronica Tavares Das Neves, [REDACTED] Fountain
St N, Breslau On N0B1M0 **OBJECT** to the Zone Change Application 06/22
address 1856 Snyder's Rd East Petersburg, Ontario N0B2H0. Our family
including all children **OBJECT** as per below.

(Property: negative impact of Noise and Safety for [REDACTED] Snyder's Road
East, Petersburg On N0B2H0)

Thank you,

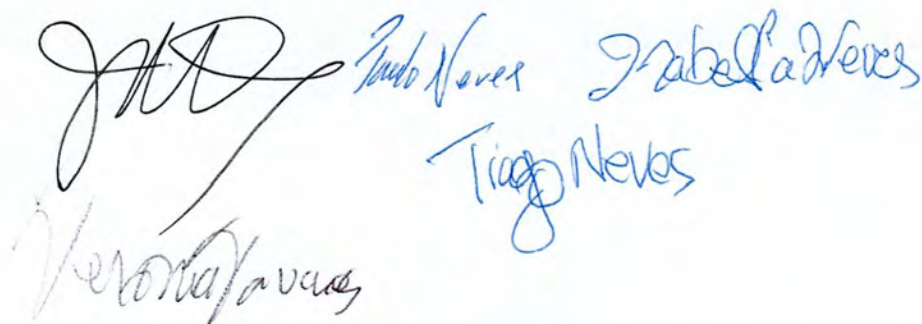
Julie Tavares Das Neves

Paulo Tavares Das Neves

Veronica Tavares Das Neves

Izabella Tavares Das Neves

Tiago Tavares Das Neves


The block contains four handwritten signatures in blue ink. From left to right, they are: a large signature for Paulo Tavares, a signature for Izabella Tavares, a signature for Veronica Tavares, and a signature for Tiago Tavares. The names are written in a cursive, handwritten style.

From: Julie Neves
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Andrew Martin
Subject: Fwd: Zone application 06/23 1856 Snyder's Road

Hello,

Please register me Julie Tavares Das Neves and forward instructions to attend meeting Aug 22/2022. I oppose the rezone of my neighbours property Petersburg Sand Co. which will impact my property and quality of life. I am upset that at the public info session held in St. Agatha by the Owner 1856 Snyder's Rd and IBI and Lawyers it was suggested that the Owner will be a very rich man and is willing to help the neighbour....

I ask the Mayor of Wilmot Township to not hold a 'Virtual Meeting' due to the age and accessibility of the immediate neighbours around the proposed pit. Avg age 70-80 years. This is not a feasible method for proper discussion and many have asked for help and have never done video call.

My Family Comments:

1.Full disclosure of all operations both extraction and recycling and hours of operation past 7pm to 7am. Will there be machines working through the night?

2.Full disclosure of proposed alternate access with Arriscraft mentioned in the documents- Where is that exactly? Where are the negotiations at?

3. Dust control? Air Pollutants- types? Side effects from sand and silica on health of residents nearby and leaching into our soil? There is a Birm drawn and mentioned at the meeting at back to help the two neighbours but what about residents across street? What about tree planting and maintenance? Studies on dust travel? How long does the dust stays in the air?

4. Noise pollution? The traffic of 'estimated of 18 Haul Trucks' '9 in and 9 out' according to my understanding they are double loads, what is the noise of breaks and engines for large haul? Any studies? Where did the 'estimated 18 trucks' study or speculation come from? Can the Crushing/ Recycling machinery be located closer to Erbs Rd? Why close to +10 homes and residences under 1/2km distance.

5. Re: Exit/Entrance in front of my [REDACTED] Snyder's and [REDACTED] Snyder's Rd; property goes all the way to Erbs Road St. Agatha and has the Region of Waterloo land along railway to exit at Notre Dame. Has any of the above locations been considered as an alternate exit/entrance?

6. Public notice/awareness where and by what means (Media/ newspaper: radio) has the Wilmot Township notified all residents? What areas was this info sent out to exactly?

7. Traffic safety? How will you control the passing of vehicles in this area to go around a truck? There is a Bus stop for children in current proposed truck entrance- how will they be safe?

8. Crushing of concrete- what is serious health effects and environmental risks from the crystalline silica released into air and into ground? Second, Recycling and storage of crushed Asphalt how will the ground and our water table be protected?

9. Wilmot Township in an article CTV News has joined other Townships fight to save farm land and push back on Gravel/Sand with Province I ask your help please. Applications should not be considered if there are many homes right in the area and pit in direct centre. Please help as we do not want our property to go dormant in value for many years, we do not want the noise and the HAUL trucks as there already is many dangerous accidents that have happened here already. We do not want to fear our wells and the air we breath.

Thank you,
Julie and Paulo Tavares Das Neves

Petersburg Sand Company Inc. (c/o Mike Hodgkinson):

1856 Snyder's Road East, Petersburg, ON N0B2H0

mike@petersburgsandcompany.com

C/O ARAapprovals@ontario.ca

August 27, 2022

To the Petersburg Sand Company Inc.,

RE: ZONE APPLICATION 06-22 PETERSBURG SAND COMPANY
INC., 1856 SNYDER'S ROAD EAST, PETERSBURG, ON N0B2H0


We, Maria and Alberto Alves, [REDACTED] Erbsville Rd RR#3 Waterloo, On N2J3Z4
OBJECT to the Zone Change Application 06/22 address 1856 Snyder's Rd
East Petersburg, Ontario N0B2H0.

Properties: negative impact of Noise, Safety and Dust on our fields for the
adjoining properties [REDACTED] Snyder's Road East, and [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] Snyder's Road East Petersburg On N0B2H0. Our family on [REDACTED]
Snyder's Road East, Petersburg On N0B2H0 are also at risk for their lives,
well being of the disturbance and increase of heavy vehicle haul trucks in
front of their home.

Thank you,

Maria Alves

Alberto Alves

Handwritten signature of Alberto Alves in blue ink.

Wilmot Township Council Delegate Invitation- Aug.22/2022 7.00pm

To: Mayor Armstrong, members of counsel, Karen Redman, Tim Louis and Waterloo Regional Traffic Control.

I am Ned Halley from [REDACTED] Snyders Rd. E . I was to speak to the counsel but had issues with my microphone. Keith Kraan from [REDACTED] Snyders Rd. E. was also with me hoping to speak. The mayor had asked us to send our opinions.

My family has lived here at [REDACTED] Snyders Rd. for eighteen years. We own a house on one acre of the farm that Mike Hodgkinson had bought. The acre has 200' of frontage on Snyders Rd. This is in the center of this farms land on Snyders Rd.

Mike has been working very secretly on this zone change application. I had assumed that Arriscraft was interested in his land north of the tracks when I seen drilling equipment out there. I was totally surprised when he had the information meeting. I found out that he owned this new company and option #1 access route was beside my house. Not only is it beside my house but it is only 100' from my bedroom. Not even the decency to tear down the run down barn and move it away from my house. This road is to run back to the west side of his property by the tracks for a rail crossing. This rail crossing is very close to Steve Bechtolds house.

This access onto Snyders Rd. is 40 to 50' wide and would make traffic conditions horrendous for the existing commuters. Snyders road is already over burdened with dump trucks, excavating equipment, tractors, trailers, farm equipment, hikers, cyclists, cars, pickups, and everyday commuters. The existing dump trucks pick up speed coming west over the hill so they make the hill in Petersburg. The trucks coming from Petersburg come fast to make the hill toward Kitchener. Most of the dump truck traffic comes toward Petersburg for easy access to HWY #7&8. Snyders Road is a main conduit for all the growing communities around to get to Kitchener and the Boardwalk.

This area from in front of this farm has had many accidents. My daughters car t-boned at the end of my driveway, a car rolled up on my lawn, a pickup hit a car then my wall (that used to be in front), orange helicopter landed to take away a motorcyclist that hit a car, my mail box was replaced four times, only once it was a snow plow, at least four cars went into the ditch across the street (there is a gas main down there)(why no guardrail yet?). These are some of what I have seen from the front of my house. I can only imagine how many accidents were on the entire stretch of Snyders Rd. This is also where they want to put Option #1 access road.

If you want to see what this access would look like just go stand by any of the existing pits. Noise, vibrations,brakes, horns,jake brakes,deisel engines,fumes,air quality, spewing sand and gravel. All of this is business as usual with dump trucks but not for the residents that live in the area for many years. They did not choose to live in these conditions.

Keith Kraan lives at [REDACTED] Snyders Rd. E. beside Option #2 access road. Keith already lives with the horrors of a aggregate pit. Arriscraft Pit.

This road is privately owned. Arriscraft, a small house and the regions forest for hikers, cyclists, skiers,dog walkers, etc all have a right away agreement. This road is only a single lane. Dump trucks can't pass each other or anyone else. They do not want to share the road. (very dangerous for anything but the trucks). There have been two deaths from train hitting dump trucks at this rail crossing.

This road is very busy with all the traffic. The forest is open all year round seven days a week. Very busy on weekends. Arriscraft has been starting 4-4.30 am till around 3-3.30 pm.

From the pit the road goes up a hill to enter Snyders RD. which at that point is anothr hill at 90 degrees. Snyders RD. runs east toward Kichener and west toward Petersburg. These trucks do not stop. They roll through the intersection so as to make the corner. (very dangerous for oncoming traffic). Trucks with trailers use both lanes to turn onto Snyders Rd. When the truck turns toward Petersburg it is going uphill and travelling very slow so they drive in the paved shoulder to let

traffic pass. The passing vehicle will be in the lane of oncoming traffic coming over the hill from Petersburg. (very dangerous). The noise, air quality, dust and sand is unbelievable.

We have detailed a few very bad traffic conditions but there are very many without looking too hard. We think it is about time the Waterloo Region does something to fix these dangerous conditions and get back on track for safety for all of our communities that use this Road. Adding more dangerous out of control traffic and access to Snyders Rd. is not an option.

We want the Wilmot Township to fight for our community. It is a right not a privilege for our families to live in a safe environment. Knowing our kids and loved ones are safe and healthy in our community. Please do the right thing instead of making it worse.

Thank You

Ned Halley

Keith Kraan

From: Sheli Wallace-Stoltz
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7:56 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Comments regarding the Petersburg Sand Company Inc./IBI Group

To Whom It May Concern,

My family and I are NOT in favour of the Petersburg Sand Company Inc./IBI Group having their zone change application approved nor being allowed to open a gravel pit operation.

The traffic on Snyder's Rd E has increased dramatically over the last number of years, particularly with an increase in dump trucks, large trucks, etc.

In the Petersburg Sand Company propaganda sheet, they stated that "-Traffic study determined impact of truck traffic to be negligible".

That statement is neither honest nor transparent.

My understanding is that they went to the Region and got a copy of the 2018 traffic study that was done, and was told: "to add a few numbers to it".

They came up with the number 18.

The traffic on Snyder's Rd E is ridiculous and getting worse and worse.

Lots of people are using this road now and it's unsafe to mix walking/biking traffic with industrial traffic.

They would need their own road, maybe connected to the other gravel/asphalt pit.

The same sheet says that the "Cumulative dust study confirms no impact to air quality".

There will be dust that will be created and settle all over our property.

We do not agree that the noise will all be "contained naturally", as stated on their sheet.

When I am enjoying my backyard after a day at work, I want to be able to BBQ, swim in the pool, or sit and enjoy the serenity, quiet, and peacefulness as I can now.

This will not be the case if this gravel pit operation is allowed to open.

They want to be open from 7 am to 7 pm, six days a week, from Monday to Saturday!

So much for the quiet, peaceful, dust-free mornings on my back deck with the birds chirping, and the whole after-work and supertime would be ruined.

As well, Saturday, when everyone is home on the weekend, to enjoy the pool, BBQ with friends, etc., it will be horrible, noisy, dusty, etc., if this is allowed.

If anybody is operating a gravel pit, it should be either 8 am to 4 pm or 9 am to 5 pm, five days a week, Monday to Friday.

Another statement listed on the Petersburg Sand Company propaganda sheet is "-Community accustomed to gravel operations on this road".

We are not happy at all about the gravel operations on this road; they have increased their working times and the number of trucks on the road, etc., over the last few years.

The last thing that my family and I want is for another gravel pit operation to open.

Walking and/or biking on this road, or even just trying to get out of our driveway safely has become extremely hazardous and unsafe over the last number of years.

Adding more trucks and traffic to this road will not help this situation at all.

For the reasons stated above and probably many more, my family and I are NOT in favour of the Petersburg Sand Company Inc./IBI Group having their zone change application approved nor being allowed to open a gravel pit operation.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sheli Wallace-Stoltz

■ Snyder's Rd E,
Petersburg, ON. N0B 2H0

Andrew Martin

From: Sommer Mullins
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:42 PM
To:
Subject: On the record opposition to the Petersburg Sand Company and the Middle Street Pit zoning change

Good evening,

I'm writing today to publicly, on the record, oppose the zone change for the Middle Street Pit proposed by the Petersburg Sand Company.

I want this forwarded to the Waterloo Regional Council and both Waterloo Region District School Board as well as the Waterloo Region Catholic District School Board. I want this on the record with my regional MPP, as well as it being on the record with Premier Doug Ford.

This new gravel pit is a literal money pit, but not for Petersburg, for Mr. Hodgkinson and Petersburg Sand Company. The town of Petersburg is not going to see any revenue from this endeavour but will have to deal with the increased traffic, road damage, accidents because of the trucks and noise because of the trucks.

The investigations that new gravel and sand pits do only hit the bare minimums and report on them. My neighbours and I have no idea of the long-term effects on the water, or our air because of the dust that rocks and gravel obviously turn up. Because of the two gravel pits that we have presently we are already battling breathing difficulties such as asthma, bronchitis and allergies year-round.

With Mr. Hodgkinson, and the Petersburg Sand Company distributing his 'Fast Facts' he has left out, there are so many pits across Ontario that are still open and not being used at the moment but because of a 'loophole', some of the gravel is allowed to stay in the ground and not extracted, therefore forcing the pit to stay open. Indefinitely. Because of that 'loophole' that ground will not be rehabilitated. Can Mr. Hodgkinson give us a definite date of when we will see rehabilitation start?

With another pit potentially being put into our community I would rest any and all issues, road accidents because of the increased traffic, increased air quality problems, water contamination, etc; squarely on the shoulders of the owner of the organization Mr. Hodgkinson, as he is knowingly moving forward with such a problematic endeavour.

I wish to oppose the zone change application and development of the Middle Street Pit.

Please, Stop The New Sand Pit!!!

Thank you,

Sommer Mullins

August 23, 2022

MAYOR ARMSTRONG

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
BADEN, ONTARIO
ANDREW.MARTIN@WILMOT.CA

Good evening. My name is Sonya J Kurevija of [REDACTED] Notre Dame Drive in Petersburg, On. I am writing an email in addition to the statement I made last evening during the zoom session pertaining to the proposed 4th sand pit in our village on Snyder's Rd.

Firstly, I would like to thank you for hearing my very brief and impromptu and emotional statement last evening as I was quite moved by the words of those opposing the proposed sand and gravel pit.

My primary thoughts are for the consequences of the detriment a sandpit would cause the environment. Primarily, the loss of fertile farmland, marshland being destroyed causing the disturbance and possible contribution of the annihilation of native species and habitats for birds and animals. As I mentioned on the panel, we understand deforestation on a global scale and yet, in our own backyards we don't consider the importance of preserving our precious land. I also mentioned the importance of our pollinators in our fields and gardens, if we destroy their ever-shrinking spaces it affects us all in loss of produce, fruit production and pest control (as in insects). I am an avid Horticulturalist in our own backyard, with many native species of trees and plants encouraging birds and pollinators to do their work.

This issue of increased traffic is also alarming as Petersburg has many residents enjoying the opportunity to take leisurely walks as well as awaiting school buses. We should feel safe as should our children and even pets. Personally, we have lost beloved pets due to high traffic and accelerated speeds. We seem not to qualify for the signs used in Baden and New Dundee and

St. Agatha to regulate the speed upon entering and exiting the village. Thus, the increase of trucks from a sand and gravel pit will only worsen an existing problem.

My parting thoughts are in the words of Rachel Carson:

“But man is a part of nature, and his war against nature is inevitably a war against himself.”

SINCERELY,

SONYA J KUREVIJA

From: brooke bechthold
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Petersburg sand company 1856 snyders road east

My name is Steven Bechthold, I live at [REDACTED] Snyders Rd. E., im a third generation farmer living here at this location, also adjacent to the proposed Petersburg sand company pit at 1856 Snyders Rd. E. I have numerous concerns about putting a pit at this location. my first concern is about water, from what I can see water testing was done at the four corners of the property.in the middle of the property is a low wet area that has cattails and bull rushes growing. I know this for a fact because on at least three occasions I've had to go over there and pull the applicant out because he's got stuck in this wet area. the report that they gave you is no visible water and not a wetland. I have a wetland on my property with 5 feet of water in the spring but right now I don't have any water so that means I don't have a wetland.this is very shortsighted because if we lose our wetlands we lose our water table. I am an at home dialysis patient, if they contaminate the water source there it will kill me. I need a tremendous amount of water for my dialysis machines. there should be way more water testing done and grand river should be involved to certify that it is a wetland or not because wetlands are bulrushes in cattails and that's what's growing there. but the applicant is constantly try to illuminate this so that it doesn't look like a wetland. The next area I'd like to discuss is noise, from what I am told testing is only done at the bottom of the pit, what about the testing at the top of the pit? also his proposed driveway is at a railway which is almost underneath my bedroom window. it's only a couple hundred feet away, trucks stopping and starting make a tremendous amount of noise this will ruin my nights and days because although you say the pit is not open till 7 AM all pits are open at five and you just don't enforce it. the other thing about the entrance at the highway, he has routed it through a 20 acre field destroying the field for agricultural use. he is running it by another neighbours house within a stone throw of his bedroom window and he will have the same problem. he has routed it away from his own home and next to everybody else's. this will ruin not only my life, but the neighbours surrounding. also the entrance by the road, it is within feet of numerous bus stops for young children, some probably in kindergarten. this is a dangerous location for a pit entrance, we're gonna be burying a kid when a dump truck does not see a kid running out to get on or off the bus. my next point is the land that he is wanting zoned for pit used up until three years ago there was an approximately 1 to 2 acre wood area there and he clear-cut it. I thought clearcutting was not allowed in Wilmot Township, I called back and left a message here for you and nothing was done. so does that mean we can clear cut bushes to turning it into farmland or anything we want? this is just a violation. also living here all my life I saw that land when it was heavily worked and all we got on windy days was unbelievable dust storms that carried I bet you a half a mile. If you strip the soil and leave it exposed to the wind we are going to have unbelievable windy dust storms and dirt that will probably carry to the highway and could create whiteouts of sand and could endanger peoples lives. these are a few of my concerns about this pit application and I think Wilmot Township in all good conscience cannot approve such an environmental disaster as this is.

thank you for your time a long time resident of Wilmot Township
Steven bechthold

From: Susan Bender
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:47 AM
To: Planning
Subject: Gravel Pit Application

Dear Committee

Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meetings regarding the gravel pit application.

I live in the Township of Wilmot but I used to live and owned property in Bridgeport (Kitchener) while the village went through a similar request by a gravel company to extract gravel at the end of Schweitzer Street. It went through the Planning Department, got approval, etc. AFTER APPROVAL, the company THEN tested the gravel content and it ended up finding out there was very little gravel and NEVER proceeded digging at this location.

All the stress the residents went through, all the WASTED TIME of the Planning Department (and who knows what other city departments), having committee meetings and wasting all these people's and residents' time, then found out the gravel company never tested for gravel before hand. We, the residents were not pleased.

Two Questions I would like the committee to consider before any decision is made.

1. Was this lot or area of land in the past been an active gravel pit? How much volume of gravel was removed?
2. Has there been a recent soil/ground testing to show there is actually a large amount of gravel in that lot?? If not tested, the Township should request it done at the company's expense, before any rezoning and permits, etc. are accepted and approved.

I do not want the Township of Wilmot to go through the unnecessary stress the residents of Bridgeport went through.

Thank you for considering my questions and concern.

Yours truly,

Susan Bender