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To: Milloy, Keltie (MNR)
Subject: FW: Issues in McNab-Braeside with multiple attachments

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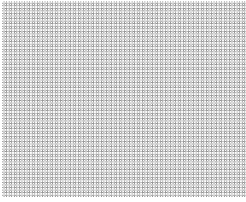
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Hi. Please read the attached emails from concerned residents of McNab Braeside. These have been hand delivered to our council with many, many others. Three hundred residents of this small community gathered in a first wave of concern over changes in our township that could include a reed bed septage system (on prime agricultural land, within a rural/residential setting, with possible run off to our Ottawa River), an expansion to a quarry which has already experienced blast accidents, a permanent asphalt plant in the same said quarry on fractured limestone (running the risk of spills which could be carried along the aquifer to residential wells, and eventually the Ottawa River, not to mention the carcinogens to families in the area, as well as the damage to our alvar - a very rare ecosystem), **and** a permanent concrete plant in consideration for which the Miller Group has already been issued a permit to take water at the rate of 10,000,000 L/day which will affect our wells and permanently damage the aquifer balance and ability of our water to be cleaned by this natural process. We are a rural, residential, farming community. Why is this township trying to turn us into an industrial development?? Please take the time to consider this issue. Also, MNR/MNE, please confirm that Miller Group has supplied the proper paperwork and completed the necessary tests to allow this increased water taking, because we are unable to find this paper trail and no one is able to give us this information. They tell us they are "unable to locate the documents but they must be here". Depleting our ground source water will destabilize our aquifer and natural contaminants, not to mention neighboring farm waste, will be concentrated in smaller amounts of clean water thus leading to contaminated drinking water. Please tell us that you have required Miller to do all that is necessary and it was filed with completed neighbor tests well before the request for increased water taking was accepted. Thank you for reading our letters. While they are submitted together, you will find that each looks at this issue from very different perspectives. [redacted]

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Without Prejudice

September 30, 2008

Township of McNab-Braeside
2508 Russett Drive,
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Dear Mr. Stewart,

I'd like to take this opportunity to raise my concerns about the proposed changes to the official plan that would allow an aggregate extraction increase, a permanent asphalt plant, concrete plant, wash plant or reed bed in McNab-Braeside.

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We take for granted our proximity to the beautiful Ottawa River, the stands of hardwood forests, and our strong and proud agricultural roots.

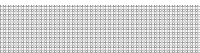
We have already seen the effects of the Arnprior Dump and the legacy left by Gillies Mill. We should be attempting to preserve what is left of the town of Braeside and the surrounding area, not increasing industry and leaving our communities open to environmental disasters.

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and I support the preservation of the Braeside - River Road corridor.

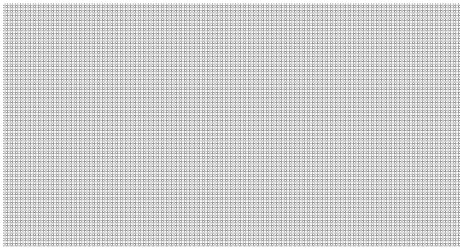
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Dear Mr. Stewart,

I wish to oppose all changes to the official plan that would allow an expansion to the Braeside Quarry, a permanent asphalt plant, concrete plant, wash plant or reed bed.

I am disappointed at the lack of concern displayed by Council and Council's inability to engage in meaningful discourse with residents about these issues. Council's evasiveness at meetings and absence from discussion forums, such as April 21st at the Nick Smith Centre, tell me that council is uninterested in the concerns of its ratepayers.

What possible reason could you have to consider allowing septage disposal on prime agricultural land with run off into the Ottawa River? Why are you ignoring the recommendations of the Dillon report in favour of a more expensive reed bed system? How could you possibly ignore the facts staring you in the face about the carcinogenic nature of the byproducts of an asphalt plant? Why is the magnitude of an accidental spill on a fractured limestone quarry floor lost on you? Why would you feel it acceptable to consider a concrete plant that would deplete our ground source water? Why would you subject all of the ratepayers in your township to an increase in taxes or loss of services that would result when properties on the Braeside/River Road corridor lose their value?

Above all, why are you ignoring the people who elected you? Why would you be directing the concerns of your constituents to Miller Group when you have the final decision on an asphalt plant or concrete plant? Please clarify for me any misconceptions that I may have on these issues.

A frustrated ratepayer,

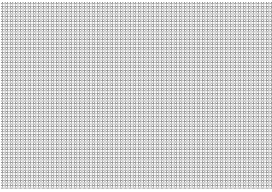
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Dear Mr. Stewart,

I would like my opposition to all changes to the official plan that would allow an aggregate pit expansion, a permanent asphalt plant, concrete plant, wash plant or reed bed placed on the record.

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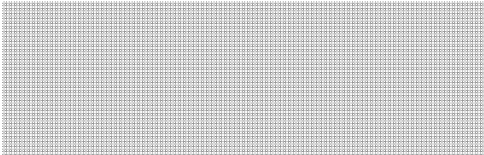
 I can not understand why you would be placing major, environmentally sensitive industries into the middle of our agricultural land. As urban sprawl increases, we are one of the last true examples of a farming community coexisting with neighboring large scale development. Why would you not strive to protect the quality of life and livelihood of your farming community?

Mr. Cotton, the County planner, referred many times during his discussion of the official plan to the balance council wishes to maintain and the attention it is giving to quality of life for residents. He talked about smart planning for growth during this important development phase of expansion following the newly expanded 417. Is it therefore smart to freeze development in the Braeside - River Road corridor in order to allow the operation of industry that could contaminate our water and air, deplete our ground source water, pollute our Ottawa River, devalue our properties, adversely affect the fertility of our livestock, increase odor, noise and traffic exponentially, and compromise the quality of our livestock feed as well as produce grown for human consumption?

What is the benefit to McNab Braeside of being a communal dump site for the waste of Renfrew County and surrounding areas? What is the argument that makes the potential dangers of an asphalt plant an acceptable risk? We all know someone or have had a loved one suffer with cancer. We spend the greatest part of our lives trying to minimize that risk and our own council would consider placing a considerable risk factor directly among its residents. Please explain to your constituents what value there could be in this?

Again, please record my opposition to any amendments to the official plan that would allow any of the aforementioned changes in our township. I await a personal response regarding your thoughts about the issues I have raised.

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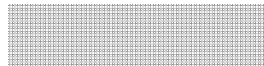
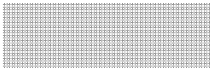
 we would like to register our opposition to any changes to the official plan that would allow an aggregate extraction increase, a permanent asphalt plant, concrete plant, wash plant or reed bed.

It is inevitable that these changes will affect residents of surrounding communities in a number of ways. Eventually, the carcinogenic particulate matter emanating from an asphalt plant will find its way to Arnprior in the forms of sedentary deposits carried on prevailing winds and acid rain. Run off to the Ottawa river from a proposed reed bed system in combination with the potential for human error resulting in accidental asphalt plant leaks deposited through fissures and cracks in the limestone quarry floor could contaminate our Ottawa River. The general quality of the air, airborne dust, and questionable drinking water will put my children at risk when visiting their cousins.

We implore you to consider the legacy you will be leaving in your wake if you allow the changes that would make possible these industrial expansions in this rural/agricultural community.

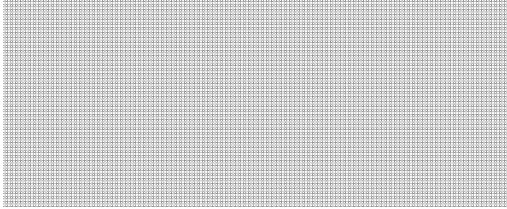
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Dear Mr. Stewart,

It is disappointing that neither you nor your fellow council members were available to attend Thursday night's meeting. It brought together many concerned residents of McNab-Braeside to share facts and information.

It is necessary for the public to know that the Braeside Pit Expansion is not "out of your hands". While it is a matter studied by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment, comments from the municipality do carry considerable weight when the MNR and MOE make decisions. Will council echo the desires of its constituents which were so clearly heard on Thursday evening?

It is necessary for the public to know that Council has the absolute final decision regarding the addition of a Permanent Asphalt Plant, Cement Batch Plant, and Portable Wash Plant in the Braeside Quarry. You can choose to deny the rezoning and you could even choose to pass a bylaw banning permanent asphalt and cement plants within our township. The councils of McDougall Township, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East have chosen to do just that. Will you?

The representative of Miller Paving Ltd. said it best himself when asked if he could guarantee the safety of the wells or water supply for the residents fed by the aquifer running under the quarry. While he could not make that guarantee, he did assure residents that there would be no more mistakes like the mishandled explosive detonation that cracked a driveway, muddied a well, cracked a foundation and shook a worker on a hydro pole. That is precisely the point. Accidents happen and regardless of studies and precautions, people make mistakes. A mistake at an asphalt plant will contaminate our alvar forever. Are you willing to take that chance?

Allowing the Braeside Quarry to pump up to 10,000,000 L/day of our surface and ground water for its proposed concrete plant would disrupt our local ecosystem and cause irreparable damage. While unwilling to discuss how this would affect the residents, the representative of Miller Paving could not understand the concern because it would never happen in his lifetime. Is this the position of council? Is it acceptable to make selfish and irresponsible decisions that will affect our children and our children's children

as long as it doesn't have an immediate effect on our lives?

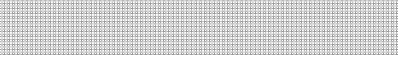
When residents share with you the statistics regarding the carcinogenic nature of asphalt plant particulate matter and the danger to our entire area as the prevailing winds will spread these contaminants all the way to Arnprior, we are not telling you anything you don't already know. It would appear that you choose not to hear the warnings.

Tell us what McNab-Braeside could possibly have to gain from turning its Braeside and River Road corridor into an industrial park? What could possibly be worth the cost of destroying our environment and plummeting the costs of our real estate? Why are you willing to let the rest of McNab-Braeside residents pick up the bill or lose services when our properties are reassessed and we pay less tax?

I wish to oppose all changes to the official plan that would allow an aggregate extraction increase, a permanent asphalt plant, concrete plant, wash plant or reed bed. Knowing all that has been shared, if council accepts the proposed plan as it stands, then it is clear that council is willing to officially plan for disaster.

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