

Bulletin #9 July 2012

McCormick Pit Licence Reapplication

Although Blueland Farms announced its intention to reapply for a licence to mine the McCormick Farm on Heart Lake Road this summer, the anticipated application has not materialized as yet.



Please note: Town of Caledon announcements are available on the Town Page of the local Caledon newspapers.

You can also take advantage of Ward 1 Councillor Doug Beffort's weekly mass distribution e-mail of this page. The Councillor welcomes new subscribers for this update doug.beffort@caledon.ca

Private Wells - good information

Here's a useful publication for the home owner whose water comes from a private well: **Well Aware - A guide for Well Owners** produced by Green Communities Canada. If you want to know more about your water supply, this is a handy primer - treatment systems, keeping well records, access to resources and much more. You can get information on how to order it by calling 705-745-7479 or download the latest revised [2011] issue from www.wellaware.ca/pages/EducationalMaterials.php

REDC and the Water issue

While REDC clearly has a point of view that we want to share with you, we believe that community members don't need information interpreted for them as much as they need access to information that will enable them to arrive at their own conclusions.

For this reason we direct you to documents and resources that we believe are helpful.

Recently we have witnessed some disagreement over the status of water supplies in Caledon. Obviously this is an important matter for everyone and healthy debate is essential.

We want to be sure that you have all the facts of which we are aware and in this spirit we suggest that you may want to take a closer look at the sources of some of the statements on the REDC website. In particular, Bulletin #6 and the Research behind Bulletin #6 in the REDC Bulletins page may be useful www.peopleforcaledon.com/newslist.asp?int_category=1004

We try to ensure that you can locate and examine sources and on that basis decide for yourselves if there is an issue with our water and if so how serious it is. We check our sources carefully and offer documentation in its entirety as back up that will give you the whole picture. Peel Region's study to find much needed new municipal water supplies for Alton and Caledon Villages has been posted - 419 pages: Caledon Village New Well Class Environmental Assessment Report, with all appendices www.peelregion.ca/pw/water/environ-assess/pdf/caledon-vill-new-well-ea-report-draft.pdf

The Kennedy Road site is identified as a very strong test well in the consultant's report which also details the reason that the hydrogeological sub-consultants were advised to withdraw it from further investigation.

A Development Agreement, related to a licence expansion [1996], between the Town, Region and Caledon Sand and Gravel which includes provisions to mine under Kennedy Road, appears to be the source of the decision to pass on the Kennedy site but this document is not appended to the report. It also appears that in the intervening years this test well has been badly damaged and its flow reduced. Whatever opinions are offered currently this is the official documentation.

Hopefully we all can agree that different points of view and interpretations will flourish even when people have the same information, so all we can do is try to gain access to the same sources of knowledge.

The REDC EMAP study continues...

The REDC EMAP is a scientific review of the interconnectivity of the 4 subwatersheds and how the natural heritage and environmental features are impacted by a 3800 acre corridor of aggregate development that is the epicentre of our study.

With your help approximately \$10,000 has been raised for Phase 1. We are set to develop criteria for Phase 2 which is the equally important analysis stage.



We're also working on a program of public education about the study. Any volunteers with the knowledge and expertise to help us out with that? We welcome your advice and assistance.

Please keep your donations coming.

When the next aggregate licence proposal comes forward either on the eastern or western edges of the Caledon to Belfountain industrial block, the closer our community is to having sufficient information, the more ready we will be to defend our position.

If you need more information please don't hesitate to contact REDC at info@peopleforcaledon.com

To contribute financially, as a volunteer, or by donating services:

Contact REDC at info@peopleforcaledon.com

Please address cheques to REDC Inc.

Mail to REDC Inc. Att: Treasurer, 17895 Heart Lake Road, Caledon Ontario L7K 2A3

Please be assured your e-mail information or mailing information will not be shared and will be used solely to update you on REDC activities. Thank you for your support of our common interest in our natural heritage and opposition to the McCormick Pit. If you wish to have your name removed from the update list please send your request to admin@peopleforcaledon.com