

People for Responsible Escarpment Development Caledon
(Formerly PitSense: Protecting the Escarpment)
17895 Heart Lake Road, Caledon Ontario L7K 2A3

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Please note the change of name of the PitSense Steering Committee: We have been informed that several past members of our Committee have formed a Board and have used our name to incorporate as PitSense Incorporated. We can no longer legally avail ourselves of the name PitSense in any form. As a result we have renamed the Committee: People for Responsible Escarpment Development Caledon.

This is our first bulletin and we've relied on the sign-up sheets at three events to form a request-for-updates list. Please be assured that your e-mail information or your mailing information will never be shared and will be solely used to update you on our activities that involve the McCormick Pit licence application. We thank you for your support in our common opposition to the McCormick Pit.

However if you wish to have your name removed from the update list please send your request to Gloria Reader at the address above or to responsible_caledon@hotmail.com

Our first fundraiser, the Neighbourhood Awareness Barbecue at the Kelly Farm on October the 16th was a success as measured by the supportive neighbourly spirit of the occasion and our most excellent returns. The weather was cooperative, our chef Nick Balaban provided the 'good eats' as advertised, the baking table donations offered an abundance of goodies and there was the Readers' honey to take home as a treat for later. The information handouts were a hit and we were fortunate to be visited by our Ward 1 candidates who stayed a while and enjoyed the day as did Mayor Morrison.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and donors who worked so hard and contributed so generously.

Future events are in the planning stage with the possibility of a concert in the spring. We'll update you as plans firm up.

The good news from the Coalition for Concerned Citizens Caledon on the OMB's denial of the Rockfort Quarry licence application has implications for our own struggle with the McCormick Pit application. Our committee is fortunate in having legal expertise and we'll be studying the decisions at Rockfort and at Puslinch (also a recent success story for community).

To date the Blueland Farms licence application, to mine the old McCormick Farm on Heart Lake Road for aggregate, has not been sent to the Town of Caledon for the prerequisite planning permissions. The Planning and Development Department has sent a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources reiterating this. The Mayor is on record with the Ministry of Natural Resources as being against the issuance of a Class A below water licence to Blueland Farms at this time. The Niagara Escarpment Commission has not received a Blueland Farms application to amend the Niagara Escarpment Plan which the McCormick Pit will require.

This pause in the process is an opportunity to inform ourselves and organize.

People for Responsible Escarpment Development Caledon is a new non-profit organization and we anticipate that our opposition to the McCormick Pit will be a long campaign. If we are to address the advance of pits across Caledon we will have to be a generous and active community.

If you would like more information about contributing financially, as a volunteer, or donating services please contact Gloria Reader at 519-927-3376.

Christine Shain, Chair, People for Responsible Escarpment Development Caledon
Gloria Reader, Chair, Fund Raising, Membership & Events

Mission

The mission of **People for Responsible Escarpment Development Caledon** is to prevent the unprincipled development and proliferation of aggregate mines in the Caledon area.

Our Goals

1. Provide a formal vehicle for the expression of concerns to regulatory agencies including the Town of Caledon, the Region of Peel and the Province of Ontario about the unprincipled proliferation of aggregate mines in the Town of Caledon.
2. Specifically oppose and defeat the application of Blueland Farms to develop a below watertable mine at 17736 Heart Lake Road contrary to a wide range of private and public interests.
3. Coordinate and strategize with other like-minded organizations such as Gravel Watch and community groups opposing mines in their own areas.
4. Serve as clearing house to provide and exchange opinions, data, articles and other information through the development of a website.