

Town of the Blue Mountains

August 27, 2018

Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Friends of the Pretty River Valley

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Executive Summary

Purpose:

- **Not** to change the Official Plan to Re-zone for Aggregate Extraction bordering The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park.
- **Not** to allow extraction below the water table

The Park

- One of Ontario's most pristine parks - **a Jewel**

Key Attributes...

- 120 Kilometres of trails
- Outstanding
 - Woodlands
 - Wildlife
 - Nature
- Appeals to all Seasons
 - Recreation
 - Tourist
 - Residents

Executive Summary

The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

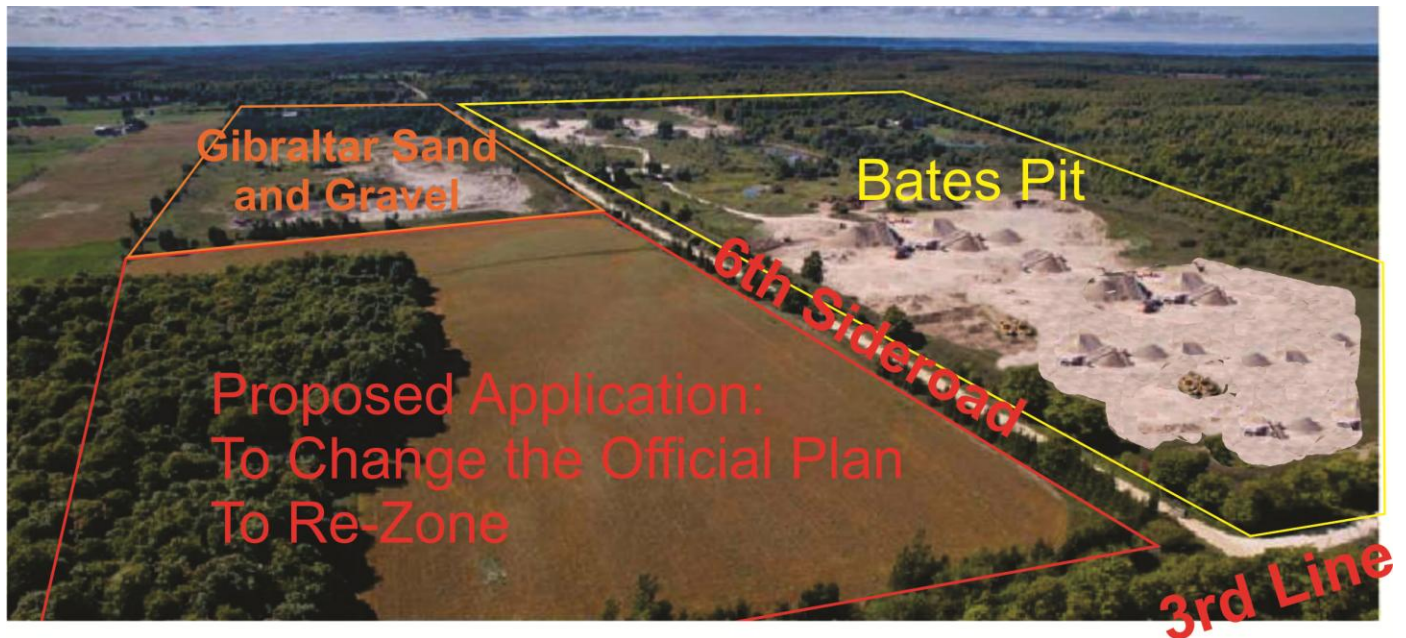
Proposed Application To Change the Official Plan to Re Zone



- Removal of Beautiful - Mature Woodlands
- The Huge Affect on Wildlife and Nature
- Current / Past Agriculture

Executive Summary

The Gateway to the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park



**Entrance to
Pretty River Valley Park
- 3 Stages**

The Bates Pit Covering - 4th Line to 3rd Line

You have to Experience - 2 Operating Pits

- The Devastation
- The Noise
- The Armada of Huge Gravel Trucks

Executive Summary

Communications

- We are here to reach out to council
- To work with council
 - Respect
 - Transparent

Background:

Opposed to the Application

- **July 2016** - The Friends of the Pretty River Valley
 - Web Site - Created
- **October 24, 2016** - 1085 Petition Signatures - Submitted
 - Achieved in 2 1/2 Months
- **November 14, 2016** Presentation - Deputation

The Journey

- May 2016 - The Sign
- Photo Gallery
- A "Must See"
- Duntroon / Walker Aggregates
- The Beauty / Magnificence of The Pretty River Environment

Executive Summary

The Focus:

<p style="text-align: center;">Preservation Not Devastation</p>
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- **April 4, 2018 - Committee of the Whole**
 - Presentation / Deputation

- **5 of 5 Councillors**
 - **Rejected** the Staff Report
 - **Rejected** the Application

- **April 16, 2018 - Council Meeting**
 - April 4, 2018 5 of 5 of 5 Councillors
Decision - **Not Ratified**
 - What happened in that **12 day period?**
 - Why was the April 4, 2018 decision
Not Ratified?

- Next Steps**
- Further Review
 - Present Additional Options

Executive Summary

- Staff Report - Disappointment

- One Policy after another cited

- No Review
 - No Analysis > **As It Relates To The Corporate Strategic Plan**

- No Economic Analysis as it relates - Tax Revenue generated

- Tourism
 - Recreation
 - Residential

Municipal Election - October 22, 2018

- 16 Candidates - 14 Supporting

- Not to Change the Official Plan to Re Zone

Executive Summary

We Reach Out to Council

- Conclude Your Mandate on a Positive Note
- Support the Wishes of Our Community

Not to Accept the Application

Not to Change the Official Plan to Re Zone

The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

- The Park

- The Environment

- Ecologically

- The Economics

- Comments

- The Community Request

The Park

- Attraction / Growth - Exponential
- A growth Engine for Our Community
- Ties in With our Tourism Business Model Pillar as a Destination Location
- The Site - "Under" Agriculture - Currently / Past
- **Essential the Park and Entrance is Preserved**
- **Focus -**

Preservation Not Devastation

- **Long Term Thinking** - Not Short Term

The Environment

- The Park is a **Jewel**
 - The Landscape - Most Beautiful
- The Application...

Decimate the Environment

- Projected: 2,700,000 Tons
 - Projected Pit Life: 60 Years - 3 Generations
 - Operating 6 Days a Week
 - + 44 More Gravel Trucks on the Road
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- The Devastation
 - The Noise
 - **The Affect**
 - On Wild Life
 - Endangered Species
 - Wood Lot
 - Vegetation - Flowers
 - **Massive Devastation**
 - **Landscape scarred forever**

Ecologically

- **The Water Table**
 - A Huge Issue
 - Not Right
 - **Don't Disturb** - The Natural Flow and Run Off
 - **Dramatic Effects** to the Whole Area
 - **Negative Effects** - Totally Unpredictable

Economics

The Town Business Model

- **The Park - Key Economic Driver**
 - **Taxes Generated...**
 - Residential
 - Recreation
 - Tourism
- Infinitum
- Solid Growing Base

**Dollars / Revenue Generated
Trumps
Aggregate**

- **A Pit Has a Life Span**
- The Town Business Model - **Employment Opportunities**
 - Retail
 - Restaurants
 - Accommodation
 - Sports Clinics Etc.

Will Continue to Grow

Comments

- The Application is **Based** Solely on Business Profit
- The Owners **DO NOT** Have a Vested Interest in our Community
- The Application **Totally Contravenes:**
 - Corporate Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020
 - Mayor's Message
 - The Vision Statement
 - The Mission Statement
 - Corporate Values Statement
 - Strategic Goals and Objectives
 - Sustainable Path
- **A Decision of this Magnitude Should Not Be Based On Historical, Outdated Legislation and Policies**

The Basis

- Common Sense

- Long Term Thinking

Comments

Municipal Election - October 22, 2018 New Council

Candidate Support

Not To Change the Official Plan to Re Zone

Mayor · 3 Candidates

Gail Ardiel	Will Support
Alan Soever	Will Support
David Wilding Davies	Non Committal

Deputy Mayor · 3 Candidates

Michael Martin	Will Support
Odette Bartnicki	Will Support
Paul Mitchell	Will Support

Comments

Candidate Support Cont'd

Councillors · 10 Candidates

1. Peter Bordignon	Will Support
2. Rob Sampson	Will Support
3. Paula Hope	Will support
4. June Porter	Will support
5.6. John White	Will support
6. Andrea Matrosovs	Will support
7. Rob Potter	Will support
8. Alexander Maxwell	Will Support
9. Terrence Pettit	Will Support
10. Jim Uram	Non Committal

The Community Request

- April 4, 2018 - Committee of the Whole
- 5 of 5 Councillors - Rejected The Staff Report
 - Rejected The Application
- Joe Halos
- Michael Martin
- John McGee
- Bob Gamble
- Michael Sequin
- As Tax Paying Citizens, Who Passionately Believe in our Community
 - We Reach Out to Council
 - Our Elected Officials
- Protect Our Treasure
- Conclude Your Governing Mandate on a Positive Note
- Support the Wishes of Our Community
- Not to Accept the Application
- Not to Change the Official Plan to Rezone

**On Behalf
of**

The Friends of the Pretty River Valley

We Thank you for your Time