



August 18, 2020

To Karen Redman and Sandy Shantz

Cc Premier Doug Ford

Mike Harris, MPP, Kitchener-Conestoga

Re: Capital Paving Inc. – Proposed Shantz Station Pit

Since Capital Paving Inc. filed its applications to develop a gravel pit on the Wagner Farm I have opposed the pit. I understand that the applications are still under consideration by both the Township and the Region. It is increasingly important that the applications be denied in light of what the Premier has recently said about a proposed quarry in Campbellville. In response to citizen demands that the quarry not go forward the Premier said “I believe in governing for the people...when the people don’t want something you don’t do it...folks, you are the boss...you don’t put something in that the whole community is dead against...the mayor doesn’t want it...no one wants it...I don’t want it... we are going to make sure that it doesn’t happen...” (emphasis added)

In this Campbellville case the municipality stood up for the community. The mayor was against the proposal. Obviously, the strong opposition of the community, supported by elected officials made a difference to the

Premier. Please, Chair Redman and Mayor Shantz, lead your councils to the right decision for the Region of Waterloo, the Township of Woolwich and the Village of Maryhill. Remember that the lands have never been mapped for aggregate extraction. Remember that the lands are located in a “Prime Agricultural Area. Shouldn’t aggregate mapping adopted by the Region count for something? Shouldn’t this mapping give citizens some certainty about where an aggregate proposal could arise? Shouldn’t we value lands that produce our food? On lands that have not been identified for aggregate extraction should we really prioritize gravel over food?

Finally, remember that the lands on which the pit is to be developed come within 250m of the Village of Maryhill. Should the residents of the village have an industrial operation so close to their homes, on prime agricultural land?

Please stand with the community in going to the Premier to say “we don’t want the gravel pit...no one wants it...”

Name

(Print Name)

(Signature)

Address

*Safe and Healthy Communities*  
*Protection of our Ground Water*  
*Preservation of our Environment and wetlands*  
*The Values of the Township Official Plan*  
*Preservation of our Cultural Heritage*  
*Protecting our Prime Agricultural Farmland*