

November 3, 2022

To: Corrina Giles  
cc Geordie Dalglish

From: Ian Sinclair

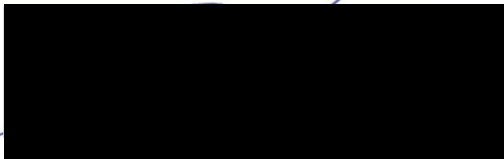
Subject: **Council - Letter Distribution**

Hi Corrina - Trust you are well.

Would you please distribute my letter / presentation to all council members.

I would also appreciate the letter / presentation being presented at the next council meeting.

Trust all is in order.



Ian Sinclair  
The Friends of the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

To

Mayor            Alar Soever

Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon

Councillors:    Paula Hope  
                      Andrea Matrosovs  
                      Rob Sampson  
                      Bill Abbotts

**New Council - November 2022**

Mayor            Andrea Matrosovs

Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon

Councillors     Gail Ardiel  
                      Paula Hope  
                      Alex Maxwell  
                      Shawn McKinlay  
                      June Porter

From : Ian Sinclair

cc    Georgie Dalglish  
      Blue Mountain Rate Payers Association  
      Dave Loopstra

## **Subject: The Why's / The Unknowns**

- Why - The Lowest Voter Turnout
- Why - Low Trust in Elected Officials
- Why - Do Politicians Break Campaign Promises
- Why - Do Elected Officials Not Carry Out the Wishes of the Community
- Why - Do Politicians Do What They Want

## **Overview: A Living Case**

The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

**The Journey - Started May 2016 6 Years Later Continues On...**

- Numerous Presentations
- Ton of Time / Stress / Money

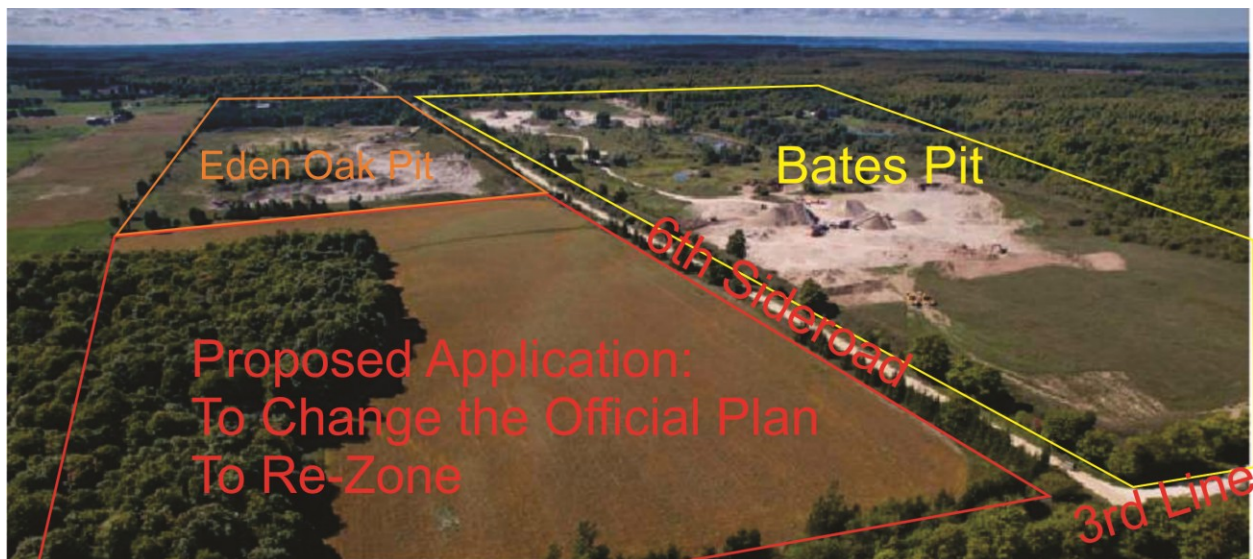
## The Journey

The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

Ontario's #2 Park

A Jewel

The Gateway



Re-Zoned Area **2,700,000 Tons**

Proposed Pit Life **60 years**

3 Generation Span

## **The Facts**

**#2 Park** in Ontario - A Jewel

**The Official Plan** - How Firm - **Mis-Management** by Council  
Allowed a Change In the Official Plan from From Agriculture to  
Aggregate Extraction

**Contravenes** - Corporate Strategic Plan  
- Operating Pillars  
- Vision / Missions Statements  
- Sustainable Path

**September 24, 2018** - Council Meeting  
Motion Ratified to Vigorously Oppose the Application

**Council- How Firm - Motion Changed - Diluted**

**The Will** of the Community Not Supported

**Campaign Promise** - Stop the Pit - Not Kept

## **The Opportunity -**

- Newly Elected Council

**Correct the Historical Wrongs**

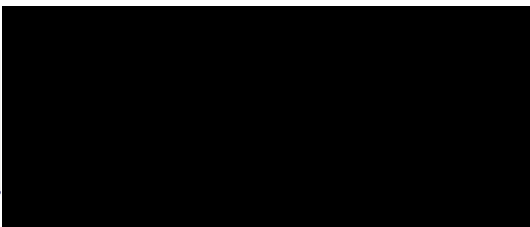
**Purchase the Site From Gibraltar Sand and Gravel**

**The Park - Key Community Importance**

**Destination Location**

- Tourism
- Recreation

Trust All is in Order.



**The Friends of the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park**

# **Complete Fact Based Presentation**

**March 16, 2021**

**The Journey**

**May 2016 - March 2021**

**\* March 2021 to October 2022**

**On-Going Reach Outs**

March 16, 2021

Mayor Alar Soever

Deputy Mayor Rob Potter

Councillors: Peter Bordignon

Paula Hope

Andrea Matrosovs

Rob Sampson

Jim Uram

32 Mill Street,

The Town of the Blue Mountains, Ontario

N0H 2P0

Dear Council, Good Day:

**Letter Purpose:**

**To Reach Out To Council For Support...**Direct Staff to purchase (from Gibraltar Sand and Gravel) the Property - 6th Side Road/3rd Line - adjacent to the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park.

I would appreciate this letter being Presented At the Next Council Meeting - Agenda



## **Overview:**

During the past few months council has purchased property for the **Future Growth** - Town of Thornbury.

## **Recap:**

- Arthur Street: \$ 895,000.00
- Napier Street: \$ 425,000.00
- 125 Peel Street: \$3,450,000.00
- Grand Total \$4,770,000.00

## **The Business Model:**

The Town of the Blue Mountains **Economic Driver and Main Pillar is Tourism**. The draws are Our Natural Treasures and Recreational Opportunities - all seasons.

**Invest Dollars:** In The Business Model Drivers

**The pandemic has, and will continue to, accelerate this growth. - Tourism/Recreation**

## **The Opportunity**

Numerous articles/interviews have been published highlighting the growth facts - **Tourism and Recreation** i.e. The Park

A key challenge for the Town - Parking At Trail Heads.

- Presently
- Future

**Suggestion:**

**Develop a strategy** - To purchase the said Property. It is a **Natural Location** to tie in with the Pretty River Valley Provincial Park.

**A Win - Win for the Town and Community**

- **The Community** - has voiced their request of the council they elected.
- **The Importance** - The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park
- **Stop the Pit**

**Please Note -**

**Key Observations - The Facts**

**The Journey - The Facts**

Yours Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Ian Sinclair

The Friends of the Pretty River Valley Park

cc Geordie Dalglish, Don Avery, J McInnis, Brian Paddy

## Key Observations

### The Facts



- **The Official Plan to Re-Zone Should Not Have Been Changed**  
**From Agriculture**  
**to**  
**Aggregate Extraction**
- **Not Allow** Extraction Below the Water Table
- **Corporate Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020**
  - **Contravenes** - All Operating Pillars and Statements
  - Sustainable Path

## **Key Observations**

### **The Facts**

**Opportunity Fulfilment** - Keep A Campaign Promise

### **STOP THE PIT**

### **The Town Business Model**

- **The Park** - Key Economic Driver
- **Taxes Generated**
  - Tourism
  - Recreation
  - Residential

**Infinitum** - Solid Growing Base

### **Destination Location**

**Revenue Generated Trumps Aggregate**

**A Pit** Has a Life Span

**The Owners** - Are Not Invested In Our Community

**Only Focus** - Business Profit

## Key Observations

### The Facts

#### The Park

- #2 Park in Ontario - A Jewel
- 120 km - Trails
  - Outstanding - Woodlands
  - Wildlife
  - Nature

**The Pit Will Have A Huge Affect On The Above**

**ESSENTIAL THE PARK  
ENTRANCE  
IS PRESERVED**

## Key Observations

### The Facts

#### General

#### It Begs the Questions...

1. **The Official Plan** - How Firm - If it Can be Easily Changed?
2. **Corporate Strategic Plan** - Operating Pillars, Vision, Mission Statement, Sustainable Path...How Firm - If Not Followed At All
3. **Ratified Motion** - Vigorously Opposed - How Firm - If It Can Be Changed?
4. **The Will Of The Community** - How Firm - When Not Supported?
5. **Campaign Promise** - How Firm - When Not Kept?

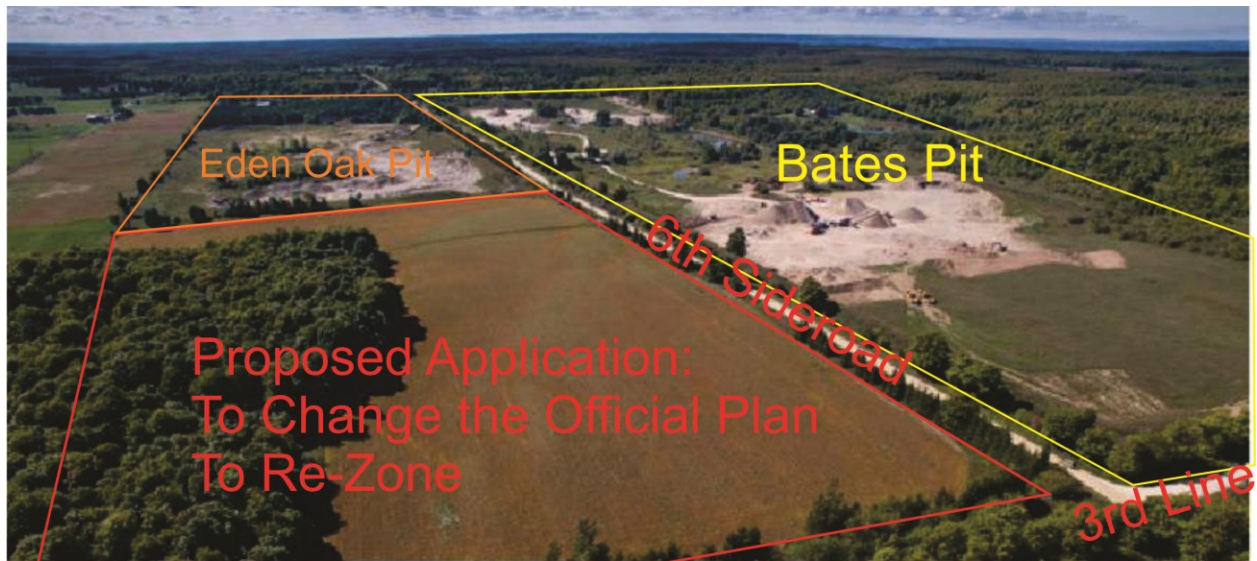
## The Journey

The Pretty River Valley Provincial Park

Ontario's #2 Park

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The Gateway



- Projected - Re-Zoned Area **2,700,000 Tons**
- **150,000 Tons** - Extracted Below the Watertable
- Proposed Pit Life **60 years**

Generation Span - **3**

## **The Journey**

### **Duntroon - Learning Experience**

- Duntroon/Walker Aggregates

### **A Must See**

A Parallel Situation  
6th Side Road

- **2 Massive Pits** - Divided By a Narrow Dirt Road

### **The Park** Key Community Importance

- Destination Location
  - Tourism
  - Recreation



## **The Journey**

### **Deputation Purposes - Stop the Pit**

#### **To Reach Out to Council**

- **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
- **To Vigorously** oppose the application
- **Support** the Will of the Community
- **Protect** a Blue Mountain Treasure - A Nodal Park

**Preservation  
Not  
Devastation**

**The Journey**  
**May 2016-March 2021**

**Stop the Pit**

**May 2016**      · The Sign - Site

**July 2016**      - The Friends of the Pretty River Valley Formed  
                         - Web Site              - Created

**July/August / September 2016**

- **Full Media Support - Campaign**
  - T.V.
  - Radio
  - Print - Newspapers, Magazines
- **Scott Thornton / Jeff MacInnis - Video**
  - 5,000 + views
  - **Achieved in + 2 weeks**

**October 2016** - **1085 Supportive Petition Signatures** Submitted  
to Council  
- Achieved in 2 1/2 Months

**November 14, 2016**

- Presentation / Deputation - COW

## **The Journey**

**April 4, 2018** - Presentation / Deputation - COW

- **5 of 5 Councillors**
- Rejected the staff report
- Rejected the application

**April 16, 2018** - Council Meeting

- April 4, 2018- Motion NOT Ratified
- Motion Passed - Further review
  - Present additional options

**May 2018** - The Friends Incorporated - Association

**The Friends** - Legal Appeal **Grey County's Decision to Accept** the Application to Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone  
- March 22, 2018 - The Friends were not aware of the meeting

- **Town Legal Appeal** - Grey County  
- Grey County Should Not have made their decision before the Town

- **Friends** - Appeal Town - Request a Seat at the Town Planning Table

## The Journey

### June 2018

- Applicant filed an application to LPAT
- 210 Days Expired - Town Council - No Decision

No Follow-Up - April 16, 2018 Motion

### August 7, 2018 - Brian Hunt Video

- + 25 000 views - *Stop the Pit*
- Achieved in + 3 Weeks

### September 10, 2018

- Presentation/Deputation - COW
- Motion Passed to **VIGOROUSLY Oppose The Application to Change The Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction**

### September 24, 2018

- Council Meeting
- September 10, 2018- Motion Ratified to **Vigorously Oppose**

### October 22, 2018

- Municipal Election
- Campaign Promise
- **16 candidates - 14 Supported NOT** to Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone

## **The Journey**

### **October 23, 2018**

- Municipal Election
- Elected Winners
- **6 of 7 Support** Not to Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone - **Campaign Promise**

### **October 29, 2018**

- Town Meeting
- Information Exchange/Strategy

#### **Friends**

Geordie Daglish  
Don Avery  
Ian Sinclair

#### **Town**

Shawn Everitt  
Nathan Westendorp  
Leo Longo (Council)

### **November 2018**

- LPAT Meeting

### **January 31, 2019**

- Update/Review

#### **Friends**

Geordie Daglish  
Don Avery  
Ian Sinclair

#### **Town**

Alar Soever  
Rob Sampson  
Shawn Everitt  
Nathan Westendorp  
Leo Longo (Council)

## **The Journey**

**October 16, 2019**

- Special Council Meeting
- Presentation - The Friends
- Ian Sinclair

**October 16, 2019**

- Council - Closed Meeting

**The Ratified Motion by the previous council - To Vigorously Oppose the Application to Change the Official Plan to Re-Zone for Aggregate Extraction**

### **Dramatically Diluted**

**November 2019**

- The Friends Withdrew - LPAT Meeting

**January 2020**

- The Town Withdrew - LPAT Meeting

**March 20, 2020**

- Town Agreement Reached With Applicant
  - **Settlement** - +95% In Applicant Favour
  - 95% - Original Application

## **The Journey**

**Bottom Line** - A 5 Year Journey - That Should Never Have Happened

**ONLY RESOLVE** - Town Purchase The Property