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Regional Planning and Economic Development Committee
October 5, 2023
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way,
Thorold, ON, L2V 4T7

Members: Re: Statutory Public Meeting, Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA-21-0003), Proposed Uppers Quarry, City of Niagara Falls

Part of Lots 119, 120, 136, and 137,
between Thorold Townline Road and Beechwood Road, north of a Hydro One corridor

1) I have lived in this agricultural community between Niagara Falls and Thorold and between the Niagara Escarpment and the Welland River, all of my life. I stand opposed to the location of a Quarry in this shrinking Specialty Crop Area. An Ontario Municipal Board Urban Boundary Decision dated Feb. 9, 1979, pulled in and decreased the urban area here and further, --concluded on pages 9 and 10, that the area described above had capability for the growing of fruit and grapes. The Walker proposal was in part former fruit and grape farms but such crops could have been planted anywhere on the Amendment lands.

The City of Niagara Falls, the Region and the Province have proof of this fruit and grape capability.

The current Regional Mapping designation of "Prime" is inaccurate. The correct designation should be "Specialty Crop" lands which would qualify them for

Inclusion in the GREENBELT. In my opinion, the amendment is proceeding based on false mapping and should be taken to court by taxpayers.

2) The Shriners Creek Environmental Impact Study of 1976, also examined some of the nearby pike spawning Beaverdams Creek Watershed and the Amendment area. Volume Two, Maps G7 and G8 reveal well water recharge area and direction of groundwater flow. We have grave concerns regarding this quarry's threat to well water supply and contamination.

3) The area of the Fernwood subdivision across the road from the proposed

quarry is a continuation of the aggregate resource, yet was not protected from urban development by the Region, City or the Province. Nor was its elimination as an aggregate source, opposed by Walker Industries, who now claim there is a great need for this product.

4)In the 1960's, the Niagara Escarpment Commission was so impressed with the richness of this entire agricultural area as described in point one above, that they wanted to Include all of it under N.E.C. control , but the politicians of that time continually shrunk that control to the current skeleton with Mountain Rd. as the southern N.E.C. boundary.

Here was found flourishing dairy and grape farms together with family sized orchards. Mr. John Della Pasqua operated a fruit farm north of Uppers Lane on the subject lands.

Three major spring fed streams flowed through this unique Agricultural community, teeming with three foot long pike and many other varieties of fish.

Large unique wetland forests further impressed N.E.C. scientists

Two grape kings were crowned , one on Beaverdams Rd. (Mr. Davis) and one on Townline Rd. (Mr. Lemick).

Both climate (high heat unit) and soil (Haldimand Clay Loam) support a designation of "Specialty Crop "for the entire geographic area as outlined in point one above.

I wish to be notified of Regional Council's decision and that of the city of Niagara Falls and the Province.

Yours truly, Jean Grandoni, [REDACTED] Niagara Falls, Ontario, [REDACTED]

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