

# Annual Report

## 2004-2005



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F O R C E

Friends of Rural Communities  
and the Environment



March 2005

Dear *FORCE* Supporter;

Together we have already come a long way on our journey to defeat Lowndes Holdings Corp. but we still have a long way to travel. We can succeed, and together we will succeed. Ten months ago, we were a collection of citizens outraged by the prospect of a large scale limestone quarry ruining our rural way of life. Today we are a community of concerned, and much better informed, citizens who are effectively leading a campaign against an aggregates developer who appears to be both persistent and determined. We promised that our anger would turn to conviction, and our conviction into action, and that's exactly what we have done.

Our activities of the last ten months fall into three categories: Fact Finding, Case Building, and Relationship Making.

While many of us have had some exposure to city by-laws and zoning regulations, it isn't everyday that a citizens' group needs to understand the process of applying for permission to establish a large industrial mining operation. In conjunction with our legal counsel, we have done that and while the procedure is complex, we now understand both the players and the processes. With this understanding, we know when and where we need to engage in order to be successful. We also have collected boxes and boxes of reports and studies that will be relevant to our fight. We can now present the right facts, to the right people, at the right time.

To those of us who live here our case was obvious. This proposed industrial operation is an incompatible land use with the existing rural and agriculture residents. But what we have been able to do is connect the various rules and regulations in order to make our case within the legislative framework. Knowing that digging a several hundred acre large hole, 40 meters in depth, will affect our wells is common sense; but to be effective we needed to get an expert to quantify that fact and express it in terms of the regulations that govern watershed management. We have hired experts to do that for groundwater management and several other key areas. We have our case, and it is strong.

Finally, we have made relationships. We have expressed our concerns to officials in the Town of Milton, the City of Burlington, the Region of Halton, and the City of Hamilton. We have introduced ourselves to both politicians and city staff who are responsible for this matter. They have listened to us and in many cases they have echoed our concerns. We have met with members of the Provincial Government and made written and oral submissions on several occasions. In fact, we were invited to present in front of the Committee studying the Greenbelt Legislation in order to make our case that the Greenbelt Legislation should apply to this proposed development. We have met with agencies such as Conservation Halton and the Hamilton-Wentworth Federation of Agriculture. All the key players know who we are, why we are concerned, and how we plan to fight this intrusion into our communities.

Lowndes Holdings Corp. has time and money on its side; we have the facts of the situation on our side. Many of the officials that we have spoken to have commented, of their own free will, on the challenges that the proponent will face in getting this development approved. But despite even the restrictions of the Greenbelt Plan, Lowndes Holdings Corp. has not withdrawn its application. It is business as usual for them. That

doesn't deter us. We understand the process, we have the facts, and we have built the relationships required to get our side of the story out.

We are ready for the fight. This is about a business venture for Lowndes Holdings Corp., a way to make a profit. For us this is about our families, our children, and our way of life. In many ways, they may have underestimated the calibre of our people and the commitment we have made to protect our homes, farms, and families.

The City of Hamilton has assembled a team that will evaluate the Lowndes Holdings Corp. application. It will be months before that peer review process is complete. They will then need to go through consultations with surrounding Municipalities and Agencies, and then conduct formal Public Meetings. Only after all that will the matter go to the Hamilton City Council for a decision. Even if the City of Hamilton rejects the application, Lowndes Holdings has every right to appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. That would require FORCE supporters to expend even more volunteer time and commit more dollars to this fight. We will do that of course, because giving up is not an option!

We have chosen to prepare an Annual Report, as we feel an obligation to report back to the Community, to acknowledge the implicit contract we struck when neighbours began to commit funds and volunteer time to this campaign. This report contains both the story of how FORCE came to be and how a citizens' group has been able to challenge a proposed large-scale, below the established groundwater table, aggregate development. You will find evidence of what we have achieved together in the form of quotes from the various reports on the quarry application. We have included an excerpt from our audited financial statements to show where our money is being invested.

This Annual Report is a summary of our successes thus far, with your continued support those successes will continue.

***Together we will succeed!***

Graham Flint  
FORCE Chairperson

***"Residents and business owners near the proposed quarry site are exceptionally well organized - under the acronym FORCE - in opposing the quarry."***

*Halton Planning & Public Works Information Report PPW156-04, October 18, 2004*



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## **FORCE - Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment** **May 2004 - March 2005**

**Our story began when City of Hamilton Councilor, Margaret McCarthy**, invited Lowndes Holdings Corp. to disclose their intentions at a Community meeting on June 3rd, 2004. Her office had received calls from concerned citizens to confirm a rumour of a quarry going into farmland on the 11th Concession. Even before the meeting began, the Carlisle Community Centre was packed with interested observers. Latecomers found space standing against the walls. By meeting's end, these citizens were outraged and ready to organize.

Many of these same individuals, and even more, attended a second meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2004 in Lawson Park. That night, they were galvanized to action when over 300 citizens selected a steering committee to guide our communities through the task of opposing the development of an open pit industrial mining operation on the 11th Concession. That operation, if approved, would be a daily menace, pumping millions of gallons of water every day from our aquifers, introducing over 1000 truck trips per day on our country roads, and disturbing an environment zoned agricultural and designated as environmentally significant.

**FORCE was created**, officially, to oppose the quarry when we became registered and incorporated as a not-for-profit organization on June 28th 2004. The title of the citizens' group, Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE) was selected to clearly identify who we are and to speak positively about what we want to protect.

Furthermore, the acronym, FORCE, was consistent with the mental and moral strength that we would muster to consistently and positively direct attention to the issues of the proposed quarry. We continued to state that no reasonable person would approve aggregate extraction in this area designated by the Hamilton-Wentworth Official Plan (April 1998) as Environmentally Significant Lands.

Furthermore, the province has documented this tract as containing Provincially Significant Wetlands, housing the headwaters of the Bronte Creek. We persist in stating that **these lands contain the water source for nearby communities**. They should continue to be farmed and preserved.

It was substantive claims about the nature of the area that gave our cause credibility and fuelled our energy. Within a short time, the work of the steering

committee and dozens of other volunteers became visible through the placement of over **800 hundred lawn signs**. Additionally, local shopkeepers posted signs on their buildings and landowners agreed to the installation of billboard-sized signs along Milborough Line, Steeles Avenue, Centre Road and Highway #6.

What was not visible was the **thousands of hours that volunteers spent preparing briefs, building relationships** within the various levels of government and hiring and consulting with technical and legal advisors.

**The City of Hamilton became engaged** on September 20, 2004 when Lowndes Holdings Corp. finally submitted their application, some 900 pages, for an Open Pit Limestone Aggregate Operation. By that date, the FORCE Steering committee had already met thirteen times. Our response to this application was to meet the proponent's submission on every technical item that they put forth. The majority of funds committed by citizens in 2004 were used to prepare the necessary expert reports on ecology and hydrogeology. A third report compiled by a volunteer group of citizens with technical and professional expertise addressed issues of noise, particulate matter, environmental health, biology and social economy. These reports will be submitted to the City of Hamilton as input to the peer review process documenting the Community's opposition. Should Lowndes Holdings Corp. revise or add to their submission, these community reports will be re-examined and updated as required.

**Our citizens rallied** in this first year to deliver a substantial financial commitment. We had predicted that \$100,000 per year was required to be effective as an informed and capable opposition to the proposed quarry. By December 31st 2004 \$154,000 had been raised. (The financial reporting section of this document illustrates how important these funds were to our early successes.) By the end of December, close to \$105,000 had already been invested.

In many ways, it did not seem fair that with our current tax burden that we should have to extract more hard-earned dollars from our pockets. Nor did it seem right that we should have to take scarce family time to fight a battle with a quarry operator. However, we knew that Lowndes Holdings Corp. would like nothing more than for us to give up, give

in, and let the trucks start rolling.

The best part of this campaign to Stop the Quarry has been watching our community pull together. The commitment to posting signs, delivering letters/flyers and to signing cheques has been remarkable.

As we approach the First Year Anniversary of this potential intrusion into our Communities, we can look back and see the significant results we have had **in fact finding, case building, and relationship making.** (A full chronology of activities is presented later in this report.)

A critical victory we achieved this winter was the passage of a specific regulation in conjunction with the Greenbelt Legislation. That regulation ensured that the Greenbelt rules apply to applications such as the one submitted by Lowndes Holdings. That victory was not an accident. FORCE attended public meetings and made submissions and presentations to legislative committees to express our concerns. We succeeded and are very pleased to be covered by the Greenbelt Legislation designed to protect Agricultural and Green-space areas within the Golden Horseshoe.

**Unfortunately, despite the fact that we believe the Lowndes Holding Corp. application does not conform to the Greenbelt Legislation, the proponent persists in its application.** Therein lies our challenge. Every day, every week, every month that we wait for a decision costs us money and leaves the threat of this incompatible development hanging over our communities.

If the City of Hamilton rejects the quarry application without a full review, Lowndes Holdings could appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). That is the proponent's right. Furthermore, it is due process. In fact his application could still cause us grief, time and money if he chooses the OMB route after a rejection by the city. But in that case, at least the City will be working with us.

**We must maintain a visible FORCE of opposition,** and for that level of fight, we will need to engage in a second round of fundraising in 2005. There are still bills to pay as we complete submissions to advocate against Lowndes Holdings with the City of Hamilton. **Please do your part to make sure that we do not have a shortfall before we have completed the process.**

**We could not have made the gains we have without the help of our elected representatives, Margaret McCarthy, City Councillor, and Ted**

**McMeekin,** Member of Provincial Parliament. Both have been steadfast supporters of FORCE from the outset. They introduced us to decision-makers, alerted us to key events, and provided outstanding background support. **Thank you!**

The relationships that we have forged with councillors and staff at the City of Hamilton, Region of Halton, City of Burlington, Town of Milton, and members of Conservation Halton and the Hamilton Wentworth Federation of Agriculture have been essential to our fact-finding and case building processes. People from these organizations have been supportive with their time and wisdom.

Several groups have also contributed to this first round of success. Our two local schools (Balaclava and Our Lady of Mount Carmel) have been visible in their opposition to the quarry as has been the Mountsberg Women's Institute who created a beautiful quilt which they raffled to help raise much needed funds.

**Our Communities thank these people and organizations!**

**In summary,** all of us should be pleased with the credibility that FORCE has established and the positive responses that FORCE has received to date. Much has happened since those hot summer evenings in packed meeting rooms. As we enter the next stretch of this important opposition, we believe it is important to take stock and to affirm the successes that we have achieved in our first fiscal year of operation.

We have documented on the next few pages the measures that we consider important. They include:

- An Audited Financial Report
- Excerpts from Relevant Reports
- An Activity Report that highlights:
  - Numbers and types of submissions/presentations made by FORCE to various levels of government
  - Media Coverage
  - Community Events
  - Steering Committee Meetings
  - Bulletins produced by FORCE

In closing, the Steering Committee would like to thank the citizens of Hamilton and Halton for this opportunity to represent them on this critical issue. We have learned much and made many new friends.

***Together we will Succeed!***





## Steering Committee:

**Chair & Spokesperson:**

*Graham Flint*

**Vice Chair & Strategy:**

*Mark Rudolph*

**Legal Coordination:**

*Michele Ryan*

**Community Outreach:**

*Tom Weinstein, Jan Whitelaw, Herb Lawson*

**Technical Coordination:**

*Jerry (Joseph) Bloom, Jim Forbes, James Van Hees,*

**Fundraising:**

*Greg Ryan, Michael Brazeau,*

**Finance & Treasury:**

*Silke Flint*

**Communication:**

*Shaun Donnelly*

*“Thank you for a very professional presentation (on behalf of FORCE) last evening.”*

*Brian Penman, Milton Councillor, following the Milton Administration & Planning Committee meeting, January 17, 2005*

## Not-For-Profit Governance Report:

Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE) was registered as a not-for-profit organization on June 28th, 2004.

The name was selected by the Steering Committee (elected on June 9th, 2004) after corporate searches were undertaken to ensure that the name was available for the not-for-profit corporation and not in use by some other organization.

A structure to guide the work of the Steering Committee was developed and approved. It includes:

- Adoption of Formal Bylaws
- Corporate Resolutions to Define Officers & Directors (Officers include: Chair, Vice-Chair, & Treasurer)
- Corporate Resolutions to define Members
- Corporate Resolutions to define Processes for Financial & Contractual Matters
- Policies regarding the Collection & Protection of Personal Information
- Policies regarding Conflict of Interest & Required Disclosure
- Securing of Directors' Liability Insurance and General Commercial Liability Insurance
- Appointment of Auditors

## Community Commitment Report:

**255** Households - 55% of households gave \$500 or more; \$451 is the average household contribution for a total of **\$115,057**

**36** Businesses - 64% of businesses gave \$500 or more: \$993 is the average business contribution for a total of **\$35,750**



## FRIENDS OF RURAL COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (FORCE) Statement of Operations and Net Assets

The accompanying condensed financial statements represents an extract from the annual audited financial statement of FORCE - Friends of Rural Communities & the Environment for the year ended December 31, 2004.

A complete set of statements, together with the report of our auditors, Martyn Dooley & Partners, Chartered Accountants is available on our website.

### Period Ended December 31, 2004

#### Revenue

Individual contributions	\$ 115,057
Business contributions	35,750
Quilt raffle	3,291
Interest	34
	<u>154,132</u>

#### Expenses

##### Technical Experts

Ecology	10,700
Geographic information systems	42,860
Hydrogeology	5,350
Legal	35,120
Research materials	75
	<u>94,105</u>

##### Community Activities

Badges and business cards	536
Canvasser training handbooks	375
Community meeting expenses	248
Newsletter delivery	379
Flyer printing	1,809
Quilt raffle expenses	351
Signage	4,840
	<u>8,538</u>

##### Expenses Related to Incorporation

Audit fees	300
Insurance	56
Legal fees	894
	<u>1,250</u>

##### Operating Costs

Bank service charges	116
Meeting expenses	133
Office supplies	216
Parking	68
Telephone	208
Website	192
	<u>933</u>

104,826





**Excess of Revenue over Expenses and  
Net Assets, End of Period**

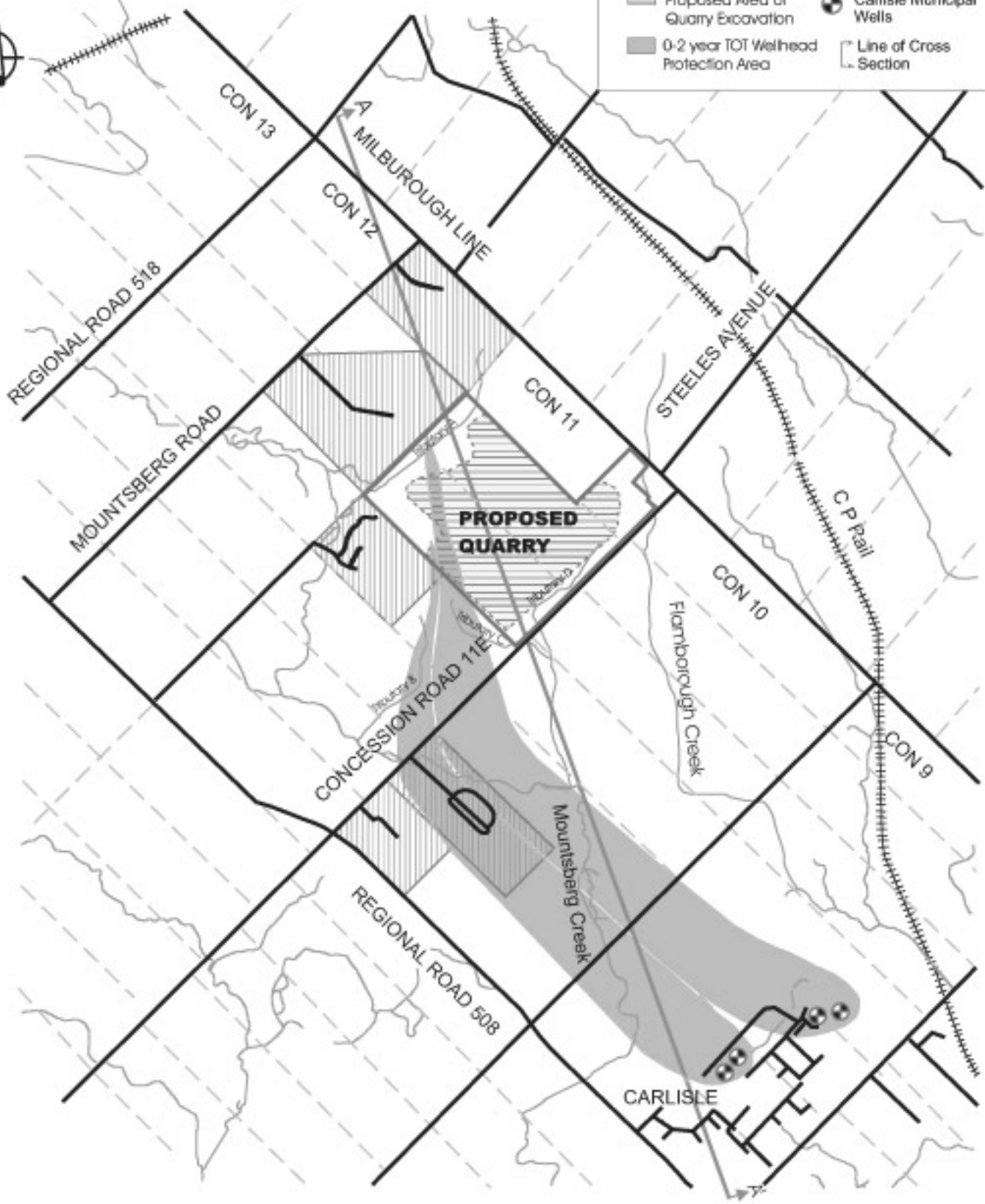
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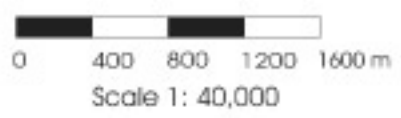
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-  0-2 year TOT Wellhead Protection Area
-  Carlisle Municipal Wells
-  Line of Cross Section

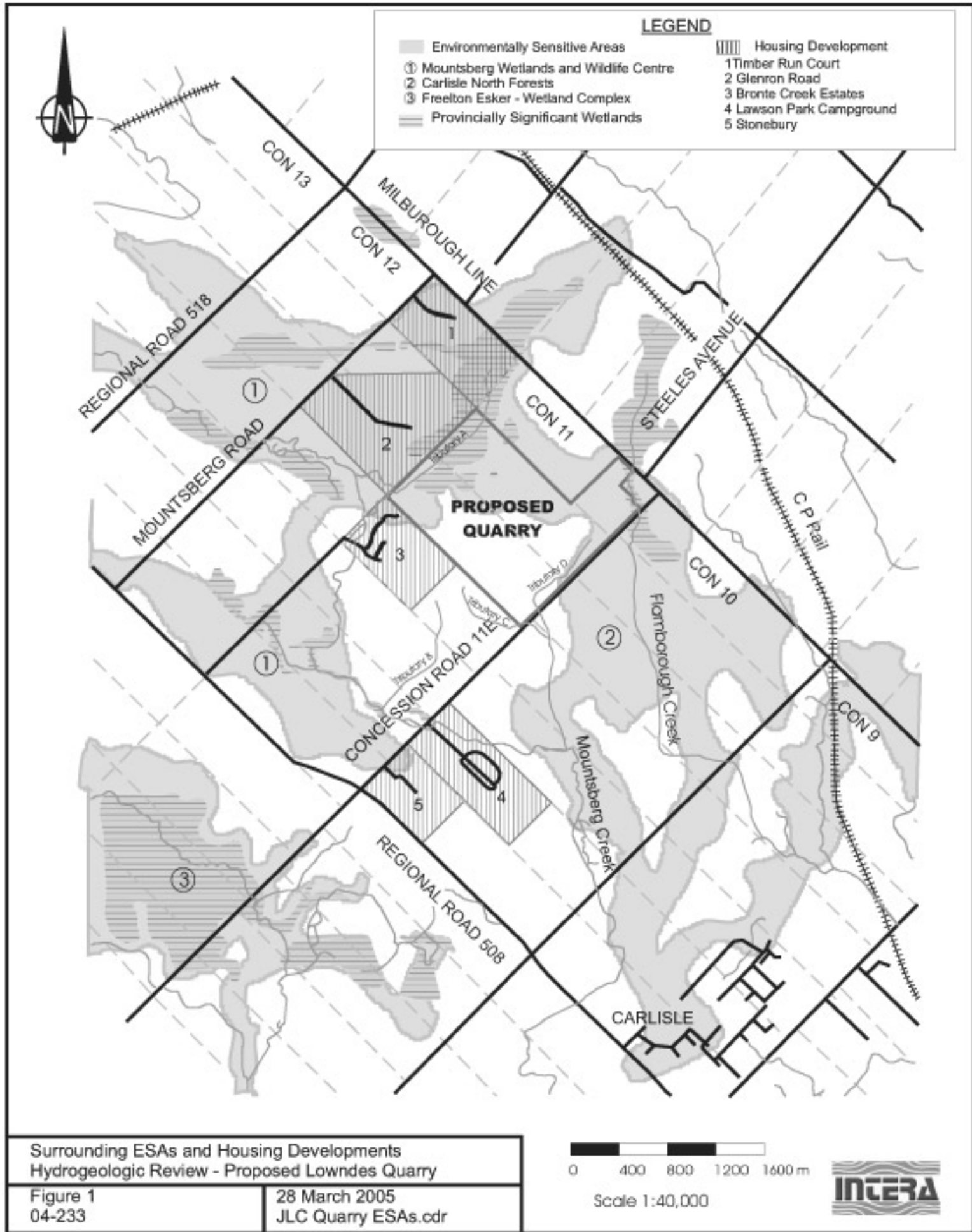


Carlisle Wells and WHPAs  
Hydrogeologic Review - Proposed Lowndes Quarry

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28 March 2005  
JLC Carlisle WHPAs.cdr





Surrounding ESAs and Housing Developments  
Hydrogeologic Review - Proposed Lowndes Quarry

Figure 1  
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28 March 2005  
JLC Quarry ESAs.cdr



## Excerpts from Relevant Reports

**We know the time spent by FORCE volunteers developing relationships with and informing interested organization and agencies has been worthwhile when we see comments like this in a City of Hamilton Report to Council...**

*"The Planning and Development Department has circulated the development proposal to all concerned departments and agencies. In particular, all the proponents supporting studies have been sent to the School Boards, Region of Halton, Town of Milton, City of Burlington, Conservation Halton, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for circulation to Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of Natural Resources, and Ministry of Environment. The Niagara Escarpment Commission has also requested to participate in the review of the applications and has been provided the documentation submitted. Preliminary comments received from these agencies have identified significant concerns. The type of issues range from concerns regarding student safety and impact on water quality in the schools from the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, to deficiencies in the environmental work identified by Conservation Halton. The surrounding municipalities of the Region of Halton, Town of Milton, and the City of Burlington have major concerns with traffic, environmental impacts, water quality and quantity etc. All concerns will be further evaluated as part of the City's peer review and the Combined Aggregate Review Team process."*

City of Hamilton Planning & Development Department

**The issues we have with the proposed Quarry are shared with other municipalities and agencies...**

*"There are three major issues of concern to the Town of Milton. These include traffic impact, hydrogeological impacts from dewatering of the Amabel Aquifer and any downstream impacts on natural systems as a result of the proposal."*

Town of Milton Planning & Development Department

*"There are serious environmental issues which have not been adequately addressed and further, the applications are contrary to the Provincial Policy Statement (Policies 2.3.1 Natural Heritage, 2.3.2, 2.3.3, 2.4.1 Water Quality and Quantity), contrary to the Hamilton Wentworth Official Plan (Part C, Policies 1.1 Environmentally Significant Areas 1.1.2, 2.2.9 Mineral Aggregates), and contrary to the Flamborough Official Plan (Policies B.1.10 Wetlands, B.7.4(iii), C.3 Environmentally Significant Areas). The proposal gives limited consideration to the impacts of the proposed extraction on the environmentally significant areas, provincially significant wetlands, fish habitat, significant wildlife habitat, endangered or threatened species, ecological linkages/wildlife corridors, hydrology and hydrogeology. Nor does the applicant adequately address mitigation measures and monitoring to ensure that these features are protected during the proposed extraction and rehabilitation phases, and following rehabilitation."*

Conservation Halton Watershed Planning Services

**Our fact finding has validated our earlier statement, that no responsible person would approve aggregate extraction in this area...**

*The Lowndes Holdings property contains significant natural features and functions that contribute to the biological diversity and ecological integrity of the region. This is based on the geographic extent of natural features present, the diversity of communities represented, the quality of natural areas, the hydrologic attributes of wetlands and creeks and the interconnectedness of the natural areas. Few areas of southern Ontario have this combination of natural attributes and it is for this reason that so many natural heritage features have been designated by programs such as the Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI), the Environmentally Significant Areas (ESA) program of the City of Hamilton, the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) program of the Region of Halton, the Wetland Evaluation Manual*

for Southern Ontario that designates Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW), the Greenbelt Taskforce, the Big Picture project, and the Bronte Creek Watershed study of Conservation Halton.

North-South Environmental Inc. prepared for FORCE

### **As we build our case through the commissioning of expert reviews our worst fears and concerns are being confirmed:...**

*The Carlisle municipal water supply wells that draw drinking water from the Amabel Formation dolostone aquifer, are also at risk of being adversely affected by the proposed Quarry. Pumping of large volumes of groundwater from the Quarry will change the well capture zones and WHPAs of the Carlisle wells. The new well capture zones may encounter potential contaminant sources and other groundwater quality and quantity issues not previously identified or considered prior to Quarry operation.*

*There are assessment requirements under the Province's new Watershed-Based Source Protection Planning initiative specifically directed to proposed new quarries that must be considered and completed. Under this initiative, because the proposed Quarry is located within the 2 year capture zone or WHPA for the Carlisle wells, the risk posed by the Quarry and final Quarry land use to these wells needs to be assessed and/or the development of the Quarry restricted. Since the Quarry will be allowed to flood following aggregate extraction, the resulting surface water also potentially poses a bacteriological/pathogenic threat to the Carlisle municipal wells that may necessitate upgrading of treatment requirements for these wells.*

*None of these issues have been discussed or addressed by the proponent.*

Intera Engineering Ltd. prepared for FORCE

### **The City of Hamilton acknowledges FORCE as the Community's representative on the issue of the quarry, and has included FORCE in the Review and Decision Making Process...**

*...the Aggregate Planning Advisor has been working with City staff to assist in review of the development applications, selecting the City's Peer Review Team, and meeting with City staff, the proponent and their consultants. He has also met with representatives from the residents' group FORCE to discuss the City's approach to the review of these applications.*

Planning and Economic Development Committee Report, City of Hamilton.



## **FORCE Public Activity Report**

**March 2005**

#### **Media Coverage:**

- *Flamorough Review*, Friday, March 11, 2005. Article by Dianne Cornish: FORCE asks council to reject Carlisle quarry plan.
- *Milton Champion*, Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Article by Robin Downton-Poirier: FORCE celebrates final greenbelt plan.
- *Flamorough Review*, Friday, March 4, 2005. Editorial by Dianne Cornish. Just how strong is Greenbelt?
- *Hamilton Spectator*, March 2, 2005. Article by Hamilton Spectator Staff: A Greenbelt law may kill Carlisle quarry.
- *CHTV News*, March 1, 2005. Interview with FORCE Chairperson, Graham Flint

#### **Meetings:**

- Every second week, Steering Committee convened in sponsored office, Edward Jones Investment

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## February 2005

### Presentations/ Submissions:

- February 14, 2005 *FORCE* tables submission to Ontario Ministry of the Environment regarding the Source Water Protection Implementation and Technical Expert Committee reports
- February 2, 2005 - *FORCE* presents at Ontario Legislature Standing Committee on General Government regarding Bill 135, the Proposed Greenbelt Act
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### Media Coverage:

- *North Halton Compass*, February 11, 2005. Article by Bernadette Ward. *New all-party committee listens to the public on Greenbelt.*
- *Hamilton Spectator*, February 12, 2005 - February 19, 2005 inclusive - The Escarpment series.

### Meetings:

- Every second week, Steering Committee convened in sponsored office, Edward Jones Investment

## January 2005

### Presentations/ Submissions:

- January 18, 2005 - *FORCE* presents at Milton Planning Committee

### Media Coverage:

- *CP Newswire* and *Toronto Star*, January 25, 2005  
- Coverage of Pembina Institute's Report: *Rebalancing the Load - The Need for an Aggregate Conservation Strategy for Ontario*
- *Toronto Star*, January 6, 2005. Article by Gord Miller - Environmental Commissioner of Ontario: *Running out of gravel and rock, But what is the true state of our aggregates resources?*

*Gordon Miller, Environment Commissioner of Ontario,  
Toronto Star, January 6, 2005*

### Meetings:

- January 26, 2005 - *FORCE* meets Aggregates Planning Advisor to the City of Hamilton, Steven Rowe - Graham Flint and Mark Rudolph met with Mr. Rowe and Stan Holiday, City planner to discuss the quarry proposal
- Every second week, Steering Committee convened in sponsored office, Edward Jones Investment

### Community Events:

- January 19, 2005 *FORCE* Volunteer Recognition Night at the Carlisle Cup & Carafe

## December 2004

### Presentations/ Submissions:

- December 20, 2004 - *FORCE* tabled its final submission on the proposed Draft Greenbelt Plan with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

### Bulletins:

- December 24, 2004 – 1<sup>st</sup> Electronic Newsletter - *Stop The Quarry News*

### Meetings:

- Every second week, Steering Committee convened in sponsored office, Lawson Park
- December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004. *FORCE* Stonebrook Community Meeting at Mountsberg Community Hall
- December 3, 2004 - *FORCE* Meets the Hamilton Mayor at the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce Beef 'N Bull Breakfast

### Community Events:

- December 27, 2004 - Family Skate Night at the Carlisle Arena sponsored by Councilors McCarthy and Braden

## November 2004

### Presentations/ Submissions:

- November 27, 2004 - FORCE tables final submission on proposed Greenbelt Act with the *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- November 18, 2004 - FORCE makes Presentation to *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing*

### Greenbelt Consultation Forum;

- November 3, 2004 - FORCE invited by Planning & Public Works Committee to present as delegation to *Halton Council*.

### Bulletins:

- November 2, 2004 - *Your Water and the Carlisle Quarry*, hand-delivered in the community by FORCE volunteers

### Media Coverage:

- *Burlington Post*, Nov 24, 2004. Article by Dennis Smith: *Rural residents set to do battle; Plans for quarry have homeowners worried about water, traffic*
- *Flamborough Review*, Nov 19, 2004. Article by Dianne Cornish: *Quilters take up needles to help FORCE*
- *North Halton Compass*, November 16, 2004. Article by Ann Kornuta: *Proposed Quarry Would Impact Local Schools*
- *Flamborough Review*, Nov 12, 2004. Article by Dianne Cornish: *Group seeking reinFORCEments to fight quarry*
- *Flamborough Review*, Nov 5, 2004. Article by Dianne Cornish: *Flamborough wrapped in greenbelt; Province buckles up on development*

### Meetings:

- Weekly, Steering Committee, convened in sponsored office, Lawson Park
- November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004. FORCE Kilbride Community Meeting at Kilbride
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004. FORCE Carlisle Community Meeting at Carlisle Community Centre

*“There are three major issues of concern to the Town of Milton. These include traffic, hydrogeological impacts from dewatering of the Amabel Aquifer and any downstream impacts on natural systems as a result of the proposal.”*

*Town of Milton Planning & Development Department*

## October 2004

### Presentations/ Submissions:

- October 1, 2004 - FORCE submission to *Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal* regarding *Places to Grow Discussion Paper*

### Media Coverage:

- *Flamborough Review*, Oct 22, 2004. Article by Irene Gentle: *FORCE digs into savings for fight; Four experts hired to battle quarry*

### Meetings:

- Every second week, Steering Committee, convened in sponsored office, Lawson Park

## September 2004

### Media Coverage:

- *The Canadian Champion*, Sep 28, 2004. Article by Robin Downton-Poirier: *Residents meet to try to stop quarry plan*
- *Hamilton Spectator*, September 27, 2004. Article by Eric McGuinness: *Rural residents footing the bill to fight quarry*
- *Flamborough Review*, September 17, 2004. An open letter from John Norris: *Quarry application requires city study; Water restrictions in place without development*
- *Flamborough Review*, September 17, 2004. Article by Irene Gentle: *Quarry application hits City Hall*

### Meetings:

- Every second week, Steering Committee convened in sponsored office, Lawson Park
- September 29, 2004: *FORCE* and 120 residents from Carlisle, Kilbride, Campbellville, and Freulton attend the Hamilton City Council meeting to show opposition as City Council receives Quarry Report
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004. Joint Community Meeting held with Milton Rural Residents Association (MRRRA) and Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (*FORCE*) at the Campbellville Lion's Hall
- Tuesday, September 21, 2004 - *FORCE* attends Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting where McHattie Report is received.

## August 2004

### Presentations/ Submissions:

- August 31, 2004. *FORCE* Final Submission to The Ministry Of Municipal Affairs Re: Planning Reform Discussion Papers #1-3

### Media Coverage:

- *The Hamilton Spectator*, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2004. Article by Stacy O'Brien: *Quarry plan angers Carlisle; Gravel pit would send 450 trucks down rural roads 12 hours a day*

### Meetings:

- Weekly, Steering Committee convened in sponsored office, Lawson Park
- August 28, 2004 – *FORCE* offers Follow-up Canvasser, Lawson Park
- August 10, 2004 – *FORCE* completes Milton Rural Ratepayer Association Representatives' Canvasser Training, Timber Run

## July 2004

### Presentations/ Submissions:

- July 16, 2004 - *FORCE* Formal Submission to "Toward a Golden Horseshoe Greenbelt- Greenbelt Task *FORCE* Discussion Paper"
- July 13, 2004. *FORCE* presentation to *Ministry of Municipal Affairs Open House on Planning Reform*

### Bulletins:

- July 2004 – 2<sup>nd</sup> *Stop The Quarry Newsletter* hand-delivered in the community by *FORCE* volunteers

### Media Coverage:

- *Flamborough Review*, July 23, 2004. Article by Dianne Cornish: *Quarry critics a *FORCE* to be reckoned with*
- *The Compass*, July 16, 2004 Letter to the Editor by resident Helen Colvin
- *CHTV*, July 14, 2004 - Coverage of Lawson Park meeting - live at 6pm and follow-up at 11pm
- *CHML*, July 13, 2004 - Bob Bratina interviews Graham Flint, Chair of *FORCE*
- *Flamborough Review*, July 9, 2004. Article by Irene Gentle: *FORCE expects long quarry battle; community meeting will update residents*

### Meetings:

- Weekly, Steering Committee convened in sponsored office, Lawson Park

- July 14<sup>th</sup> – First meeting hosted by *FORCE*, Lawson Park
- July 20, 21, and 28 - *FORCE* offers initial canvasser training sessions for volunteers at Lawson Park

## June 2004

### Bulletins:

- June 23, 2004 - 1<sup>st</sup> *Stop The Quarry Newsletter* hand-delivered in the community by *FORCE* volunteers

### Media Coverage:

- *Flamborough Review*, June 11, 2004. Article by Dianne Cornish: *Concerns flow at water meeting*
- *Flamborough Review*, June 4, 2004. Article by Irene Gentle: *Quarry critics digging in; Developer promises availability*

### Meetings:

- Three Steering Committee Meetings convened in sponsored office, Lawson Park
- June 9, 2004, Lawson Park – Community Meeting that culminated in appointment of Steering Committee
- June 3, 2004 Community Meeting at Carlisle Community Centre, hosted by Councillor Margaret McCarthy, with David Lowndes as guest speaker

## May 2004

### Media Coverage:

- *Flamborough Review*, May 28, 2004. Article by Irene Gentle: Residents rally against quarry threat
- *The Hamilton Spectator*, May 26, 2004. Article by Eric McGuinness: Residents want to bury quarry plan; Councillor will try to remove a surprise city bid for exemption of quarries from greenbelt development freeze
- *CATCH –Citizens at City Hall*, May 24, 2004. Last Minute Report Under Fire



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