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**Subject:** Re: Report No. PPW 156-04 - Information on Proposed Quarry, 11 Concession East, City of Hamilton (formerly Northeast Flamborough)

Planning and Public Works Committee  
Regional Municipality of Halton  
1151 Bronte Road  
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Re: Report No. PPW 156-04 - Information on Proposed Quarry, 11 Concession East, City of Hamilton (formerly Northeast Flamborough)

Planning & Public Works Committee meeting - October 27, 2004

Dear Committee Members, Commissioner of Planning & Public Works and staff,

I am writing to you on behalf of Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment - FORCE - and its supporters. FORCE is a federally registered not for profit corporation. It is a citizen-based advocacy group with hundreds of supporters in Campbellville, Kilbride, Mountsberg, Freelon, and Carlisle. FORCE was formed in June 2004 to protect our natural and built environments in the face of a proposed large-scale, below the established groundwater table, aggregate development in the Northeast Flamborough portion of the amalgamated City of Hamilton. We note upfront that our organization is not anti-aggregate nor anti-road; indeed, our area is home to some of Ontario and Canada's largest aggregate operations. We do, however, have significant issues with the current application in its proposed location for substantive reasons.

FORCE is pleased with the comprehensiveness of the information report to the Planning and Public Works Committee, prepared by staff, and its focused identification of key issues. These include groundwater implications in the hydrogeologically sensitive Amabel aquifer which has a significant recharge area in the affected zone, natural features, and the haul route implications.

We look forward to the participation by the Region of Halton, its comprising municipalities and Conservation Halton in agency working teams to review the quarry proposal, in review of peer assessments of the proponent's technical reports, and in the public consultation process. We encourage public consultation within Halton Region on the implications for Halton and its residents.

Thank you for your attentiveness to this matter, to date. FORCE and its supporters will be seeking your support and advocacy to protect our drinking water, our environment, our roads, and our communities generally.

Should you need to contact FORCE, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [grahamflint@stopthequarry.ca](mailto:grahamflint@stopthequarry.ca) or at 905-659-5417. Our community website is [www.stopthequarry.ca](http://www.stopthequarry.ca).

Yours sincerely,  
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