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After reviewing details of a recent agreement between the Ontario government and St Marys Cement (SMC), the chair of FORCE (Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment) is now convinced the battle against the establishment of a quarry in northeast Flamborough is over. And the community can celebrate victory.

"It's over," a jubilant Graham Flint said this week, noting that a covenant placed on the title of the proposed quarry site prohibits the property from being used for a quarry or any large industrial operation.

To celebrate the aggregate company's decision to withdraw its application for a quarry on 11th Concession Road East, FORCE is hosting a lunchtime barbecue and party, Sunday, June 2 at the Carlisle Golf and Country Club.

The grassroots group is also holding its annual general meeting in conjunction with an information meeting, Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, 1624 Centre Rd., Carlisle, to present details of the agreement and restrictions on the proposed quarry site to area residents. Flint said the meeting will also mark the launch of a series of poll questions distributed to area residents, asking them how they would like to see the remaining funds in FORCE's war chest, to fight the quarry, divested. About \$150,000 to \$200,000 remains in the group's account.