

**Denise Holmes, AMCT**

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**From:** Steve and Marni [steve@bakermagicshows.com]**Sent:** Saturday, August 15, 2009 5:10 PM**To:** Denise Holmes, Melancthon Township**Subject:** Questions for Council

Mayor Fawcett and Council,

1. It is my understanding that no action was taken on either resolution presented in delegations by Kelsey Phillips, and Karren Wallace and myself at the August 13th Council meeting. To date, we have assumed that Council was just misinformed. This is no longer the case. All research has been done at the expense of your citizens' time and energy and handed to you in trust to act upon. Everyday that passes without action on these issues is a threat to the security of the Township. Will you please give a clear explanation for Council's inaction on implementing the Aemot study, **as well as** conditions, **and fees and** studies for aggregate applications into the official plan **and** measures to stop the demolition of Melancthon homes and barns, **and** the pursuit of a specialty crop designation as of August 13th and for the past two years?

2. Will you please explain why Council will not take a public stand, such as Councillor McCarthy of Flamborough has, against proposals, by a foreign financed corporation, which do not conform to the water requirements mandated by the Township's Official Plan?

3. When will Council hold a "town hall" forum to discuss the issues of concern with Highland Companies proposed mine?

4. I have not spoken to a single ratepayer who wants the Highland or Strada "below the water table" threats to their water source to be allowed. What is Council's legal responsibility to the ratepayers to take action and what recourse do ratepayers have if you do not take action?

Respectfully,  
Marni Walsh  
Citizen and Reporter

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**From:** Dennis Sanford [dssanford@bmts.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2009 10:46 PM  
**To:** Melancthon Township Council  
**Subject:** Question period

To Melancthon Council:

(For question period, September 3, 2009)

In the conclusion of my delegation presentation on August 13, I challenged council members to have the courage to declare their position on the pending quarry application by The Highland Companies. For those of us who are perplexed by council's unwillingness to take the defensive action necessary to protect the community, such a declaration might at least offer some kind of answer to council's inaction. My question is: Would council members, individually, right now, state whether they are in support of a 2400 acre open pit mine below the water table in Melancthon, or are they opposed to the concept?

Dennis Sanford  
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**From:** bnmalloy@netscape.ca on behalf of bnmalloy [bnmalloy@netscape.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2009 9:09 AM  
**To:** dholmes@melancthontownship.ca  
**Subject:** Question for Council Meeting

Has council had ample time to review the presentation material presented at the August 13 council meeting ? (Highland companies concerns)

If so, will council prepare a presentation of their own to reply to the information given and let the ratepayers know what council's opinion is (positive or negative) regarding the Highland companies proposed quarry ?

Regards  
Bart & Nancy Malloy

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**From:** Steve and Marni [steve@bakermagicshows.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 29, 2009 6:57 PM

**To:** Denise Holmes, Melancthon Township

**Subject:** Letter for Council agenda

**Hi Denise,**

**Please forward the below Toronto Environmental Alliance recommendations to Council for their information. Will council give consideration to them, as well as a report to ratepayers as to how Council will participate in the recommendations.**

**If Council wishes further information they can access it through the Toronto Environmental Alliance website.**

**I also await an answer to my question from Aug. 13th regarding Council's attendance at the GVCA Forum in September and the suggestion that they present information for discussion on the proposed aggregate plans by the Highland Companies. Perhaps there is a copy of a letter requesting that the topic be added to the agenda for the GVCA Forum? Could I receive a response from the Mayor at the Sept. 3rd meeting please?**

**I understand Mayor Fawcett will be attending the Source Water Protection Conference "Protection Strategies for Municipal Stakeholders" Sept. 17th. I would like to know if Mayor Fawcett will return with a report for ratepayers on what was learned to help protect the headwaters from below the watertable mining? Will a report to the ratepayers include all questions made, and answers received, on behalf of the Township of Melancthon at the conference?**

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## TEA: Toronto Environmental Alliance

The Ministry of Natural Resources is in the midst of a review of aggregate use in the Province. A Terms of Reference for this review is scheduled to be released some time in 2009[1]. While the provincial review proceeds, GTA municipalities can begin the process of reducing virgin aggregate use and practicing the 3Rs.

In particular, municipalities can begin filling the information void about aggregate use in the GTA by determining where they use aggregate, how much they use and what future demands will be. Municipalities can also begin investigating "best practices" in other jurisdictions and start applying these to their aggregate use policies. As well, municipalities can immediately develop procurement policies that limit the use of "virgin" aggregate.

The question GTA residents - in particular elected officials - need to ask themselves is whether they want this aggregate demand to be met by destroying precious ecologically-sensitive land and farmland, much of it in the Greenbelt?

### **Accordingly, we urge all GTA municipalities to adopt the following recommendations:**

1. Ensure that any new requests of proposals (RFPs) that include the use of aggregate require the successful bidder to demonstrate they will use the highest level of recycled content allowable under provincial standards.
2. Provide detailed information to the public on aggregate use within the municipality that includes:
  - o How much and what type of aggregate is used for various types of urban infrastructure (eg. roads, sidewalks, bridges, sewers, etc) within the municipality annually
  - o How much of the aggregate used is "virgin", how much is recycled and how much comes from alternative sources
  - o Where the aggregate comes from, including specific pits and quarries, and the quantities from each source
  - o Projected aggregate use over the next 25 years
3. Investigate how other jurisdictions effectively reduce "virgin" aggregate use through the use of 3Rs and report out to the appropriate council committee with recommendations about how the municipality can adopt similar strategies.
4. Urge the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to ensure the 3Rs are the cornerstone of any updated aggregate policy for the Province and that it investigates and implements the production of "sustainable" aggregate.

Sincere thanks,

Marni Walsh

I ask these questions as Citizen and a Reporter

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**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2009 11:56 AM  
**To:** dholmes@melancthontownship.ca  
**Cc:** robuffen@yahoo.ca  
**Subject:** Question for Council

To Melancthon Township Council,

Please accept the following question to be answered at the September 3 Council meeting.

Will any members of Council please put forward motions to pass the two resolutions presented by two different delegations at the August 13 Council meeting namely:

1. a resolution regarding the demolition of structures in Melancthon Township
  2. a resolution regarding amendments to the Official Plan whereby a list of studies required for planning and zoning applications and a Planning and Economic Development Fee Structure are included
- and if so, will you do so at the September 3 Council meeting and if not, why won't you?

Sincerely,  
Rob Uffen

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