

ASPHALT IN IRONDALE? IT'S NOT A DONE DEAL!

Just a short communication to keep everyone informed of what is being done to oppose Royel/Beamish's newest request for site plan amendments at the Bark Lake Quarry on Crown Land

Beamish's requests are as follows:

1. Permission for a permanent asphalt facility.
2. Permission for extended hours

OUR ACTIONS TO DATE

- With the generous help of Environment Haliburton, two ½ page ads were placed in the Minden Times and The Haliburton County Echo to inform you of the public information session held by Royel/Beamish on July 15, 2006 at the Bark Lake Quarry.

Public attendance and response was **tremendous** with clear **opposition** to a permanent asphalt facility in our community.
- The Ontario Ombudsman has been contacted regarding concerns with inconsistencies within the notification processes.
- A delegation from this community met with Laurie Scott (MPP and environment critic) to discuss several key issues.
- A letter followed up the meeting and we are presently awaiting a response.
- The Municipality of Highlands East Council has reaffirmed that it is officially opposed to the proposed asphalt facility.
- An Application for review of MNR field office policy has been filed with the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO). A written confirmation by the Commissioner's in-house council was received and ECO has agreed to follow -up and has since sent letters to the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Ministers have 60-days to decide whether they will undertake an investigation of their policy.
- We are contacting The David Suzuki Foundation in Vancouver, asking for their support in our request to the MNR for a full independent environmental impact assessment.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The greatest impact an individual can have is by **writing letters** with concerns to the people who make the decisions.

We have attached a list of the names and addresses (see back of page) of the people who make decisions and write the policies.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Write letters of opposition to the following Government Officials.

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Ministry of Natural Resources
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Hon. David Ramsay
Minister of Natural Resources
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