

Dear Editor,

I attended the open house at the Bark Lake Quarry last summer. I specifically asked about water use. The answer was that it would be minimal and there was no chance of any effect on the ground water.

Now we find an application to use a million gallons a day! This is unacceptable. The Ministries that are supposed to protect the environment and resources seem to be in the pocket of this deceitful company. How did they get approval for the quarry operation in the first place?

This company (the name of which keeps changing) has not been forthcoming. It misled residents regarding the "portable" nature of the plant, and now about the water use. It has somehow turned around the vote of Reeve Burton, an unconscionable turncoat who sat at my kitchen table and convinced me to influence the votes of the Stormy Lake Association members.

Can we believe anything that this company or the Ministries say, or our own council? What other surprises are coming? This is not the kind of corporate citizen we want operating anywhere let alone in an environmentally sensitive area.

Not only should this company be denied this asphalt plant, its Bark Lake aggregate operation should be closed down. Nearby residents deserve better.

If this plant is approved we will take it to the OMB. It won't be the first time that politicians with questionable motives have had their non-conforming decisions reversed, at their expense. Ask Hazel.

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P.S. A blind copy of this is being sent to all Stormy Lake Association Members to whom I apologize for endorsing Dave Burton as Reeve.