

CITIZENS AGAINST MELROSE QUARRY

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Tyendinaga Township residents who objected to a January 25, 2011 *Notice of Application for an Aggregate license* received notification last week from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has referred a local Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) application for review. The December, 2010 ARA application for the Melrose Quarry (Part Lot 7, Con 3, Tyendinaga) was filed by C. H. Demill Holdings Inc., and until recently has been in the hands of the MNRF. In January, 2013, continued concerns led many of these residents to form Citizens Against Melrose Quarry (CAMQ). It is CAMQ's understanding that the application has been waiting for an outstanding zoning decision by Tyendinaga Township. Typically, LPAT hearings (formerly OMB) are held for both zoning and ARA license applications at the same time. However, in the absence of a zoning decision by Tyendinaga Township, the outstanding ARA application has been referred to LPAT.

According to a letter received from LPAT, Tyendinaga Township is listed as a formal objector under the ARA process. It is CAMQ's understanding that Tyendinaga Township responded to the 2011 *Notice of Application for an Aggregate License*. The group understands that the Township does not oppose the license application in principle, provided that Township and residents' concerns are satisfactorily addressed. CAMQ also understands that the Township's response addresses the need to put in place all mitigation measures identified in *approved* studies as part of the license or approval. To date, more than \$30,000 has been spent by Tyendinaga Township to have studies peer reviewed, yet the proponent's most recent study remains unsupported by the township's peer reviewer. Further, citizen's concerns have not been resolved.

The application for amendment to the corresponding zoning by-law as set out in Tyendinaga Township's January 24, 2013 *Notice of Complete Application Under Subsections 34(10.4) and 34(10.7) of the Planning Act* continues to await decision. While an option has existed for the last five years to appeal the lack of decision making, nothing has been filed by the proponent.

According to the posted [agenda](#) for the next Tyendinaga Township council meeting, April 17, 2018, 7:00 PM, council will address the agenda item 'Aggregate License – Township as Objector – Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario' under new business. At that meeting, citizens hope to gain a better understanding of what has become a very old, outstanding file.

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