



Personal letters have a greater impact on politicians than email

Introduction - Personal letters have more impact on politicians than email. All forms of communication to politicians – email, petitions, phone calls - communication about an issue have value. Personal letters – especially hand-written and sent in an envelope with a stamp - have more impact.

ACTION Milton asks you write to Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and ask him to designate the proposed Campbellville Quarry for an Environmental Assessment.

Writing the letter

1. **Decide if you will use handwrite your letter, or if you will type, print and sign.**
2. **Address your letter** as follows:
Honourable Jeff Yurek,
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks,
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street,
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
3. **Begin your letter** by identifying who you are – in your own words
 - Resident of Milton or Campbellville or ????
 - Mother, or father or grandparent or ???
4. **Tell the Minister** that you want him to designate the proposed Campbellville Quarry for an Environmental Assessment.
5. **Describe in your own words your primary concern** or issue with the proposed Campbellville Quarry and **why this is important to you.** (See 'Talking Points' on back of this page if you wish to include any of these details in your letter).
6. **Ask the Minister to contact you.**
 - Provide your mailing address if you would like him to write to you
 - Optional – provide your phone number
7. **Thank the Minister** for his attention to your concern.

After you write your letter

- Please send an email to info@actionmilton.ca to us the date you mailed your letter.
- Please send us a copy (attachment or photo) of your letter.
- Please let us know at info@actionmilton.ca when you receive a response

Talking Points

James Dick Construction Ltd.'s' proposal for an aggregate licence, proposed blasting and construction of a new asphalt re-processing plant does not properly assess the risk to the drinking water of Campbellville residents and one in four Milton residents.

Water

- 25,000 people rely on the Kelso Wellfield for their drinking water.
- Blasting can create pathways which could enhance transport of contaminants from the proposed Campbellville Quarry into the groundwater which supplies water to Milton's Kelso wells and Campbellville.
- Contaminants could include
 - Nitrates and other residue from explosive blasting
 - Chemicals from asphalt reprocessing on site
 - Fuel from spills on CP Rail Line of Hwy 401
 - Bacteria from farms, fields and septic systems

Air Quality

- Dust from drilling, blasting and crushing and emissions from asphalt reprocessing will pollute the air and can affect the air residents of Milton and Campbellville breathe
- Fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) can affect health (asthma, respiratory disease, cancer, heart attacks) and even lead to premature death

Traffic

- Heavy truck traffic on local roads and Hwy 401 will increase congestion, commute time and potential for serious accidents and personal injury.
- JDCL will add 60,000 trucks annually at full production
 - At peak times one truck every two minutes

Flying Rock

- Flying rock is rock fragments propelled through the air beyond the normal blast zone by explosives detonated to fragment the rock
- Flying rock travels at ballistic speeds
- Hwy 401 is within 50 metres of the blast zone