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His Honour Warden Rick Phillips  
Members of County Council  
County of Hastings

It is with great disappointment that we are writing to express our thoughts regarding the recent decision of the Planning and Development Committee to "defer" decision on the Freymond Quarry Official Plan Amendment.

As you know, on February 6/19, Faraday Township passed the zoning by-law amendment to permit the Freymond Quarry. This application has been on our table for the past six years and we have attended and held public meetings, reviewed the required studies and are confident that there would be no environmental concerns. The application met all the planning criteria, studies were prepared and peer reviewed by competent professionals and signed off by the Ministry. The Freymonds have been upfront and honest and endeavored to satisfy the concerns of the area residents.

You have turned your back on all of the work Faraday Council has done over the past six years. The establishment of a quarry is sustainable economic growth and provides permanent jobs. You have also discredited your own very competent Planning Director and his staff. Mr. Harrow's recommendation was based on facts and planning principles. Shame on you!

We are also concerned about the procedures of the March 19/19 meeting. It is not about the outcome, it is about the process. If the process is fair and is not obstructed then the outcome is what it is. However, delegations were added at will, even up to one day before the meeting. The Freymond delegation presented first and was denied an opportunity to respond to the misleading statements made by the next five delegates. It should be noted that the five delegates are all members of "No Place for Quarry Inc.". Another issue is that all the members of County Council sit on the Planning and Development Committee. No other municipality is permitted to have a quorum of Council sit on a Standing Committee.

We do not understand why and how another study will help you make a decision. You are just "kicking the can down the road" and costing a lot of people a lot of money.

Please consider this an objection to your decision to "defer" decision on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dennis Purcell'.

Dennis Purcell, Reeve

c.c. Justin Harrow, Director of Planning  
Freymond Lumber Co.