

PL190595

**Local Planning Appeal Tribunal**

**PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER** subsection 17(36) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13,  
as amended

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF DR. RICHARD CARMONA**

Proposed Freymond Quarry  
Township of Faraday  
County of Hastings

Prepared for  
**No Place For A Quarry Inc.**

May 17, 2021

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. I will be requesting that I be qualified to provide the Tribunal with opinion evidence as a Medical Doctor and Surgeon with expertise in Public Health, Global Wellness and Wellness Tourism. I have attached a copy of my CV and Acknowledgment of Expert Duty.

## **RETAINER**

2. I was retained on April 12, 2021, on behalf of No Place for a Quarry Inc. to provide evidence in this matter.

## **EVIDENCE**

3. I have attached a copy of my evidence dated April 19, 2021.

# APPENDIX A



**RICHARD H. CARMONA, M.D., M.P.H., FACS**  
17th Surgeon General of the United States

April 19, 2021

Ms. Madeleine Marentette  
Founder and CEO of Grail Springs Wellness Retreat  
2004 Bay Lake Rd.  
Bancroft, ON K0L1C0, Canada

Dear Ms. Marentette,

It is my pleasure to compliment you on 3 decades of commitment to optimizing health and wellness at your Grail Springs Wellness Retreat.

As the 17th Surgeon General of the United States, as well as a board member of the Global Wellness Institute and Summit and a leader of Canyon Ranch, I am well aware of the immense preventable disease and economic burden that plagues Canada, the United States and the world. It is wellness organizations like Grail Springs, who, by providing education and a unique experience in a safe, quiet, and healthy haven are contributing to improving the quality and quantity of life while decreasing healthcare costs.

Our Wellness Tourism Association and the Global Wellness Summit, driven by research by the Global Wellness Institute brings all of us together via exceptional research and global meetings which bind us with a much needed common value proposition of living longer, younger, happier and cheaper! To be successful in our common vision, the geographic location must be one free of noise and physical distractions, for mindfulness, meditation and other necessary activities require this for the desired improved health outcomes.

Grail Springs has become a much desired retreat for thousands of guests annually from around the world. Along with the major health benefits, Grail Springs has a significant economic impact, driven by a diverse committed workforce, the majority of whom are women.

Last, Grail Springs, by its reputation and long history, is well positioned to contribute, grow and prosper in the huge, rapidly expanding, global wellness market currently valued at \$4.5 trillion. I would hope that Ontario and Canada will do all it can to enhance Grail Springs potential by ensuring that the geographic area remains free of distraction.

Sincerely,

Richard Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., FACS  
17<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General of the United States

cc: Mr. Eric Gillespie  
Ms. Susie Ellis  
Ms. Anne Dimon

# APPENDIX B



Ontario  
Local Planning Appeal Tribunal  
Tribunal d'appel de l'aménagement local

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF EXPERT'S DUTY**

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Municipality</b>
PL190595	County of Hastings

1. My name is Stefan Szczerbak. I live at the Town of Bracebridge in the District of Muskoka in the Province of Ontario.
2. I have been engaged by or on behalf of the No Place for a Quarry Inc. to provide evidence in relation to the above-noted LPAT proceeding.
3. I acknowledge that it is my duty to provide evidence in relation to this proceeding as follows:
  - a. to provide opinion evidence that is fair, objective and non-partisan;
  - b. to provide opinion evidence that is related only to matters that are within my area of expertise; and
  - c. to provide such additional assistance as the LPAT may reasonably require, to determine a matter in issue.
  - d. not to or seek or receive assistance or communication, except technical support, while under cross examination, through any means including any electronic means, from any third party, including but not limited to legal counsel or client.
4. I acknowledge that the duty referred to above prevails over any obligation which I may owe to any party by whom or on whose behalf I am engaged.

Date: May 17, 2021...

  
Signature

# APPENDIX C

## STEFAN SZCZERBAK (Sherbak), M.Sc, MCIP, RPP

Partner  
PLANSCAPE INC.  
Building Community Through Planning

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### EDUCATION

- University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario 2001  
Master of Science
- University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario 1996  
Honours Bachelor of Science (Agriculture)  
Natural Resources Management
- Numerous Professional Development Courses

### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- Partner, PLANSCAPE INC. 2020 –  
Building Community Through Planning
- Senior Planner, PLANSCAPE INC. 2016 -2019  
Building Community Through Planning
- Manager of Planning Services 2012 - 2016  
Township of Lake of Bays
- Manager of Planning Services 2004 - 2012  
District of Muskoka
- Planner 2001 - 2004  
Credit Valley Conservation Authority

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Szczerbak is a Full Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP) and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute (RPP).



## CAREER HISTORY

Mr. Szczerbak joined PLANSCAPE INC. in 2016 as a Senior Planner, bringing with him 15 years of progressive municipal planning experience in both rural and urban settings and at the local and regional levels. He also has 4 years of experience leading community economic development in a tourism-based, recreational/rural environment. He recently (2020) became a Partner and is leading Planscape Inc. into the next chapter of the company. He is a graduate of the University of Guelph with a Master of Science degree in Professional Rural Planning and Development.

**Public Sector Planning:** Mr. Szczerbak's experience in the municipal sector, both at the local and regional levels, has included progressive planner positions with the Township of Lake of Bays, the District of Muskoka and at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (specifically for the Towns of Halton Hills, Orangeville, Mono and East Garafraxa). This involved the full range of municipal planning activities, from research and policy formulation to processing all types of development applications from Official Plan amendments and reviews, Community Planning Permits (formerly known as Development Permits) and minor variances to subdivisions for all aspects of development proposals, including major commercial and industrial developments.

As a former graduate from the University of Guelph, he has experience with addressing various rural and agricultural planning applications including the relationship of these uses to the natural features/functions and assessing compatibility between competing interests.

As the Manager of Planning Services for the Township of Lake of Bays and a member of the senior management team, he assumed full responsibility for supervising the Planning Department operations and coordinating and managing special corporate studies, including a successful 5-year review of the Township's Official Plan, Strategic Plan and the implementation of the first Development Permit By-law (Community Planning Permit) system in Ontario.

Since joining PLANSCAPE INC., Mr. Szczerbak continues to be involved in the public sector delivering strategic and land use planning advice to a number of municipalities and is involved with the Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law Reviews for various Towns and Townships together with Partners/Senior Associates in the company. He was directly involved with the creation of a Local Food Strategic Plan and a municipal Strategic Plan in Grey County and facilitated and provided planning advice for a contentious new pit/quarry application in the Township of the North Shore.

He has extensive experience representing municipalities in a variety of settings, liaising and facilitating communication with the general public, special interest groups and numerous provincial/federal representatives. He is also an educator and has led many presentations related to the use of Community Planning (Development) Permits.

**Private Sector Planning:** Mr. Szczerbak has experience providing private sector clients with valuable planning expertise pertaining to local level zoning amendments, minor variances, site plans, site evaluation reports, consents and plans of subdivisions and Official Plan amendments for a variety of development proposals. Specifically, he has been involved in providing planning support and obtaining municipal approvals for many recreational and commercial properties throughout the region. He has experience with planning applications and related policies for surplus farm dwellings and agricultural impact assessments.

**Ontario Municipal Board/Local Planning Appeal Tribunal:** Mr. Szczerbak has represented the Township of Lake of Bays, District of Muskoka, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and several private clients on a variety of land use and planning appeals before the Tribunal, including several settlement agreements.