November 21, 2007

To: All Ontario Municipalities

Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon passed resolution W-457-2007 at their regular council meeting of November 20, 2007 as follows:

WHEREAS Aggregate production is essential for the economic growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS in a Special Report to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario outlined a number of inadequacies in the capacity of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to properly oversee the approvals, compliance, rehabilitation and long term planning to protect Ontario’s Aggregate Resources. Chief among those concerns was MNR’s lack of adequate funding for staff to properly operate an effective compliance and enforcement program.
AND WHEREAS the Town of Caledon shares the concerns of the Province’s Environmental Commissioner.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon requests that the Province of Ontario consider increasing the fees and royalties charged to aggregate operators and use this additional revenue exclusively for providing the MNR with resources to effectively staff an enforcement branch that will be able to adequately ensure the long term viability of the aggregate industry as well as ensure the responsible protection of the long-term environmental and human health of the community surrounding these aggregate extraction operations.
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Office of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, the Township of North Dumfries and to all the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for circulation to all Ontario municipalities asking for their support.

Carried.

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