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Municipality of East Ferris
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ATT: Greg Kirton, Director of Community Services
Pauline Rochefort, Mayor
Steven Trahan, Councillor
Erika Loughheed, Councillor
Terry Kelly, Councillor
Rick Champagne, Councillor

Dear Mr. Kirton and Members of the Municipality of East Ferris Council

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposal for a new quarry on Part Lots 10 & 11, Concession 9 in the Municipality of East Ferris, district of Nipissing. As nearby residents of the proposed new quarry, we have significant concerns about the impact such operations could have, including but not limited to:

- Noise from blasting, truck reversing signals, tailgates slamming and noise generally emitted from heavy equipment;
- Loss of tranquility and quality of life that we currently enjoy as rural residents;
- Decrease in the value of our property;
- Environmental impacts, such as loss of habitat, impacts to natural hazards as per the Municipality of East Ferris' Official Plan and detriment to local wildlife (such as turtles, deer, water fowl and wild turkeys – all of which we have seen on our property);
- Damage to our home's infrastructure caused by tremors from blasting, including to our home's foundation, well and septic systems;
- Increased dump truck and heavy equipment traffic in the general area.

We do not feel that adding a new quarry is in the best interest of the area residents of East Ferris. With the size of the current quarry operation, all parties are able to co-exist harmoniously including local residents, business owners and wildlife.

We also question whether a public consultation was openly put forth inviting input from local residents, taxpayers, small businesses and other stakeholders. Our property is located near the proposed new quarry and we did not receive a notice. We trust that our elected council is protecting the best interests of its constituents and that such a notice would be issued in good faith to all affected residents. If such a public meeting is to be held, please let us know as we would be interested in attending.

Sincerely,

Jason & Natalie Ducharme