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Clearview Council Withdraws NEC Application to upgrade 26/27 Sideroad

CLEARVIEW, ON March 22, 2023 – Mayor Doug Measures and Clearview Township Council have made the decision to withdraw the Township's applications to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) for approval to make the improvements necessary to convert 26/27 Sideroad from a seasonal road to a year-round road.

As Mayor Measures explains, "What was once a practical, reasonable and cost-effective proposal to manage local traffic in the vicinity of the Duntroon Quarry – a plan that was agreed upon by the County of Simcoe, the County of Grey, Grey Highlands, the Township of Clearview and Walker Aggregates and one that was fully vetted and endorsed by the Province of Ontario's Joint Board – has been met with opposition from individuals, groups, some of our municipal neighbours, and various departments and agencies of the Province of Ontario."

He continues, "Over the past dozen years, the Township has been faced with the rescinding of approvals granted by provincial departments and agencies, and the introduction of increasingly onerous changes to the law and policies that govern municipal road authority and projects; events beyond the Township's control that make the improvements no longer practical, reasonable, or cost-effective."

Throughout this application, the municipality has proceeded in good faith. The expenses to date have not fallen on our taxpayers as has been falsely inferred. However, due to the recent changes in requirements, moving this matter forward would needlessly cost our taxpayers.

Mayor Measures is certain that a positive outcome can be reached, "Council and I will work with local stakeholders, including Walker Aggregates, to find a solution that we are confident will protect the environment, the local road network, and the needs of our residents."

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