

# Our Major Concerns

1. The water table, is only three feet below the surface of the soil.
  - \* this is perfect for growing seedlings and potatoes. What will happen to the level of the water table when a 180 acre site is excavated nine feet below the water table? It is our concern that the water table will drain into the excavated pit.
  - \* our wells risk being depleted, beginning with the sand points, followed by the dug wells, and finally drilled wells.
  - \* the soil will be a less hospitable place for planting as the water table will be lowered
  - \* the aquifer and rivers run the risk of being contaminated by machine and truck emissions, i.e. diesel, oils, antifreeze, rust, hydraulic fluid, brine, grease, brake dust/fluid and asbestos.
2. Property values are reduced in the vicinity of a gravel pit and its haul route.
  - \* loss in property values reflect the deterioration in the community's quality of life, due to dust, noise, heavy traffic, and safety issues.
  - \* reports (available upon request) show properties adjacent to a pit dropping in value as much as 30 to 40%, up to 18% one km away, 9% 2 km away, and 5% as far as 5km away.
3. Heavy truck traffic in the community (up to 1,000 extra truck trips per day)
  - \* will create a major safety hazard not only for automobile traffic, but also for school buses carrying our children
  - \* people's lifestyles will be diminished due to the constant noise, vibration, and dust created by all this additional heavy traffic.
4. Higher taxes will be inevitable.
  - \* imposed on homes and businesses as roads and bridges are widened and strengthened to sustain the weight of massive truck loads (\$150,000/km of road - \$1 to \$2 million/bridge)
  - \* total income from gravel excavation in Adj/Tos in 2015 was a shocking \$7,000!
5. The Boyne River and Tosorontio Creek could be devastated by the operation of the pit.
  - \* If the water increases by even one degree, there is a very real possibility that salmon will not make their way up to the Boyne River spawning grounds.



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*"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that.  
Then I realized I was somebody."  
Lily Tomlin*