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Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project

**Comments:**

Please stop the expansion . We are a growing community and it will impact our lovely environment here . We have wonderful lakes ,amazing wildlife are new subdivisions popping up. People have cracked foundations and the truck traffic on mines road is constant . I pity the poor people who deal with that daily .

**Name:****Email:**

City/Town

Mount Uniacke

Postal Code

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I think with all the new houses built over the past 12 years and the continuous building of new homes/Subdivisions, that I would shut down this quarry and never expand!!  
Mount Uniacke needs a new lane at exit 3.  
Also, the Irving needs a roundabout or lights, due to increase of population and traffic!!  
So, NO expansion and I hope and pray that Quarry shuts down.  
My house shakes everytime they blast!!

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**City/Town**

Mount uniacke, Nova Scotia

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I'm writing you to say, please deny this quarries expansion. With only 4 hectares, it has been a noisy, dirty and destructive stain on our community. I recall concerns of the possibility of arsenic and mercury being disturbed and leaching into our lakes, rivers and wells from the old gold mines when they 1st started. I don't know, and probably won't know for years whether this has happened, but it was a real concern. Multiply that concern by 40 times, and if it hasn't happened yet, I'd say the odds are that it certainly will happen. Our health and the health of our environment is much more valuable than some crushed stone. The risk to the community should be taken as a priority over some company making a few bucks while destroying the wilderness.

Thank you for your time and stop the expansion.

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## **COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY ALERT**

### **Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion – Ongoing Violations Ignored!**

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#### **WHAT HAPPENED IN 2023:**

Our community met with **NSECC–EA** and **ICE** representatives in 2023.

The evidence we presented **halted the quarry expansion** at that time.

But instead of holding **Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc. (NCCI)** accountable, **NSECC allowed them to “come into compliance”** — effectively sweeping serious violations under the rug.

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#### **THE FACTS:**

- **NCCI and related companies illegally infilled a designated wetland (WL7)** — a protected area they were **explicitly told to avoid**.
  - The infill contained **construction and demolition waste imported from Halifax**.
  - Within this illegally filled area, they built an **unauthorized settling pond**.
  - **NSECC’s response?** They amended the approved quarry area to **include the illegal wetland infill**, while ignoring the rest of the active, non-compliant areas.
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#### **2024 & 2025 IMAGES REVEAL THE TRUTH:**

Satellite images show the **extent of NCCI’s non-compliance**.

All disturbed areas should have remained **inside the original red box** (the approved boundary).

They are far beyond it — and **still expanding illegally**.

Meanwhile, **NSECC has done little to stop them**.

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## **OUR COMMUNITY STANDS ALONE IN DEFENSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT.**

We are the **only ones holding NCCI accountable**, and our **only avenue** is through **NSECC**, who continue to ignore the evidence.

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## **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.**

Demand that NSECC enforce the law.

Stop rewarding illegal actions with new approvals.

Protect Mount Uniacke's wetlands — **before they're gone for good.**

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**From:** [Tutty, Bridget R](#)  
**To:** [Rafferty, Meghan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Quarry Expansion- Mt.Uniacke  
**Date:** October 20, 2025 2:37:48 PM

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**Sent:** October 20, 2025 2:24 PM  
**To:** Tutty, Bridget R <Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca>  
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My Husband and I live on Piggot Lake and we have felt the effects of the blast at our home and this concerns us greatly. We know if the quarry is increased in size it will have a detrimental environment impact on our community and the many lakes that surrounds it. Don't let this happen.

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NO QUARRY EXPANSION!! The size of the quarry now has been bad enough-the blasting has been harmful and disturbing!

**Name:****Email:**

**City/Town**

Halifax

**Postal Code**

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Regards,

Tax paying resident who is affected by the quarry.  
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#### Habitat and biodiversity loss

Quarrying destroys natural landscapes, removing vegetation and displacing wildlife.

This can fragment habitats and disrupt ecosystems, impacting species like the Jefferson Salamander, which is listed as threatened.

#### Soil degradation and loss

The removal of topsoil and overburden leads to fertile soil loss.

This can result in decreased agricultural productivity and long-term land degradation.

Erosion from wind and water can also be a significant problem, especially in drier areas.

#### Water contamination and disruption

Quarry operations can contaminate surface and groundwater sources, affecting the quality of nearby residential wells and streams.

They can also alter local water tables and disrupt water recharge in aquifers.

Increased water temperature in nearby lakes can occur, impacting cold-water fish species.

#### Air and noise pollution

Quarries generate dust and particulate matter from extraction and transport.

Heavy machinery and blasting create significant noise and vibration, affecting local residents and wildlife.

Emissions from diesel-powered equipment also contribute to air pollution.

#### Other impacts

**Landscape degradation:** Quarries create "eyesores" that ruin the surrounding scenery.

**Infrastructure damage:** Vibrations from blasting and heavy trucks can damage nearby buildings and

rural roads.

**Community impacts:** Residents may face health issues from dust and noise, and there can be social and economic disruptions.

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Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project

**Comments:**

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Citizens of Mount Uniacke who live within 2km from quarry site

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Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project

**Comments:**

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The Quarry was initially started as a "small", 4 hectare development so it could avoid an extensive environmental review. It was done in such a way as to exploit environmental loopholes. They were successful and we, the residents, are getting to reap the rewards of

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Polluted runoff from quarry operations, blasting, and crushing.  
Effects of shock waves from blasting operations.  
Noise and dust pollution from rock crushing.  
Increased heavy truck traffic through the heart of our community that regularly exceeds posted limits and leaves dust and rock residue along the roadway.  
This Quarry is one of many established under the 4 hectare loophole. It's also part of a wider, development free-for-all ,that is occuring in the Province of Nova Scotia, which comes with little to no environmental best practices.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! As you sit down to a lovely meal with your wonderful families, ask yourself, "What's in our water?"

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- contamination of wetlands
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Of most concern is damage to our well.

Please consider all the negatives involved in going forward. Thank you.

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Minister Halman and Premier Houston, by my submission and your receipt of this email support, let it be known that as a property owner and taxpayer of the Mount Uniacke community, I fully support the contents of the letter sent to you on October 10, 2025, from members of our community. What they are voicing is my own and my neighbour's OUTRAGE over NCCI's quarry gaining 'first' another 10 year aggregate extraction approval renewal, without our knowledge or benefit of any public consultation, before doing so!

And, now we understand that NCCI has submitted to NSECC, the additional information, regarding surface water, needed to complete their EA registration, for the purpose of gaining approval to operate a 40 hectare aggregate quarry expansion. Which, IF approved, will be here in our community for decades to come and, with it, all of the same 'unresolved negatives' to our lives that comes with it. That, clearly, no one in this PC government is interested in fixing, let alone eliminating.

Minister Halman and Premier Houston, this community has been negatively impacted over the past 10 years, in many ways, of which NSECC, has been made FULLY aware, many times. Yet, with NEVER any remedies to these impacts that affect 'some' taxpayer's daily lives here, on other days, it's a much broader segment of the population, especially on blast days.

While, at the same time, NSECC appears to be turning a blind eye to the 'many' deficits and failings of NCCI, that you ALLOW to go unchecked, rewarded even!

Alarmingly, part of that statement is in regards to what we are now hearing about contamination of the wetlands, that are said to be at harmful levels to the ecosystem up there and other violations of the wetlands and the quarry site, that 'again' were overlooked by your staff, Minister Halman. Despite this all being brought to your attention in 2023 by our MLA, Brad Johns and key members of this community.

It would seem that NSECC appears to be doing everything it can to appease this proponent and give them what they want, even in the face of all the above and more - that was laid out in OUR community letter of opposition, which you have already received.

This community, Minister Halman and Premier Houston, are VERY concerned for why these 'many' negatives are ALLOWED to continue and, WHY, you refuse to HEAR US!!!

### ***Why is that?***

As a citizen and taxpayer of MU, I will be very interested to find out the answers to the many well asked questions contained within this letter FROM OUR COMMUNITY, authored by our community's opposition team. We thank them for saying what many of us cannot articulate to you.

And, please know, that if I'm not happy with the answers you provide, or your Nov. 12 decision, that negatively impacts my life here, puts my property, myself and my family, at constant risk - I'll certainly be knowing who NOT to vote for come our next Provincial election.

In the same way, you, Minister Halman and you, Premier Houston HAVE NOT stood up for the people of MU.

Minister Halman and Premier Houston, clearly the ONLY right and responsible decision for this PC government, is to not only DENY the expansion of NCCI's quarry but to CANCEL the existing 3.99ha renewal approval recently awarded. For all of the reasons cited in OUR letter of opposition - but mainly for the Environmental and Ecological reasons laid out!!!

Thanks for your attention,

Resident of the Uniacke Mines Rd.

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I am a resident of Mount Uniacke, living approximately 1 km from the Mount Uniacke Quarry owned & operated by Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc.

My home is located at on beautiful Cockscomb Lake.

My husband & I moved here in 2010 & we truly believed we had found paradise.

The community welcomed us to their quiet, relaxed and close-knit community where it was evident, that they valued their residents, local businesses and most importantly, its environment.

Residents of Mount Uniacke hold dearly to a strong appreciation & enjoyment of their existing parks, trails & lakes & want land use regulations that protect the natural environment rather than destroy it.

The Mount Uniacke quarry should have never been given a permit to operate & residents opposed it from the very beginning, however, their efforts were thwarted by more powerful agencies like Northumberland Capital Corporation as well as NSECC who facilitated the process.

Northumberland Capital Corporation's first permit was for a 3.99 hectare site, which has been in operation for the last decade with little or no monitoring by NSECC, even when evidenced-based documentation has been supplied to them on a regular & consistent basis.

Violations include operating outside the permitted site, using the wetlands to dump debris from construction sites on their return trip from off-loading their gravel, improper placement & recording of blasting protocol & strength, dump trucks speeding to & from the quarry causing dust so thick that residents can no longer see other vehicles on the road or walk on the road due to health & safety concerns, not to mention the pollution & rape of the wetlands as well as the damage to the residents' homes, wells and septic systems.

The current state of affairs & non-action to date, should warrant an investigation to explain how both Northumberland Capital Corporation & NSECC have been able to get away with this type of crime for the last decade.

It is unconscionable to think that both of these agencies are contemplating expanding the Mount Uniacke Quarry to 40 hectares.

Is anyone on the political spectrum listening to the residents of this community?

We want growth, but positive growth. There are many community-based developments being considered, however, the quarry is hindering these types of initiatives.

Some folks believe we are benefiting from the quarry being here, however, all Northumberland Capital Corporation pays to the municipality for their property assessment is less than \$300 per year.

The majority of Mount Uniacke residents pay much more than this.

I adamantly oppose this expansion!

There are more suitable places for this type of endeavour, rather than situating it in the middle a vanishing natural environment & a community who still has a heart & soul to care.

Please do not allow Northumberland Capital Corporation to change Mount Uniacke to the next Parkersburg, West Virginia, like Dupont did.

**From:**

**To:** [Smith, Kent](#)

**Cc:**

**Subject:** RE: Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion

**Date:** October 17, 2025 10:03:40 AM

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[01 - NCCI Quarry - EA Comments - Fisheries Letter - 2023-09-28.pdf](#)

[02 - Lot MA1 Showing Wetlands 2015 - 2025-10-17 - BSP.pdf](#)

[03 - Quarry Aerial & Lot MA1 - w Comments - 2025-07-07 - BSP.pdf](#)

[06 - Pyritic Slate & C&D Waste - 2025-10-16 - BSP.pdf](#)

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Good Morning Minister Smith

As you may or may not be aware, the NCCI Mount Uniacke Quarry sits immediately upslope from the wetlands that form the headwaters of the Sackville River. The active quarry is now ~136m away from the provincially mapped edge of these wetlands. This is significantly closer than the ~214m that was designated in their 2014 industrial approval documents. Immediately after receiving approval to proceed in 2014 and quarry development commenced, NCCI proceeded to illegally extend the active quarry area to the south, toward the provincially mapped wetlands. In doing so, they illegally infilled delineated wetland WL7 (refer to attachments 2 and 3) with construction and demolition waste imported from their construction sites in Halifax (refer to attachments 04 - 06). The 2014 NCCI review and approval documents from NSECC, contain specific direction to avoid Wetland (WL7) as well as a requirement to provide a 30m buffer from the unnumbered wetland at the northern boundary of the approved area, which has now also been illegally altered.

In September 2023 myself, MLA Johns, and other community members met directly with the NSECC-EA and NSECC-ICE branches to present the above and other non-compliances documented by the community. These led to a halt to the quarry expansion application. On 16-Sep-2024 the expansion application resumed and NSECC requested additional data from NCCI as part of the approval process, this request included a requirement for more surface water testing. As part of the 2023 meetings with NSECC, the community requested testing for Metals, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's), Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH's), Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) be completed on the soils associated with the C&D Waste. NSECC did not require NCCI to complete this testing.

As part of the 2023 NCCI EA submission, Fisheries and Aquaculture reviewed and responded to the documentation provided by NCCI, refer to Attachment 01 for that

response.

On 16-Sep-2025, NCCI submitted the additional data requested by NSECC to support the bid to expand the quarry. The additional water testing results revealed the quarry has been discharging levels of nitrites (from their blasting compounds) nearly 3 times the level deemed safe to fish, directly from the illegally located settling pond. Please refer to Section 2.2.2 of the report that is available on the NSECC website (<https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/mount-uniacke-quarry-expansion/>). The report does not address the numerous other effluent paths that originate from the site and flow to the wetlands of the Sackville River headwaters, nor does it address the chemicals may be leaching into the wetland from the C&D waste dumped on site.

There is an old saying in industry “Do not test for things, you do not want to find.”. This approach seems to be firmly entrenched here. Given it took over a decade, to look just beyond the previously mandated pH and turbidity testing required from the settling pond, how many other harmful, complex chemical compounds are originating from this site?

In lieu of this additional information I urge the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture to reconsider the position offered below. The existing operation poses a significant risk to aquatic life in the Sackville River, as well as for anyone drawing water from that watershed for their homes. Over the past decade NCCI have demonstrated complete disregard for the environment and the community, granting them a 10-fold expansion will surely be a disaster given their performance to date.

regards,

The Partridge Lane Residents Association

Attachments:

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- 04 - Quarry Violations 2023 (1 of 10) - BSP.jpg
- 05 - Quarry Violations 2023 (2 of 10) - BSP.jpg

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Hi again and thank you for including me in the conversation on the quarry in your community.

I did reach out to MLA Johns this afternoon, he and I had a good conversation and he provided some additional context for me. I am sorry to say I don't have any direct jurisdiction over your concerns, but can assure you MLA Johns has made the right decision-makers aware.

Again, I appreciate you including me.

Kent



**Honourable Kent Smith, ECNS**  
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Good evening, Honourable Minister Smith,

I would like to bend your ear on an ongoing critical concern regarding a quarry expansion in Mount Uniacke. This quarry is owned by Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc.

The NCCI quarry has asked for an expansion approval from a 4 hectare site to a 40 hectare site.

The community has identified 19 infractions including expanding outside of the approved area that has included a settling pond in the Sackville River headwaters wetland. They have exceeded the 30 meter buffer and impacted the natural environment. They have no wetland alterations approved or requested to DECC. A wetland has been infilled (wetland 7 identified on the 2015 application). Construction and demolition waste has been dumped on site and we have the evidence. Testing has been conducted including water sampling and monitoring.

They have blatantly not followed blasting regulations and monitoring. We also have direct evidence of this.

This has been escalated by MLA Brad Johns and the members of the municipal of east hants. The municipality of East Hants has unanimously voted against this expansion.

We have attempted as a community to get DECC to aid in the ongoing concerns for the last 10 years. Specifically over the last 2 to get support. This has fallen on deaf ears.

I implore you to aid our community and our natural environment in central NS. This has irreparable and generational damage that will leave a lasting impact for decades or

longer.

I ask that you connect with Brad Johns to discuss the ongoing failure to meet the proper mining and specifically aggregate mining on fisheries head waters. We only have until November 2nd to voice our concerns.

I greatly appreciate your time and connection to review and respond.

Sincerely,

**Fisheries and Aquaculture**

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Date: September 28, 2023

To: Candace Quinn, Environmental Assessment Officer, Nova Scotia  
Environment and Climate Change

From: Lesley O'Brien-Latham, Executive Director, Policy and Corporate Services  
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

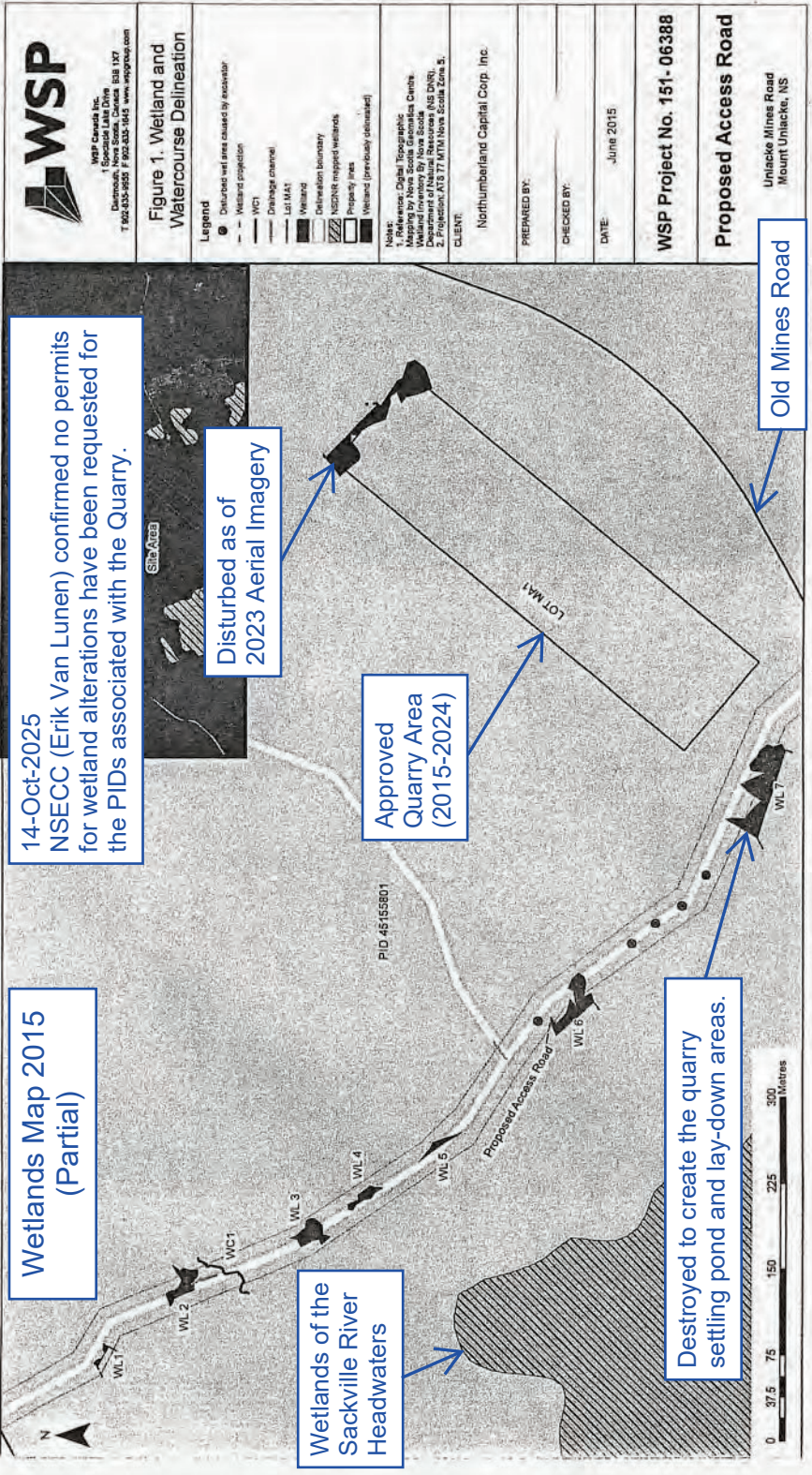
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– Environmental Assessment

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion project documents.

Based on the information you provided, the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture has the following comments:

- The proponent highlights sedimentation controls and other precautions to be taken during construction and operation. Given this quarry is approximately 200m from the nearest wetland, no impacts to sportfish populations are anticipated.
- There are no commercial fisheries near this location. The nearest processing facilities and buying stations are at least 100 kms away. No impacts to seafood buying and processing operations are anticipated.
- There is one Rockweed lease in the vicinity, where a portion of the lease would be within 25km of the proposed expansion.





Aerial Image ~ September 2023  
4-Oct-2023 Blast occurred after this photo.  
Created: 30-Mar-2023 - BSP

Updated: 7-Jul-2025 - BSP

30m Buffer to Wetland

44°54'54.53"N  
63°48'39.59"W

44°54'52.54"N  
63°48'36.03"W

Lot MA1  
Based on NSE Survey  
Coordinates (30-Apr-2015)  
Area = 3.999ha (39,993 sq.m.)

Active Access Road  
(As directed by NSE)

44°54'44.72"N  
63°48'51.37"W

Proposed Access Road  
(Denied by NSE in 2015)

Wetland WL7  
Altered (completely in-filled)  
without a permit.

44°54'42.60"N  
63°48'47.82"W





Mount Uniacke, NS - NCCI Quarry - Apparent Violations Identified by the Community  
Photo Taken: 3-May-2022



Effluent Running Away  
from the Settling Pond

Partially Buried  
Prefabricated Concrete?

Construction Waste? Prefabricated  
Concrete, Steel, old tires?

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Construction Waste? Vinyl Siding?

Construction Waste? Lumber?



Mount Uniacke, NS - NCCI Quarry - Apparent Violations Identified by the Community  
Photo Taken: 3-May-2022



Effluent Running Away  
from the Settling Pond?

Settling Pond

Overburden & Infill slopes running  
to wetlands not hydro-seeded.  
No Silt Fences Visible

How do these Quarry Active Areas  
drain to the settling pond?

Ground Slope Indicated by Arrows

Wetlands & Sackville River Head Waters.

Construction Waste? Prefabricated  
Concrete, Steel?

Unprotected Fuel Tank at the  
edge of the mill area.





Unknown C&D  
Waste

Asphalt

Pyritic Slate

Cobblestone

Mount Uniacke Quarry  
Looking West from Old Mines Road  
Former Location of Wetland 7 (WL7)  
Photo Taken: 28-Sep-2025 - BSP  
Comments: 16-Oct-2025 - BSP



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Dear Minister,

Please find attached a letter outlining community concerns about the environmental record of the NCCI quarry in Mount Uniacke.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Regards,

Lisa

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Dear Minister Halman,

I attended a community meeting on October 15 at the Uniacke Legion Hall where community members gathered to discuss the proposed expansion of the NCCI quarry and the lack of public engagement with your government.

During that meeting and in reviewing supporting documentation, I became aware of ongoing concerns related to the operation of the quarry. I understand that several concerns have been reported to NSECC for inspection and enforcement, including the filling in of wetlands. To date, community members do not feel that their current concerns are being investigated and monitored adequately. They do not feel that they have received promised transparency and accountability regarding the quarry.

As the party's Environment Critic and as a matter of urgency, I would like to meet with your inspection and compliance team to review the monitoring regime that has been in place for the quarry and the status of other investigations. Given that the current public comment period for an expansion of the quarry ends November 2, please schedule this update before that date.

I look forward to your timely response.

Regards,

Lisa Lachance

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Dear Mr. Halman:

I am writing to you in strong opposition of the proposed expansion of the NCCI quarry in Mt. Uniacke.

For the past 10 years, this company has continually ignored rules and regulations. They seem to be of the mind "it's better to beg forgiveness than ask permission". NCCI have blatantly filled in wetland, gone outside their boundaries, blasted above guidelines (Dalhousie seismograph picked one explosion up), done incorrect blast monitoring, and completely ignored the complaints of local residents. They are terrible corporate citizens. Why would anyone think that anything would be different when they expand more than 10 times?

Please do not allow this application to go through!

Sincerely,

Mt. Uniacke NS  
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**Subject:** Re: Quarry Expansion : East Uniacke

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On Oct 13, 2025, at 11:53 AM,

@gmail.com> wrote:

To Whom it May Concern , Please please please stop this expansion If you aren't aware of the results pre and post quarry

operations. In this day and age we should not put profits even in difficult times as the deciding factor in allowing these companies to deviate and then break promises and are never held accountable for reneging on promises to put the environment back as it was. Which is just nonsense and quality frankly Nieve to say the least. . This is copied directly for internet recap regarding quarries and their affects on the environment.

#### Habitat and biodiversity loss

- Quarrying destroys natural landscapes, removing vegetation and displacing wildlife.
- This can fragment habitats and disrupt ecosystems, impacting species like the Jefferson Salamander, which is listed as threatened.

#### Soil degradation and loss

- The removal of topsoil and overburden leads to fertile soil loss.
- This can result in decreased agricultural productivity and long-term land degradation.
- Erosion from wind and water can also be a significant problem, especially in drier areas.

#### Water contamination and disruption

- Quarry operations can contaminate surface and groundwater sources, affecting the quality of nearby residential wells and streams.
- They can also alter local water tables and disrupt water recharge in aquifers.
- Increased water temperature in nearby lakes can occur, impacting cold-water fish species.

#### Air and noise pollution

- Quarries generate dust and particulate matter from extraction and transport.
- Heavy machinery and blasting create significant noise and vibration,

affecting local residents and wildlife.

- Emissions from diesel-powered equipment also contribute to air pollution.

#### Other impacts

- **Landsc a e degradation:** uarries create eyesores that ruin the surrounding scenery.
- **Infrastr ct re damage:** ibrations from blasting and heavy trucks can damage nearby buildings and rural roads.
- **Comm nit im acts:** Residents may face health issues from dust and noise, and there can be social and economic disruptions.

Thank you

**From:**

**To:** [Premier](#)

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Requesting Premier Houston come to Mount Uniacke - No to Expansion of Uniacke Quarry

**Date:** October 1, 2025 1:48:20 PM

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Hello Premier Tim Houston,

I understand you are in Italy atm, I trust this email will get passed along to yourself at some point soon and not end up in the spam/delete bin.

Last night (Oct 15th) a large turnout to hear about WHY the Uniacke Quarry and the mammoth expansion is an absolute danger to our Mount Uniacke community and WHY they should not be allowed to expand. For that matter they should actually be shut down now. I would also like to point out, this is in no way a NIMBYism correspondence.

With two other quarries, an asphalt plant and a cement plant already located in Mount Uniacke why would a 50 year - 75 football field expansion be even considered? The projected MEH massive housing growth in Mount Uniacke alone would make one think that that would be enough to cancel any expansion, and especially one of this size and magnitude.

More importantly several proof laden violations and non compliance issues were presented to the audience last evening, which included 4 N.S. MLA's. It was eye opening and alarming to say the least! The even more alarming piece to this is Minister Tim Halman and his dept at NSECC & ICE are well aware of these violations. I'll presume you are not.

Let's face it Tim, you are the one calling the shots here.

**WE REQUEST YOU COME TO MOUNT UNIACKE for a PUBLIC TOWNHALL , much before the Nov 12 announcement by your Government.**

In short here, again there are many violations that you need to be aware of before you make what will be a precedence setting decision here in Nova Scotia. We are aware Elmsdale Lumber and family wield extensive influence in N.S. Political circles. Let us hope this does not sway your decision.

We have a lot of evidence to present to you.

For your consideration,

Longtime resident Mount Uniacke

The Sackville River headwaters and a portion of some of the nearby wetlands. \*Several violations are visible in this now 3 year old aerial picture.



**From:**  
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I am against the expansion of the quarry on Uniacke Lakelands Road

Tax payer

**From:** [Rahman, Mohammad](#)  
**To:** [Rafferty, Meghan](#)  
**Cc:** [Tutty, Bridget R](#); [Bowen, Lynn A](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Stop the NCCI Quarry Expansion  
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Tim,

Last week, I attended the Stop the Quarry Expansion meeting at the Uniacke Legion. I was disgusted to learn how you and the Nova Scotia government have turned a blind eye to the quarry regulations that the residents of Mount Uniacke expect you to enforce.

I am a long-time resident of Pentz Lake in Mount Uniacke—I live minutes away from the quarry site and its frequent house-shaking blasts. My family and I rely on Pentz Lake for our water supply. The quarry owner, Northumberland Capitol Corporation Inc. (NCCI) and its partner, Elmsdale Lumber Company (ELCO), are ruining our environment and natural resources.

For 10 years, our community has endured the negative impacts of the quarry, including:

- Ongoing blasting
- Environmental harm
- Illegal infilling of Wetland 7
- Excessive truck traffic
- Industrial dust and disease

NCCI now wants to increase the size of the quarry from 4 hectares to a massive 40 hectares. As Nova Scotia's Minister of Environment, it is your responsibility to protect our community, and stop the quarry expansion!

Many thanks,

**From:**  
**To:** [Minister, Env](#)  
**Cc:** [Premier; Environment Assessment Web Account; mlabrad ohns@gmail.com](#)  
**Subject:** Quarry Expansion in Mount Uniacke  
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We are residents of Artridge Lane in Mount Uniacke which is uncommo rtal close to this quarry. The quarry is requesting significant expansion which is ver concerning to surrounding residents who have already experienced disturbing last tremors resulting in earthquake like movement. Well water testing also shows a slowl increasing uranium content and the Uniacke Mines Rd continues to break down due to heavy truck traffic. We are NOT in favour of an expansion of the quarry in this area.

Mount Uniacke N

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**From:**

**To:** [Premier](#); [Minister, Env](#)

**Cc:**

**Subject:** NCCI quarry application

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The Honourable Tim Houston, MHA

Premier of Nova Scotia

The Honourable Timothy Halman

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

As a concerned resident of the Mount Uniacke community in East Hants, we are requesting answers to the letter your office received as of October 10, 2025 in regards to the NCCI Quarry application for expansion in our area. As well letters dated September 28, 2023 and again in September 2025 sent to the Department of Environment and Climate Control noting a list of multiple violations by NCCI in regards to the Quarry operation in the Mount Uniacke area. In a recent community meeting held in Mount Uniacke on October 15, 2025 it was discussed with residents attending that these concerns were not responded to or possibly not even investigated and therefore we feel these violations presented were either neglected or that the department and government feel they are irrelevant to the protection of our environmental concerns.

We have been landowners in the area of Cockscomb Lake since 1987 and became permanent residents in 2012. We chose this area to retire to as we enjoyed many years with our children enjoying the summer in this community and appreciating the pristine lakes, peacefulness, surrounding community and location to the city areas, which is a major incentive for future development in this area.

Since the quarry received its stamp of approval in 2015 we have experienced noise pollution from blasting that has shook our house, noise from quarry operations, our main access road, Uniacke Mines Road has become a safety

concern many times as you travel in and out with the consistent truck travel over a dirt under scaled road that was not built for such truck traffic, excessive wear causing major potholes, severe dust that hinders the health of local residents along the road, several situations of the trucks going off the road into the ditch or crossing over causing traffic to be blocked from entry or exit, this is a serious safety concern for anyone travelling this only route in or out to a residential community. In the past several months this truck traffic has increased and with further expansion it will continue to do so continuing to cause major concerns.

As we understand this land now owned by NCCI only pays an approximate municipal tax of \$300.00 a year. This is absurd to say the least; each truck load of gravel they take from this pit is about \$400.00 to buy. We as residents pay taxes of an extreme amount more and do not have the land or generate the substantial profits, they continue to have incoming. How does this make sense when we endure the damages to our road and health concerns to our residents, while our community reaps no benefits from their taxes or even from their business. How is this even allowed by our governments ?

Our community is a growing residential area however if this Quarry is given approval to continue and to expand to the extent as requested over the timeline of the next 30-50 years it will deter the development in our community for new homeowners. Who would want to buy land or a new home with a Quarry in your back yard ? We see this happening now, developed land that has been sitting and not selling in prime locations. Also, the effect it will have on our own real estate.

As important, if not more so , is the environmental effects it has and will continue to have on the wetlands that surround the Quarry area. Violations that have now caused possibly irreparable damage by the NCCI corporation and excused by our Department of Environment.

Wetland area that has been filled in with loads of possible contaminated waste as noted in previous letters received by your department. Evidence of contamination in the wetland area and settling pond with toxic levels that will affect or even destroy the habitat in this area and with leaching to continue to further contaminate waterway areas to the Sackville river and surrounding lake communities.

Over blasting and insignificant monitoring and results, operating outside the

present approved 3.99 hectares, with burying of construction material and debris in this area that was brought in from HRM by NCCI.

Bottom line is we do not want the Quarry expansion; we have put up with it for 10 years now with no support or interest on its effects from our government and we would like to request an opportunity to present our concerns in a community meeting format with your presence before the deadline of November 12, 2025.

Premier Houston as quoted by you, "I will always put the citizens and the environments health, safety, and well being first and foremost."

As someone who voted for you in this last election and first time as PC voter, I put my trust in you to be that leader who will stand by your word. Please make this an agenda concern.

Honourable Timothy Halman, as Minister of the Environment and Climate Control for Nova Scotia your role is to protect our environment of land and water, to protect the habitat of this province, to control Conservation. We recognize the importance of economic development for Nova Scotia, we have a vast province of land opportunities for business such as a Quarry operation that would not encroach on or hinder residential and protected areas, as well as future development for a community. As our Minister we expect you to fulfill this role and show support for these concerns.

I, and the residents of Mount Uniacke will look forward to your response and presence at a community meeting to discuss our concerns for the application to expand the quarry operations by NCCI in the Mount Uniacke area, at a time prior to November 12, 2025 deadline.

I appreciate your time to review our concerns, many of which are not included in this letter but would have been included in previous letters submitted by concerned residents and to be discussed at future meeting.

Thank You,

Mount Uniacke Residents

**From:**  
**To:** [Dan Lunen, Erik](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: attention Wetlands dept (NCCI Mount Uniacke Quarry)  
**Date:** October 20, 2025 12:16:44 PM  
**Attachment:** [RE Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion .msg](#)  
[01 - NCCI Quarry - EA Comments - Fisheries Letter - 2023-01-28.pdf](#)  
[02 - Lot MA1 Showing Wetlands 2015 - 2025-10-17 - BSP.pdf](#)  
[03 - Quarry Aerial & Lot MA1 - w Comments - 2025-07-07 - BSP.pdf](#)  
[06 - Pyritic Slate & C&D Waste - 2025-10-16 - BSP.pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon Erik

The attached email exchange with the Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture and related attachments, provides a quick summary of some of the wetland related concerns the community has at the NCCI Mount Uniacke Quarry. The quarry is located at the PIDs provided below by Steve.

There are also concerns regarding the status of Wetlands (WL1 through WL6) and Water Course (WC1) that appear on Attachment 02. In the latest WSP report these water features are no longer shown and WSP indicates none are present in the development area. Yet they show others on their latest drawings...

Latest WSP Report is located:

<https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/mount-uniacke-quarry-expansion/>

See the “**Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion EA Addendum (PDF)**” link

Below you mention you are the Environment Inspector assigned to the Mount Uniacke Area. Does this mean you have replaced Tanya Hunter? Tanya replaced Mariah Hunt in July and was actively working on complaints related to the wetland at the north end of the quarry and blast monitoring non-compliances. I have not heard from Tanya since August. If you are, what is the status of these complaints?

I can be available to discuss these matters over MS Teams, later this week if you like.

regards,

President

## The Partridge Lane Residents Association

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**From:** @hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 3:21 PM  
**To:** Van Lunen, Erik <Erik.VanLunen@novascotia.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: attention Wetlands dept

Hello Erik

Thank you for your quick response. I or a colleague will get back to soonest regarding particular concerns.

I know NSECC members do not make it a point to show up at community meetings (despite that, we always invite your NSE colleagues). Nonetheless, I am going to invite you to our community meeting tomorrow evening 6:30pm at the Mount Uniacke Legion.

There will be a few guest speakers we believe (and hope so).

Thank you,

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**From:** Van Lunen, Erik <[Erik.VanLunen@novascotia.ca](mailto:Erik.VanLunen@novascotia.ca)>  
**Sent:** October 14, 2025 2:27 PM  
**To:** @hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: attention Wetlands dept

Hello

To answer your questions directly:

1. A search of the departmental database for a wetland alteration approval for PID 45155801 returned no results. Industrial Approvals are public record and available to the public on our website. A Term and Condition for the NCCI quarry is that they maintain a 30-metre buffer between the active area and wetlands in the area.
2. As no records of an approval or application was returned from the database, an application has not been rejected. The department may consider the rejection of applications Approval. These decisions are guided by the Wetland Conservations Policy and Activities Designation Regulations made pursuant under the Environment Act.



I would assume that your line of questioning derives from an environmental concern or observations you have made as a citizen of the area. If there is a particular concern you would like to address, please contact me directly at the information below with these concerns. I am the Environment Inspector assigned to the Mount Uniacke area.

Regards,

Erik



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Hello NSECC Wetlands Dept.,

After conferring with a couple of Nova Scotian environmental agencies, they suggested I contact NSECC Wetlands and request information on the following.

Regarding **PID 45155801** in Mount Uniacke (this PID is associated with the quarry located at 213 Uniacke Mines Road).

Also, as an fyi for you, PID **45409950** is zoned as Rural Use and also associated with this quarry.

Questions:

1. Did the proponent (NCCI) meet and get a Watercourse and Wetland Alteration permit as well as the necessary criteria for needing a permit to be altered (or destroyed).
2. Has an application in this case ever been rejected to destroy the wetland? And in what circumstances would they reject?

Thank you,

Mount Uniacke resident

**From:** [Rahman, Mohammad](#)  
**To:** [Rafferty, Meghan](#)  
**Cc:** [Tutty, Bridget R](#); [Bowen, Lynn A](#)  
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Dear Premier Houston:

Once again here we are trying to fight the quarry expansion in the Mount No one wants this to happen for a variety of reasons, all which are valid concerns. however, today I'm going to speak on how this has affected my life, personally.

First of all, several years ago I had a petition against the quarry signed by all residents

surrounding Cockscomb Lake. Not even sure if it ever got to the people in government that needed to see it. Never received a response from anybody. That was hours of work.

There is a situation with my house where the outside trim has come apart from structure by about 1/2 inch. Not sure if this will cause damage in the future but truly believe it happened because of the blasting from the quarry, which apparently has been over acceptable limits. We built on bedrock so chances of structure moving is slim to none.

Secondly, it is about the dust!!! OMG it is ridiculous. We are breathing it in constantly from the blasting and the number of trucks that are constantly running.

This company (NCCI), has been caught in non compliance 19 times only to have had a slap on the wrist, so to speak. They have filled in, with toxic waste, not one but two areas of wetlands!! Who else would get away with such blatant infractions!!! The people of Mount Uniacke deserve better treatment than what they are getting.

We as constituents, are paying taxes (property) of upwards of \$7,000 per year. The quarry pays \$300 based on their assessment! Insane! They do not contribute to the economy, so why are they allowed to expand and exist, all the while destroying woodlands, waterways and air quality!

I'm also worried about our water tables and wells being destroyed with toxins. A very viable concern. Please tell me when someone in the government is going to pay attention to whats going on!

In closing, I would like to say, who allows a quarry to go in a place called Lakelands!  
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Minister Halman and Premier Houston, I attended the proposed quarry expansion meeting on Oct 15, 2025 at the Mt. Uniacke Legion and I was appalled no one from the Department of Environment nor the NCCI were present to deny the allegations of wrongdoing put forth by the concerned citizens of Mt. Uniacke. And from the information that was presented at the meeting along with data, video and pictures, it clearly shows neglect on the part of the quarry which puts the environment of Mt. Uniacke and surrounding areas at risk.

1-How can the Government allow for a quarry to be expanded when they have clearly ignored regulations imposed on them at the beginning?

2-How could you allow wetlands WL7 (WSP2015), south of the approved area, to be illegally filled in destroying the natural ecosystem.

3-Have the wetland areas WL1 - WL6 and water course WC (WSP2015) been illegally altered or destroyed as well? Because they are not displayed on the 2025 WSP drawings.

4-It was made evident at the meeting that the WL7 wetland was filled in with construction and demolition waste, pyritic slate and other contaminated soils, now being used for the settling pond and laydown area for quarry activities. How can you allow this to happen?

5- Because of the community's grave concerns regarding contamination of the soil at WL7 they had requested, in 2023, NSECC to test for toxic compounds such as VOC's, PFAS, PAH's, metals and other harmful contaminants. So, I ask you what chemicals are flowing through the soil, water table and the wetlands leading to the Sackville River Headwaters? And how can you allow this to continue?

6-It was also indicated that the future quarry will cross onto the watershed that leads to Cockscomb Lake. People draw their water from the lake. Contaminating the lake, contaminates the people. How can you allow this to happen?

7- The latest WSP report (Sept 16/25) revealed nitrate levels, from the illegally settling pond as a result of the blasting, to be three times higher than what is safe for fish. Not to mention the other impacts such as blue-green algae which affects, all wildlife, humans and pets. And the effluent also flows downhill towards the headwaters of the Sackville River which is only approximately 134m away. Which will destroy that waterway also. How can you let that happen?

8-It was also brought to our attention that the blasting monitoring results are inaccurate and unreliable because the blast monitoring equipment was incorrectly positioned and not set up properly resulting in inaccurate readings. Why would you rely on something that can be proved to be inaccurate?

9-Why are there only two test sights for run off contamination? And neither of which are located near the waterways to where the contaminants would run into?

10- Peoples homes and wells are being affected by the blasting ( cracks in the foundations and wells have gone dry ) Why hasn't this been addressed?

11- Why isn't there a Townhall meeting where Government officials, the Department of Environment and Quarry officials are present to answer the Community's serious

environmental questions and concerns which will impact the health and well being of our community and the generations to come?

After answering all these questions, I ask you.... “At the end of the day, can you look yourself in the mirror and say yes to the quarry expansion from 4 Hectares to 40 Hectares?”

A concerned citizen,

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As a concerned resident of the Mount Uniacke area I have concerns with this approval going forward. We have endured the results of this quarry operation For the past 10 years in my community.

Safety concerns on our road that is the only entry and exit point to our community.

Excessive destruction due to truck traffic on a road not built to endure such weight.

Incidents of road blockage due to trucks being off the road and blocking entry/ exit.

Increased dust that is a health concern to residents in this area. Massive blasts that are not being monitored as outlined in the guidelines for quarry operation.

The community does not reap benefits from this operation. Revenue goes outside of Mount Uniacke. They do not even pay an amount of taxes that benefits the municipality of East Hants to even come close to covering the cost of the destruction they are creating.\$300



00. A year in taxes. This is absurd.Environmental concerns where evidence of destruction to wetlands in area of the quarry now exist. We need the department of Environment to recognize and respect these concerns being submitted from the Mount Uniacke residents and shut down this request for expansion.

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As the MLA for Hants East, Minister MacDonald needs to represent his constituents and immediately bring his new voice as Minister of Municipal Affairs to the Quarry Expansion debate. The Community and the Municipality of East Hants concerns need to be heard, they are real, the NCCI Quarry is a cancer on Mount Uniacke, surrounding communities, and the Municipality of East Hants. MEH housing data demonstrates the Quarry is hampering, not helping, growth in Mount Uniacke. This directly contradicts the Premier's objectives on housing.

regards,

President

The Partridge Lane Residents Association

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Thanking you in advance Ms Chender Mr Mom ourquette and Mr lois for your valuable time today

It is my understanding that members of our community's Quarr Opposition Team have reached out to you earlier this week concerning the aggregate quarry here in Mount Uniacke Run Northumberland Capital Corp Inc who are presently seeking approval from N.E.C.C. on a quarry from their current quarry. And that they have provided you with enough background and details to understand the direness of the impending decision on a

decision on a from Minister alman is Nov /

I am writing to you all as a concerned citizen here who supports this opposition also and to invite you to a Town hall organized by our MLA Mr Brad Johns being held Wednesday October / at the Mount Uniacke Legion Veterans Lane MOUNT TIME p.m.

Please join us to learn first hand what the major concerns are

I am also asking that if you have any media contacts who you would pass along this information you have received from those mentioned above this would be much appreciated. This community to have significant media coverage of this important Town hall

Thank you for your time

Respectfully

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Minister alman and premier ouston in submission and our receipt of this email support let it be known that as a property owner and taxpayer of the Mount Uniacke community I will support the contents of the letter sent to you on October 1st from members of our community that they are voicing is mine own and mine neighbor's OUTRADE over NCCI's quarry gaining first another quarry aggregate extraction approval renewal without our knowledge or mine it of an public consultation before doing so

And now we understand that NCCI has submitted to N.E.C.C. the additional information regarding surface water needed to complete their EA registration for the purpose of gaining approval to operate a 10 hectare aggregate quarry expansion which IF approved will be here in our community for decades to come and with it all of the same unresolved negatives to our lives that comes with it That clearly no one in this BC government is interested in fixing let alone eliminating

Minister alman and premier ouston this community has been negatively impacted over the past years in many ways so which N.E.C.C. has been made FULLY aware many times yet with NE.E.R. and remedies to these impacts that affect some taxpayers' daily lives here on other days it's a much broader segment of the population especially on last days

While at the same time N.E.C.C. appears to be turning a blind eye to the many deficits and ailments of NCCI that you ALLOE to go unchecked rewarded even

Alarmingly part of that statement is in regards to what we are now hearing about contamination of the wetlands that are said to be at harmful levels to the ecosystem up there and other violations of the wetlands and the quarry site that again were overlooked by our state Minister alman despite this all being brought to our attention in our MLA's radio shows and key members of this community

It would seem that N.E.C.C. appears to be doing everything it can to appease this proponent and give them what they want even in the face of all the above and more that was laid out in OUR community letter of opposition which you have already received

This community Minister alman and premier ouston are VERY concerned over why these many negatives are ALLOE to continue and you're used to EARLY

It is that

As a citizen and taxpayer of MU I will be very interested to find out the answers to the many well asked questions contained within this letter FROM OUR COMMUNITY authored by our community's opposition team I would like to thank them for saying what many of us cannot articulate to you

And please know that I am not happy with the answers you provide for our November decision that negative impacts mine lie here puts mine property mine self and mine family at constant risk I'll certainly be knowing who NOT to vote for come our next provincial election

In the same way you Minister alman and you premier ouston ARE NOT stood up for the people of MU

Ministerelman and Premierouston clearly the ONLY right and responsible decision for this BC government is to not only DENY the expansion of NCC's quarry but to CANCEL the existing quarry's renewal approval recently awarded. For all of the reasons cited in OUR letter of opposition but mainly for the Environmental and Ecological reasons laid out.

LEAVE make time to come out to our Town hall hosted by our MLA Mr. Brad Johns on Wednesday Oct 14 / 2015 at the MU Legion Veterans Lane, MU and engage with this community on a PETITION which will be of vital importance to many of our citizens. Premierouston.

Regards

Tax paying resident who is affected by the quarry  
environmental issues

**From:** [Rahman, Mohammad](#)  
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Good morning,

Please see attached letter from Liberal Environment and Climate Change Critic Iain Rankin regarding the proposed expansion of the quarry in Mount Uniacke.

Thanks,  
Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus



**Iain Rankin**

MLA, Timberlea-Prospect

House of Assembly of Nova Scotia

**October 22, 2025**

Dear Minister Halman,

On behalf of the concerned citizens of Mount Uniacke, I am writing to urge your department to hold Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc. (NCCI) accountable for its actions at the Mount Uniacke Quarry.

On October 15, 2025, residents and local representatives gathered at a town hall to discuss their concerns around NCCI's proposed quarry expansion. While quarries can provide economic benefits, those benefits cannot come at the cost of public safety, environmental protection, and quality of life.

This proposal has faced serious issues since NCCI first submitted its Environmental Assessment Registration Document (EARD) in July 2023. Your department suspended the review later that year, and in 2024 determined the submission lacked sufficient information to assess impacts on surface water. Despite this, NCCI has now submitted an Addendum – even as residents present evidence of unauthorized expansion beyond the approved 3.99-hectare boundary and encroachment on the 30-metre water body setback.

Equally concerning are reports of improper blast monitoring. Equipment appears to have been placed on soft ground instead of bedrock, potentially understating the real impact of vibrations on nearby homes – many of which sit directly on bedrock and are vulnerable to damage.

The people of Mount Uniacke are asking for accountability. I urge your department not to approve any expansion until NCCI demonstrates a clear and verifiable plan to meet environmental and safety standards, and until proper, independent monitoring is in place.

Nova Scotians deserve confidence that our environmental laws are being upheld and most importantly, that the health and safety of communities come first.

Sincerely,

Hon. Iain Rankin

Liberal Critic for Environment and Climate Change



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Hello,

I am writing to put my voice forward to prevent the Northumberland Capitol Corporation Inc. Mine Expansion, just outside of Mount Uniacke, a quickly expanding community. Water, as many people in the Hants community, and all of NS have recently learned, is our most valuable resource for survival. Please do not allow this mine expansion, that will put all current wells in the surrounding area and down into the Sackville River at risk, just to have gravel. The same quality of gravel can be extracted in other areas that pose a much lower risk to the environment.

Mount Uniacke is expanding quickly , 3 new subdivisions and a full and expanding Industrial Park and much more. This expansion puts all of these new homes and businesses at risk of having no clean water. Leaving reduced growth and wasted residential homes with no occupants at a time when homes are so desperately needed. A company who doesn't follow environmental regulations currently, will not change with greater responsibility.

The cost of thousands of poisoned wells will be a huge burden on the province and a massive class action law suit.

Why use this site when so many others exist?

The very few jobs it will bring won't justify the damage and Risk the Province is taking.

Sincerely,

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**Select a Project:**

Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project

**Comments:**

A definite NO to the Uniacke Quarry EXPANSION.

NCCI have given this community 10 years of deception, sneakiness, poor corporate citizenship, terrible stewards of the environment, outright lying to the public and blatantly disrespectful of Mount Uniacke.

NCCI have a long 10 yr history of committing several non compliance issues and many VIOLATIONS incl:

- Wetlands Destruction (illegal to begin with and NCCI did not have a permit)
- Buried C&D Waste and Pyritic Slate
- Possible Toxic Discharges (illegal settling pond)
- Dangerous Nitrite Levels (WSP Report Sept. 16, 2025)

-Non-Compliant Blasting Monitoring (equipment was incorrectly positioned, not setup or configured properly, invalidating official blast data).

NSECC should not be rewarding NCCI with a mammoth 40 hectare expansion and sentencing the community of Mount Uniacke to another 30 years of Industrial Disease.

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Do the Right Thing Minister Halman!

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To Whom it May Concern

I recently had the opportunity to attend a town hall regarding the expansion of the quarry on the Uniacke Mines Rd. At that meeting it was detailed that NCCI have a ten year history of non compliance and many violations including:

- Wetlands Destruction (illegal to begin with and NCCI did not have a permit)
- Buried demolition waste and pyritic late
- Possible Toxic Discharges (illegal settling pond)
- Dangerous Nitrite Levels (WSP Report Sept. 16, 2025)
- Non-Compliant Blasting Monitoring (equipment was incorrectly positioned, not setup or configured properly, invalidating official blast data).

It is beyond my understanding that the Government of Nova Scotia is unable or unwilling to enforce its own regulations. We should also not reward an operator for bad behavior by granting an operation extension.

I understand the need for aggregates to meet the current construction demand. It is the responsibility of the Nova Scotia Government to approve operators that have a record of complying with existing regulations and to demand that their departments enforce their own regulations. Neither have occurred in this case and the expansion should not be approved until such time that the operators and the regulators can guarantee respect and compliance with our environmental regulations.

Respectfully

Mt Uniacke NS

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Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project

**Comments:**

I oppose this Quarry expansion based on evidence of violations previously presented to the NSECC. As well due to safety concerns and disruptions to the entry and exit route on Uniacke Mines Road caused by quarry truck traffic. The hindrance to future development in our area due to the Quarry that does not provide any beneficial economic value to our community. They do not pay taxes to support this community. Future expansion is a major concern to our wetlands and waterways to surrounding lakes and rivers. I hope this government and the NSECC take these concerns seriously if you do care as you say about the environment, the people and provincial development for homes.

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I am a resident of Mt Uniacke [redacted] NS and I have some serious concerns about the proposed Quarry Expansion in our area and here is why:

NCCI have a long 10 yr history of committing several non compliance issues and many VIOLATIONS incl: **-Wetlands Destruction** (illegal to begin with and NCCI did not have a permit)

**-Buried C&D Waste and Pyritic Slate**

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**Not to mention the blasting that has been taking place and the truck traffic residents have to endure.**

**Mt Uniacke NS**



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Att: Premier Houston

From:

Subject: NCCI (Northumberland Capital Corp. Ltd) Quarry Expansion in Mount Uniacke

Dear Premier

Thirty-seven years ago I purchased 1300 acres on the North side of Cockscomb Lake in Mount Uniacke where I had to build 1 kilometre of Highway on the Uniacke Mines Road (at my expense) to access my property which I then turned over to the NS Government at no charge. I then built 3 kilometers of high-quality Partridge Lane road along the North side of the lake and sold 30 Lots 25 of which have had large, beautiful homes built on them with taxes ranging from \$6,000.00 per year to \$10,000 per year. The latest house sale was for \$1.7 million dollars. I personally live on the lake and have witnessed firsthand all the issues with this Quarry which is appraised at only \$30,000 dollars & pays annual taxes of just \$280.00 a year vs the almost \$250,000 paid to the Municipality of



East Hants (which has unanimously opposed the expansion of this quarry) by just the residence in my subdivision.

This is one of the most beautiful subdivisions in Nova Scotia.

Approximately 10 years ago when I was about to proceed with my final 10 waterfront lots phase 4 of the subdivision NCCI group was given approval to build a quarry which they now want to expand by 10 fold. I put my plans on hold as I could not in good faith sell lots to unaware buyers hoping for a beautiful piece of Nova Scotia to call home. This quarry was not needed as the area is already serviced by 4 other quarries within reasonable distances. This is a potential additional tax base lost by the Municipality of East Hants which far exceeds the revenue from the Quarry of only \$280.00 per year.

Last week at a community meeting of over 75 people we heard of cracked basements, wells which had run dry (some prior to this year), children who could not play outdoors and heat pumps that need to be cleaned every week, while windows need to be kept closed all due to the dust created by the steady stream of large trucks on this gravel road.

There are numerous environmental and operational non conformances at the quarry that have been clearly demonstrated.

We are not antidevelopment however there was no need for this quarry in the first place and definitely there is no need for its expansion as it has already become a nightmare for our neighborhoods.

Best Regards

Mount Uniacke, NS, B0N 1Z0

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As a resident of the Uniacke Mines Rd it is heartbreaking to witness that the government doesn't care for the residents of this road and all the affected residents of Cockscomb Lake due to the nasty operation of the quarry being run by NCCI.

It's been years of dust blasting without any warnings dump trucks on the road some of them speeding one of them run over a resident's dog denial of service to residents from the quarry YEAR FULL OF NE ATI E IM ACT and ERO O ITI E IM ACT .

The water table is also compromised due to the blasting chemicals that without a doubt leach into the ground. This doesn't only impact the Mount Uniacke residents but also theackville residents due to the runoff of theackville River that is in very close proximity to the quarry.

This is a residential area the road is not serviced to be full of heavy dump trucks going by every minutes on average.

As a resident I cannot even walk my dogs peacefully on this secondary road in Mount Uniacke. The whole reason I moved fromalifax to Mount Uniacke was to avoid the crowded town and have some peace. eace that was disturbed by this quarry operation.

I hope you do the right thing this time and do not allow the expansion.

From a very concerned resident

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While it has always been extremely difficult to understand why there is a quarry in a residential neighbourhood the fact that their request to expand their footprint over tenfold hasn't been immediately denied is unfathomable.

Their blasting can be felt and heard for miles around they have been consistently non compliant on many regulatory issues and are a growing concern to the environment.

I would urge your assistance and support to deny their expansion request and mandate complete compliance with existing rules. Thank you for your consideration.

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Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project

**Comments:**

Hello,

I am writing in support of those in Mount Uniacke, concerned about the Quarry Expansion. Our once small town has seen an unprecedented increase in large truck traffic in just the past 5 years. They do not follow posted speed limits, I have submitted complaints to RCMP regarding this before. The traffic coming on and off the highway at the Mount Uniacke exit, which has no stop light, is already too much. The Quarry Expansion will negatively impact natural wildlife, and the sound and vibration negatively impacts the people of the community as well. The dust and debris in the air, and air quality is also a concern. I do not believe environmental factors have been considered enough in this potential expansion. The residents of the community do not want this.

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Honorable Premier Tim Houston.

I support a townhall meeting in Mount Uniacke so residents can speak directly to you the Premier about the quarry impacts and the ongoing Environmental Assessment process.

The residents of Mount Uniacke will appreciate your attention for this request.

Thank you

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Subject: NCCI Quarry application

The Honourable Tim Houston, MHA  
Premier of Nova Scotia  
The Honourable Timothy Halman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

As a concerned resident of the Mount Uniacke community in East Hants, we

are requesting answers to the letter your office received as of October 10,2025 in regards to the NCCI Quarry application for expansion in our area. As well letters dated September 28,2023 and again in September 2025 sent to the Department of Environment and Climate Control noting a list of multiple violations by NCCI in regards to the Quarry operation in the Mount Uniacke area . In a recent community meeting held in Mount Uniacke on October 15,2025 it was discussed with residents attending that these concerns were not responded to or possibly not even investigated and therefore we feel these violations presented were either neglected or that the department and government feel they are irrelevant to the protection of our environmental concerns.

We have been landowners in the area of Cockscomb Lake since 1987 and became permanent residents in 2012. We chose this area to retire to as we enjoyed many years with our children enjoying the summer in this community and appreciating the pristine lakes , peacefulness, surrounding community and location to the city areas, which is a major incentive for future development in this area.

Since the quarry received it's stamp of approval in 2015 we have experienced noise pollution from blasting that has shook our house, noise from quarry operations, our main access road, Uniacke Mines Road has become a safety concern many times as you travel in and out with the consistent truck travel over a dirt under scaled road that was not built for such truck traffic, excessive wear causing major potholes, severe dust that hinders the health of local residents along the road, several situations of the trucks going off the road into the ditch or crossing over causing traffic to be blocked from entry or exit, this is a serious safety concern for anyone travelling this only route in or out to a residential community. In the past several months this truck traffic has increased and with further expansion it will continue to do so continuing to cause major concerns.

As we understand this land now owned by NCCI only pays an approximate municipal tax of \$300.00 a year. This is absurd to say the least; each truck load of gravel they take from this pit is about \$400.00 to buy. We as residents pay taxes of an extreme amount more and do not have the land or generate the substantial profits, they continue to have incoming. How does this make sense when we endure the damages to our road and health concerns to our

residents, while our community reaps no benefits from their taxes or even from their business. How is this even allowed by our governments ?

Our community is a growing residential area however if this Quarry is given approval to continue and to expand to the extent as requested over the timeline of the next 30-50 years it will deter the development in our community for new homeowners. Who would want to buy land or a new home with a Quarry in your back yard ? We see this happening now, developed land that has been sitting and not selling in prime locations. Also, the effect it will have on our own real estate.

As important, if not more so , is the environmental effects it has and will continue to have on the wetlands that surround the Quarry area. Violations that have now caused possibly irreparable damage by the NCCI corporation and excused by our Department of Environment.

Wetland area that has been filled in with loads of possible contaminated waste as noted in previous letters received by your department. Evidence of contamination in the wetland area and settling pond with toxic levels that will affect or even destroy the habitat in this area and with leaching to continue to further contaminate waterway areas to the Sackville river and surrounding lake communities.

Over blasting and insignificant monitoring and results, operating outside the present approved 3.99 hectares, with burying of construction material and debris in this area that was brought in from HRM by NCCI.

Bottom line is we do not want the Quarry expansion; we have put up with it for 10 years now with no support or interest on its effects from our government and we would like to request an opportunity to present our concerns in a community meeting format with your presence before the deadline of November 12, 2025.

Premier Houston as quoted by you, " I will always put the citizens and the environments health, safety, and well being first and foremost."

As someone who voted for you in this last election and first time as PC voter, I put my trust in you to be that leader who will stand by your word. Please make this an agenda concern.

Honourable Timothy Halman, as Minister of the Environment and Climate Control for Nova Scotia your role is to protect our environment of land and water, to protect the habitat of this province, to control Conservation. We



recognize the importance of economic development for Nova Scotia, we have a vast province of land opportunities for business such as a Quarry operation that would not encroach on or hinder residential and protected areas, as well as future development for a community. As our Minister we expect you to fulfill this role and show support for these concerns.

I, and the residents of Mount Uniacke will look forward to your response and presence at a community meeting to discuss our concerns for the application to expand the quarry operations by NCCI in the Mount Uniacke area, at a time prior to November 12, 2025 deadline.

I appreciate your time to review our concerns, many of which are not included in this letter but would have been included in previous letters submitted by concerned residents and to be discussed at future meeting.

Thank You,

Mount Uniacke Residents

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**Select a Project:**

Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project

**Comments:**

Do not allow the expansion to happen. The benefits do not outweigh the costs on the enviroment and community in which I live!!.

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Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project



**Comments:**

Several years ago when this quarry 1st went in, 4 hectre quarries were popping up all over as that size did not require a very detailed environmental assessment. There was a lot of concern at that time of the proximity to our lakes region and also to the old gold mine sites. We were worried that they would disturb the pollution like mercury, nitrates and arsenic that lays underground, and how it could leach into the lakes and groundwater and our wells. Of course they were allowed to go ahead and we won't find out if we've been poisoned for years and we'll likely hear it from our doctors. Now they want to expand to 10 times that initial size and I'm hearing a lot of those small quarries are seeking expansion. This makes me wonder if that wasn't the intention all along and it's likey easier for the government to rubber stamp approval once a quarry is already existing. I'm not even getting into the blasting, or the noise, pollution and danger of these dump trucks speeding

back and forth with loads. Also the destruction of wetlands and ecosystems have already been going in since the initial 4 hectare quarry started up, imagine 10 times that destruction.

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Hello,

Currently in a battle to expel a proposed massive x10 Quarry Expansion in my community of Mount Uniacke, Nova Scotia, Canada.

We need large numbers to email in your concerns against this application. **Nov 2 is the deadline.**

Pick one or more issue as to why you oppose this (\*hint - 'Environmental Industrial Disease' covers a lot of territory). Your commentary goes to NSECC EA (Nova Scotia Environ & Climate Change dept and more specifically to the EA (Environmental Assessment people) who tabulate the inputs.

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Otherwise, the main issues are:

- Illegal infilling of wetlands (no application for alteration or approval was granted)
- Buried waste, construction debris, pyritic slate and contaminated soil in the former wetland WL7 (*which was illegally infilled and made into a staging area and settling pond*)!
- Toxic chemicals (VOCs, PAHs, PFAS) have most probably leached from settling pond. \*NSECC testing incomplete, risks unknown). This has gone on for many years now.
- Dangerous Nitrite levels -> effluent and runoff has flowed in to wetlands areas, risking oxygen depletion, algae blooms, toxic blue-green algae.
- Future Wetlands loss -> up to 10 current wetland areas in the proposed expansion (from 4 to 40 hectares!) would be destroyed or contaminated in the expansion was green lighted.
- IMPROPER BLASTING PRACTICES and MONITORING have been occurring for several years resulting in skewed post blast numbers. *\*OVER BLASTING and DAMAGES to our environment and our properties; we have proof the Monitoring Equipment for these blasts have been placed, not on bedrock (as is the industry minimum standard), but on soft gravel or muddy areas.*

**\*\*** there are many other violations and non-compliance issues as well, but the powers that be (who are supposed to protect against nause like this) consider many of them to be 'mundane and minor!' Can you say *heads in sand and sweeping shite under a carpet!*

Thanks much for supporting  
Best regards,

P.s. If you would also please sign our Petition, that would be extremely helpful.  
pertinent information and visual pictures are included here for your perusal.

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Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project



**Comments:**

Our household is extremely concerned about this expansion. As a community we have experienced the blasting and the effects. We don't need or support an explanation in our small community. We don't need the wear and tear of the big trucks speeding up & down our worn narrow roads . As a small rural community what good will come out of this expansion? The most notable expansion needed in Mount Uniacke is our School ! Our roads and every where needs expansion and physical activity places for our children are needed before an unnecessary expansion to a quarry that will disrupt a whole community especially everyone on the East Uniacke road .

2 years ago in July a blast was so big it shook the foundation of our home, who in there right mind would what more of that activity occurring . We are never notified of such blasting and if that's happening now what will the future blasts be like on a much larger



scale ? The structural damages that can happen to foundations alone and water supplies will be affected then who do we turn to ?? Absolutely nobody because if we make a call with our concerns there are no answers or help!!

It will affect wetlands, homes and everything around our quiet neighborhood, Mount Uniacke doesn't need this expansion or want any part of it. The only real expansion we do need are ones that improve our quality of life and this expansion is far from any harmonious living .

It will be an injustice to everyone living here and if it does go threw every single person living around the expansion area should be guaranteed our present living standards will not be affected, our water supplies will not be affected and our wetland forests will not suffer . As a community we should have some say when a project this large has potential to affect a large portion of our small community . Our household stands against it with our whole community.

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