

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH - STOUFFVILLE

COUNCIL

Date Nov. 6 1979

It is moved by Becky Medley

and seconded by Jim Gordon

That the Minister of Natural Resources be requested to withhold second reading of Bill 127, The Aggregates Act, until he <sup>has</sup> answered the issues raised in the following article: John Swaigen, "Ontario's Proposed Aggregates Act", Municipal World; Sept, 1979, pp 227-229.

Further that this resolution and a summary of the issues raised in the article be circulated to other Municipalities located on the Oak Ridges Moraine for their support and with the request that they inform the Minister of their support.

Issues raised in article: John Swaigen, "Ontario's Proposed Aggregates Act"; Municipal World, Sept. 1979, pp227 -229.

- (a) "The Act appears to contemplate no role in assessment of site locations or enforcement for the Ministry of the Environment."
- (b) There is no provision for an expanded field staff.
- (c) The public can prosecute offences only with the consent of the Minister.
- (d) Will the annual licence fees be adequate to provide provincial government revenue, compensate municipalities for real costs incurred, provide for rehabilitation of abandoned pits and quarries?
- (e) Will security payments be adequate now and in the future?
- (f) Local autonomy in designation of sites appears to be eroded.
- (g) The right to notice of a licencing application is not given to adjoining land owners.
- (h) The right to an OMB hearing has been restricted.
- (i) The natural environment is not protected, even topsoil is not required to be preserved.
- (j) Applicants for sites extracting less than 20,000 tonnes per year provide the Minister with less information than those applicants for more than 20,000 tonnes.
- (k) Licence fees need not be paid until the end of the year.
- (l) The right of appeal to issuance or renewal of a licence is not afforded the public whereas, the right of appeal is given the operator in the case of denial.
- (m) "It is unclear to what extent the new Act would apply to existing operations."
- (n) The proposed regulations are unavailable for public discussion.