

## **UPDATE**

### **ASPHALT PLANT versus JESSUP'S FALLS ESCARPMENT**

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- After much work from the population of the Township, the Alfred Plantagenet Council has voted resolution 2012-528 to protect the Jessup's Falls Escarpment from heavy industrial development. **THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS RESOLUTION.**
- The next step is to have the UCPR remove from their Official Plan (OP) the MINERAL AGGREGATE RESERVE designation of the Jessup's Falls Escarpment area and to revise the current incorrect boundaries of the ANSI of the Jessup's Falls Escarpment.
- The Official Plan for the UCPR is presently under revision.
- The general public is being stonewalled by the UCPR and the mayors. The Chief Administrator Officer, Mr. Parisien and the Director of Urban Planning Services, Mr. Prévost are both refusing to share the draft Official Plan.
- The administration of the UCPR wants the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to review the document before the elected members of the UCPR and the public access the document. **WHY?**
- As it stands right now, we should have a copy of the OP in the next 80 to 90 days.
- According to the administration of the UCPR the public will have two weeks to consult the Official Plan before Public Meetings will be held.
- Two weeks is not enough to research and prepare, if necessary, a solid objection to the OP. **WHY CAN'T THE PUBLIC BE PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS INCLUDING DRAFTING THE OP?**
- At the last Council meeting of the Alfred Plantagenet (November 5, 2012), I was under the impression that Mayor Mr. Lalonde was going to ask for a copy of the draft OP at the meeting of the UCPR on November 27, 2012.
- I attended the meeting of the UCPR on November 27, 2012. Mayor Lalonde did not ask for a copy of the draft OP. Moreover, Mayor Lalonde did not mention or stress the importance of Resolution 2012-528 in the revision of the OP.