

## CCOB Participant Statement

Dana Glory

My name is Dana Glory, and I am grateful for the chance to speak on behalf of my family, about the gravel pit project on Watts Pond Road. I am a newer resident of the community, I moved here five years ago from Toronto, but my Husband grew up in Paris. We are back and forth between Toronto and Paris a lot; my husband works in the film and television industry, usually based in Toronto. I work from home, and take care of our two kids. We live at 72 West River Road, due south of the Paris Pit.

When we were ready to buy a house, we were really lucky to be able to move to my husband's childhood home, on a 4 acre property on the Grand River. We have a beautiful, naturalized pond & forest; which many animals travel through and live in. My husband and I feel a strong sense of stewardship for this land, a lovely ecosystem and its animals... My husband has seen trees planted as seedlings that are now mature trees, standing 30 ft tall. We have two small children, and are so glad that they have the chance to grow up with a close connection to the natural world.

We live on West River Road, just down the road from the gravel pit site. We feel deeply concerned about this project, for a number of reasons. First and foremost, we are worried about the environmental impacts that this project will have on the Grand River system, as well as our town's aquifer and water supply. We feel concerned that any potential damages caused by this project will fall as the responsibility of the local community, while Dufferin; a multinational corporation, would not be held accountable.

The UN has decreed that access to clean water is a human right. We feel this right should be respected. Once damage has been done to our ground water, it will not be easily fixed. This fight is important, it is for the protection of safe drinking water in our community. We see it as our responsibility, for our children and all the children of the community to stand with Water Protectors across the country, and around the world to say no to corporate interests being allowed to pollute our natural water supply without recourse, and to demand that our municipal and provincial governments protect our community's water.

We are so lucky in Paris, we live in a beautiful, historic town, shaped by the natural landscape of rivers, forest, and lush farm land. We urge the Province to reconsider this project, to revoke the over 40 year old aggregate license and not approve the water-taking permit and sewage approval. Water is Life. Thank You.