

Worried about precedent

Dear editor,

Re: "Controversial McClintock Quarry Advancing" (*The Highlander* July 25, 2019)

The Notice of Completion for the proposed McClintock quarry is of course "devastating" news to the residents of adjacent, tiny, Harvey Lake. But the issue is bigger than just Harvey Lake. The Ontario MNRF is setting a dangerous precedent, opening a Crown land loophole for quarry development while running roughshod over the municipal Official Plan.

Ontario has abundant Crown land, so quarries need to be appropriately sited where there will be minimal environmental and social impact. We are extremely disappointed that Haliburton County, where such a large proportion of our land is Crown land, has not been assertive in making a case to our elected representatives and to the minister of natural resources and forestry to protect our lakes, natural resources and tourism from this blatant trashing of our local planning.

All residents close to Crown land, and all those concerned with responsible Crown land development, should be concerned by this Notice of Completion. The door is open for a quarry close to you.

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Editor's note:

Neither Algonquin Highlands nor the County Haliburton had any jurisdiction on the matter as the land in question is owned by the province which had sole jurisdiction on the decision. Algonquin Highlands stood firm in support of its own land-use planning requirements (1,000m) however the province is not obligated to adhere to municipal land use regulations.



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