

December 16, 2012

The Honourable Jim Bradley
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Dear Minister Bradley,

I am writing on behalf of Lake Ridge Citizens for Clean Water. We are a group of community volunteers that have been involved with research and education in soil management issues in the GTA for the past two and a half years. This past spring we were made aware of the fill situation in the **Town of New Tecumseth at the Tottenham Airfield (Volk Airfield)** which is located, in part, in an **Area of High Aquifer Vulnerability on the Oak Ridges Moraine**.

We have been in correspondence with the MOE's Barrie District Office in relation to the serious situation at the Tottenham Airfield. We sent a report to the Barrie MOE Office listing human and environmental health and safety concerns regarding the **unregulated** commercial fill operation at this site. The October 23, 2012 report is attached here for your reference. We received a response from the MOE Barrie Office on Nov. 14th:

Unfortunately, the Nov. 14th Ministry letter, attached here for your review, does not alleviate **the serious concerns** regarding the Tottenham Airfield operations in the Town of New Tecumseth.

We then submitted a second email on Nov. 20th to the Barrie Office (also attached) asking for measurable and definitive action to ensure that what was **previously** deposited, as well as what is currently being deposited on the airfield will not potentially impair the groundwater under the site. We have not yet had a response back to this second letter. **We wish to have clear and significant evidence to ensure the fill deposited (past and present) is free of contamination that could one day potentially impact the health and safety of those sustained by groundwater supplies in the area.**

We understand and appreciate that the Ministry of the Environment is presently trying to establish soil management guidelines through the Best Management Practices Draft Document, now posted for public comment on the EBR. We understand fill issues in the province are complex and **action, communication and cooperation from all relevant regulatory agencies is required**. We are in correspondence with **all levels of government** with regards to this important issue. We understand and appreciate that the Ministry of the Environment is **"responsible** for protecting clean and safe air, land and water to ensure healthy communities,

ecological protection and sustainable development for present and future generations of Ontarians". Therefore, **we are calling on the Ministry to fulfill its mandate with regards to the activities on the Tottenham Airfield site.**

We are asking that a full Phase 2 Environmental Assessment be completed for the Tottenham Airfield site and full disclosure of the results and recommendations be provided to impacted stakeholders, like LCCW. Specific reasons indicating why the Assessment is necessary are provided in our Oct. 23 Report and the Nov. 20th email, attached.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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