

August 14, 2007

Mr. John Kittle,
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Dear John,

At the meeting of the Bedford Mining Alert on July 21st and again at the Citizens' Mining Rights Advisory Group (CMRAG) meeting on August 11th I called for an immediate moratorium on mining so that "surface rights only" issues, health and environmental concerns related to uranium exploration and mining and native land claims can be examined and resolved.

Our region is an area of natural beauty that attracts seasonal and year round residents and tourists for the quiet enjoyment of the lakes, rivers, and forested areas. The heritage beauty of Perth and the Rideau Canal system are recognized not only regionally but also nationally and internationally through the UNESCO heritage designation. We need to protect the environmental integrity of Lanark, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington for all time.

As I outlined at the meetings, I am concerned about the adverse health impacts that are caused by the stress of worry about mineral exploration and potential uranium mining on your lands and those of your neighbours. Many residents are retirees who have escaped from urban centres to the natural beauty and solitude of the area. Robert Browning wrote, "*Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made.*" He didn't anticipate retirement years plagued by the fears of health and environmental risks associated with uranium exploration and mining.

As the whole world becomes increasingly concerned about the natural environment this seems to be an opportune time for the government of Ontario to declare a moratorium on mineral exploration in Lanark, Frontenac, and Lennox & Addington. This area is a natural carbon offset for the pollution caused by the large urban centres of Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal that surround it.

Premier McGuinty announced yesterday that the province of Ontario would plant fifty million trees to fight climate change and create a greener landscape for future generations. "*The trees will mean more natural beauty across the province, more shade for homes to help conserve energy, and better ecosystems and habitats for other species*", stated the news release. I agree fully with this initiative of our Liberal government. That concern for the environment should extend to this area of natural beauty in rural eastern Ontario where the planting of trees will not be necessary if the destruction of trees and the natural environment by mineral exploration and uranium mining is prohibited.

As the provincial Liberal candidate for Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington I will work with you to bring this matter to our government's attention.

Yours truly,

Ian Wilson