

# Braeside, Ontario

(Upstream of Canada's Capital City, Ottawa)

## Stop Expansion and Industrialization of Braeside Quarry!



*Is this a threat to environmental rights?*

*- photo by Norma Moore*

## No permanent asphalt plant in the Miller Braeside Quarry!

Residents feel the proposed *permanent* asphalt and concrete plants in the rural residential Braeside Ridge pose unacceptable risks to the health of the residents, the groundwater for the whole Braeside Ridge, the natural alvar heritage, the Ottawa River and the economic welfare of the community.

## What has happened.....

Miller Paving Ltd. has persuaded the McNab/Braeside Council to approve a huge expansion of their aggregate quarry very close to a rural residential area. Miller wants *permanent* asphalt and concrete plants at a quarry of fractured limestone above groundwater aquifers, a mere few

hundred metres from residents. Huge quantities of stored fuel could endanger that water. Pollution from an asphalt plant fire, an earthquake, or a chemical spill could cause irreversible damage to groundwater, wetlands, the Ryan and Dochart Creeks and the Ottawa River.

What you see in the picture above is the Miller temporary asphalt plant that caused sore throats, migraines, nausea, shortness of breath, lack of sleep, burning eyes etc. in neighbours on the beautiful Braeside Ridge. Emissions contain cancer-causing chemicals. Neighbours took Miller to court over these adverse effects; ***the court found Miller liable for nuisance, trespass and negligence!*** The appeal court upheld the decision of nuisance against the company. Now Miller wants to put a permanent asphalt plant right in the back yards of families with children; ***children and asphalt emissions do not mix!***



Multi-day fire occurred at an asphalt plant in Oshawa, Ontario in January, 2013. **Imagine living just a few hundred yards away.**

Source: Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsHdXPnffT0>

#### Past Events.....

- Blasting accidents – damage from flyrock, contaminated water, cracked basements;
- Adverse effects determined by a court judgment about a temporary asphalt plant but Miller is still pressing for a permanent plant even closer to people!
- This project has been opposed by residents for eight years!

**Please help us with our Ontario Municipal Board expenses as we take on Miller Group in a David and Goliath struggle to protect our children, our homes, our community. We need to save our air, our water and the globally rare alvar of the Braeside Ridge.**

**You can help by sending a cheque to the Canadian Environmental Law Association where they will be placed in a FACT-MB Inc. client trust account and administered in accordance with the requirements of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Your cover letter should specify the funds are to be applied to the FACT-MB case. For contact details, please see [www.cela.ca](http://www.cela.ca)**