

Rachel Gilbert

From: Chuck Cartmill [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 8:12 AM
To: Abigail Reynolds; Rachel Gilbert
Subject: RE: Blasting Bylaw Draft
Attachments: Draft Blasting Bylaw.pdf

Hi Rachel

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I own approximately 1100 acres of very rocky land in Mount Uniacke for which I have a certified forestry plan. My use of blasting contractors over the last 15 years has been solely for the construction of Forestry roads. I have always employed a certified blasting company who has hired a monitoring company in each case. I use the same blasting company as Elmsdale lumber.

I believe the forestry industry should be except from this bylaw so long as they are not blasting within a specific distance from residences.

This bylaw appears to be so onerous that it will serve to restrict new construction and drive costs up to prohibitive levels in the Municipality of East Hants at a time when there is insufficient reasonably priced housing.

Hopefully, there is some way to streamline the bylaw.

Best Regards,

Chuck Cartmill
Casel Holdings Ltd.

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From: Abigail Reynolds <areynolds@easthants.ca>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 4:04 PM
To: Rachel Gilbert <rgilbert@easthants.ca>
Subject: Blasting Bylaw Draft

Dear Stakeholder,

The Municipality of East Hants is working on preparing a draft Blasting Bylaw. You have been identified as a stakeholder, as someone who might be interested in providing comments to the municipality on the draft bylaw. Attached to this email is a letter outlining the details of the request for comments along with a copy of the draft Blasting Bylaw.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this email please contact Rachel Gilbert, Manager of Planning at 902-883-6122 or rgilbert@easthants.ca.

Thank you,



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Rachel Gilbert

From: Chuck Cartmill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 4:13 PM
To: Rachel Gilbert
Cc: Abigail Reynolds; Michael Perry
Subject: Draft Blasting Bylaw / Forestry road exemption request

Hi Rachel

My forestry property is approximately 1100 acres on very rocky terrain. I did build Sunset Meadows subdivision on the north side of Cockscomb lake where some homes required blasting which resulted in some of the most valuable residential real estate in East Hants. Further to my previous email & our subsequent phone conversation I have spoke to contractor in the area and would like to suggest an exception of permit requirements for any forestry road blasting more than 1000 feet from a residence.

I understand that the proposed East Hants bylaw is based on the Halifax bylaw where I am told it could take 8 weeks to get blasting permit. Any pre-blast survey requirements will add to this timeline.

Not understanding the magnitude of this issue in East Hants I wonder if you are using a sledgehammer to kill a fly.

One other task that should be exempt would be blasting for power & telephone poles which in my view would make no sense and needlessly delay construction & unnecessarily drive-up costs.

Perhaps you can consider a contractor certification program such as the Provincial contractor Sceptic certification system.

I have always used Archibald's drilling out of Truro & have never had a complaint. Archibald's use K & M monitoring who monitor any residence in proximity & I understand they have not registered any vibration on a home which includes my home.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely

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CASEL Holdings Ltd

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