



October 16, 2025

The Honourable Timothy Halman  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
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The Honourable Timothy Halman:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the addendum to the Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion project.

The Municipality of East Hants previously submitted feedback on the original Environmental Assessment (EA) documents in a letter dated September 28, 2023. A second letter discussing blasting issues was mailed to you in September 2025. For your reference, a copy of these letters are enclosed. While the original concerns remain relevant, the Municipality would like to offer additional comments for consideration. These further concerns focus on community development and the impact of the proposed quarry expansion on both current and future residents.

Mount Uniacke is a growing bedroom community serving the Halifax Regional Municipality. Continued development of the quarry is incompatible with this growth and risks impeding the Municipality's efforts to foster a complete and thriving community. East Hants is considering a water and wastewater feasibility study for Mount Uniacke in the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Enhancing servicing and supporting increased residential density is one way the Municipality is actively planning for a more complete community. Developer interest in the area is already significant, bringing new housing closer to the existing quarry site and raising the potential for long-term land use conflicts.

The documents submitted by Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc. suggest the quarry project could last between 30 and 50 years. This is a substantial period during which a growing community would be forced to contend with the ongoing impacts of an industrial operation that may hinder its progress and development.

Given the long-term implications for Mount Uniacke, I believe it is critical that the EA process fully consider the community's future development potential. To that end, I would like to make it clear that East Hants Council is not in favour of the quarry expansion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eleanor Roulston".

Eleanor Roulston  
Warden, Municipality of East Hants

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