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Proposed quarry angers neighbours

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To the Editor,

"I want to sell my house!" Yelled the owner of the property listed for sale on Bay Lake Road at the person who distributed information about the proposed quarry. Why was the owner so upset? Obviously, because she fears that she may not be able to sell her property in a timely fashion or only at a greatly reduced price. Of course, this may put some people off, but some people won't mind. If this woman wants to get away from this house so quickly, she could consider using bridging loans to help her find a new home whilst her current one is being sold. Hopefully, this will allow her to move away from the quarry and into a new area to start fresh. Of course, while she could go to a company like San Antonio We Buy Houses.com who will happily buy her home for her, she may not get the same great deal she would have done previously. The news about the quarry will affect the selling price and sometimes ultimately a decision to buy elsewhere. Would you invest your hard-earned money close to a quarry? Not only the immediate properties will be affected. The town will feel the negative economic impact due to the loss of tourist dollars. Consider the possible aquifer damage and what it could mean to the spring-fed lakes and owners' wells. Consider the dust, noise, fumes and traffic jam at the main Bancroft bridge intersection. How would the people from Baptiste Lake like to travel between the trucks coming to the quarry on Hwy 28 south if gravel is needed in Toronto? And what about the people going east on Hwy 28 or Hwy 62 north? Ten trucks every hour, 10 hours a day! Currently, Bay Lake Road is already severely damaged from the traffic coming to and from the lumberyard. Imagine the fumes, noise, dust from the trucks and how they would add to the pollution of our so far wonderful pristine environment. Please inform yourself, go to the website: www.noplaceforaquarry.com and get involved and help. Thank you.

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