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## St Marys should realize that application process can mean denial

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Re: 'Flamborough quarry 'the right thing' (Opinion, April 20)

Someone needs to sit down with the folks at St. Marys Cement and explain what an application process may involve. The concept is that an application, with proper grounds, can be denied.

The quarry was always a done deal in the minds of St. Marys, to the point it was already named The Flamborough Quarry, in spite of not having anything close to approval, but instead thousands of voices outlining why this area cannot sustain a quarry of the magnitude St. Marys sought.

St. Marys points out the millions of dollars they invest, but they conveniently forget our millions of investment as citizens and taxpayers, as well as in the local economy within our homes, jobs and leisure activities, all of which would be jeopardized by a deep-pit quarry.

The writer expects our community to trust theoretical existing regulations to protect the water supply to thousand of homes, businesses and schools/daycares once a wide, deep hole is torn into a fragile ecosystem.

We have an equal stake and we have an equal voice. Our arguments were more sound and more convincing, and therefore the current order was issued protecting this area. The ministerial order was right and correct.

Period.

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