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After seven years of opposing a quarry application, the Concerned Residents Coalition of Rockwood found out on Feb. 11 the quarry had been approved. Here the group is pictured in 2019 raising concerns about flying rocks from blasting.

HIDDEN QUARRY NOD 'DEVASTATING FOR COMMUNITY'

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The Hidden Quarry has been approved, and long-time detractors of the project aren't happy with the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal decision.

"This is devastating for the community," said Doug Tripp, president of the Concerned Residents Coalition. "We strongly believe

it's a bad decision based on the merits of the case."

The CRC formed in 2013 to oppose the Hidden Quarry application and incorporated into a non-profit organization the following year. Since 2013, it has raised over \$700,000. Among the coalition's concerns are risks to water and the environment.

"As far as we're concerned, we're trying to decide if there's

any recourse that we can explore," Tripp said. "We're trying to cope with the reality that this decision has gone against the community."

The LPAT decision ultimately approved the application, but about a dozen conditions would need to be met by James Dick Construction Limited (JDCL).

While the application to rezone the property was made in

2012, JDCL has owned the property since 1989, according to company vice-president Greg Sweetnam.

"We've been monitoring the water and managing the resources on that site for that long period of time knowing that it would one day be the right time to bring it to market," he said.

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