

In the experience of the Nichols family and our company, we have found the Conservative Government to be inflexible and unresponsive:

- 1. No investigation upon request of H-N Councillor Gary Nichols regarding the Haldimand-Norfolk 17.9% tax increase 1998.**
- 2. No response by M.P.P. Mr. Barrett Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources to a letter date stamped March 7, 2002 requesting an answer as to why M.N.R. had not issued the Nichols quarry licence as Directed by O.M.B. Decision/Order 1194.**
- 3. A confusing response received 3 months later June 6, 2002 from M.N.R. Assistant Deputy Minister Charles Lauer on behalf of M.P.P. Toby Barrett.**
- 4. No response by M.P.P. Mr. Barrett to a meeting July 17, 2003 with Gary Nichols concerning the Quarry of Nichols Gravel Limited and the problems resulting from the non compliance to O.M.B. Decision/Order 1194 by M.N.R. and M.O.E. and a request by Gary Nichols that a Provincial mediator be appointed to attempt to resolve the disputed M.N.R. Licence and the M.O.E. Permit to take Water.**

Conclusion: Unresponsive, unaccountable government.