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Front L to R, Ruth Pillsworth, Janet Klein, of Citizens for Responsible Aggregate Development, Judy Kennedy, Dir. Kawartha Field Naturalists, Mayor Ric McGee

Back L to R, Robbie Preston, Dir. Kawartha Field Naturalists, Councilor Pat Warren

### **Citizens for Responsible Aggregate Development (CFRAD) receives donation from Local Nature Club to “Stop the Dewdney Mountain Mega Quarry”.**

Wednesday, April 16, 2014 City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Rick McGee and Councilor Pat Warren join KFN directors and CKL Environmental Heroes, Judy Kennedy and Robbie Preston, on the steps of The City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) City Hall, as they present a cheque from The Kawartha Field Naturalists (KFN) for \$1,000.00 to CFRAD founders, Ruth Pillsworth and Janet Klein.

“We are a small, local club with limited resources, but our members are very concerned about the environmental impacts that this proposed mega quarry would have on our potable water, green spaces, our wildlife, our wetlands, streams, rivers and pristine lakes. We encourage and challenge other organizations of all interests, businesses and individuals to match our donation to help defray the impending costs that these citizens

are facing to take this to the Ontario Municipal Board, in a final attempt to protect the surrounding communities from what could well be a major disaster and the end of the way of life as we local citizens and so many visitors and cottagers have come to enjoy in the City of Kawartha Lakes.” Donations can be made at **the Bank of Montreal "Stop The Quarry" acct #0305-8994-689 or online at**

**<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/fighting-for-the-future-of-the-kawarthas#home>**

Although the proposed quarry site is located in the neighbouring municipality of Trent Lakes, the majority of its impact on ecological, environmental, economic, cultural and community core values will severely affect the residents of Ledge Road, where the site is located, as well as all citizens of CKL. The quarry traffic will be travelling south on our roads and the rate of 1 truck every 3 to 6 minutes, 12 hours a day six, days a week.

The site is located less than 200 meters east and down sloping toward a major provincial fish sanctuary (muskellunge), a provincially significant wetland which feeds Nogies Creek, Pigeon Lake and the Trent /Severn Waterway System. Prior to the quarry application and the clear cutting of the site, as seen in aerial photographs, this area was a part of one of the largest deer yards in Peterborough County. The clear cutting has displaced local native wildlife, through the destruction of their habitat.

The 430 acre (1.7482 sq. km; .675 sq. mi.) site is also located very close to the Dewdney Mountain Caves, a network of approximately 10 km of limestone caves, formed by underground streams and water flow. Limestone is known to be very fragile and can easily fracture from nearby blasting, as evidenced by documented instances in the Kingston area, when an entire community lost its natural water supply as the result of blasting in a nearby quarry.