

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS – GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE

COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 4, 2021

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Board Members Present: Derek Smith (Vice Board Chair), Randy Kerman (Past Chair), Beverley King (Secretary), Cindy Robinson (Treasurer), Suzanne Clarke, Ted Flanagan, Sandy Mackenzie, Maureen Turner.

Regrets: Jamie Watt (Board Chair), Jane Fogal (Council Appointee)

Absent: Ron Quinlan

Staff Attending: Yaw Ennin (BIA Manager), Nikki Jackson (Marketing and Communications Officer)

Guests:

1. Call to order – 9:02 A.M. *By Randy Kerman (Past Chair)*

2. Acceptance of Agenda:

Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Motion Moved By: Derek Smith

Second: Sandy Mackenzie

Motion passed

3. Declaration(s) of Conflict of Interest

None

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: To Approve the Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2021

Motion Moved By: Derek Smith

Second: Sandy Mackenzie

Motion passed

5. Correspondence

a) None

6. Manager's Report – Yaw

Attached

- The BIA staff are still advised to keep masks on and to socially distance when possible at the Farmers Market.

7. Financial Statements – Cindy

a) Acceptance of financial statements

Motion: To accept the June 2021 financial statements as presented

Motion Moved By: Cindy Robinson

Second: Maureen Turner

Motion passed

8. Business Arising

a) Update: BIA gift certificates

BIA staff are walking through the Downtown to visit businesses and introduce them to the new BIA gift certificate program and to secure their participation in the program. They are shown what the gift certificate looks like and are given an information sheet as on-hand reference. This work continues because many businesses were closed or the owners are not available.

b) Metroland update

Yaw and Suzanne participated in the first monthly meeting with Metroland, to review campaigns run by them. The Google Ad Words did amazing with 22% click-through rate, whereas industry average is 1-2%. The Farmers Market social media campaign did not do so well for Facebook and Instagram. Metroland recommended the BIA use videos next time because our images aren't receiving many clicks.

9. Council Update

- a) None.

10. Committee Updates

a) Farmers Market Committee – Yaw

The first meeting of the seasoning happened a couple of weeks. It went well and discussions were held on the mask mandate. The vendors preferred the mask mandate be changed to an advisory one. Yaw spoke with Halton Region and a number of other Farmers Market also raised the same issue because they also struggled with mask compliance from vendors and patrons. As of now, all Farmers Markets in Halton Region no longer have a mask mandate, but rather a mask advisory. Sales are all up for all Farmers Market vendors and BIA members are saying they are seeing more sales on the days they are open at the Farmers Market.

11. New Business – Yaw

a) Drive-in movie event

There are two potential locations: Back Street parking lot or Edith Street parking lot. There will be tents for the restaurants to attendees their pre-ordered food and drink, raffles, etc. The BIA staff will need to look into what the lighting of the parking lots are like at night and if they can be turned off for the event. The purpose is to bring people into Downtown Georgetown, to support the restaurants, cafes and bars in the Downtown, to offer an avenue for other Downtown businesses to become involved, to enhance the sense that the Downtown is a community hub for families to enjoy. It was suggested that we explore the ideas like a midnight madness sale in the Downtown to coincide with the movie, or something that will allow retail businesses to become involved as well. It was also suggested that the parking lots need lots of cleaning and clearing up of weeds and overgrowth.

12. Meeting Adjournment:

Motion: To Adjourn

Motion Moved By: Ted Flanagan

Second: Derek Smith

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM

Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 9:00 AM. August meeting is to be determined if necessary.

**Downtown Georgetown BIA
Board Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2021 meeting
To be approved on September 13, 2021 – 9:00 AM Start**

<u>ACTIONABLE ITEMS</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
<p>BIA Gift Certificates:</p> <p>Investigate creating BIA gift certificates or coupons with expiry dates to offer to organizations like Light Up The Hills.</p> <p>The BIA gift certificates replacements are to be finalized and available by the end of the first quarter of 2021. The new certificates must be printed to minimize the risk of fraud. Priority to be given to the promotional gift certificates since they have expiry dates and are in higher demand for thank-you gifts and promotional purposed. Certificates that can be sold are also required but less of a priority.</p> <p>Staff will report to the Marketing Committee on the status and progress of the new BIA gift certificates. The Executive will also be consulted.</p> <p>Yaw, Jamie and Beverley will oversee the process of the BIA gift certificates.</p>	In progress - target May 2021
Manager to contact local service clubs (and organizations like Cadets, Guides, Scouts, etc.) to ask if they can help out at events (e.g. manning barricades during car show, etc.) in return for a donation/payment to their organization.	On hold due to COVID Will resume when large events resume
Request Silvercreek Commercial to purchase and install brackets for the hanging baskets onto the McGibbon. Come to some sort of agreement e.g. if you purchase three, we will assist and purchase another 3. Also request brackets for the front of the BIA office for hanging baskets.	Pending - target May 2021
Find grants to assist the BIA with Beautification projects including lighting in Downtown, Directional Signage, Retaining wall and sidewalk on Back Street.	In progress
The BIA Manager to find out the budget the Town will provide to assist the BIA's beautification projects.	In progress
Nikki to follow up on the Town's MAP reimbursement for 2020.	In progress
Yaw to collect all the unpaid invoices from Town's Public Works. E.g. snow clearing.	In progress
Strategic Planning Committee to create a formal plan from the current Strategic Plan's working document for Board approval at the February meeting that can then be shared with members and the Town.	In progress
Yaw to draft a document that outlines the procedures for how to elect for an Executive Board position including timeframe, variances for new term elections vs mid-term elections.	In progress
Staff will document all procedures for events and operations of the BIA office.	In progress
Consider using Square as another financial transaction option for the gift certificates.	In progress
Staff to reformat the Strategic Plan formal document for easier printing capabilities.	In progress
Board members to please submit their ideas and wish list for the Downtown (2021) via email to Yaw. E.g. lit arches into the Downtown	In progress

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area, event like “Taste of the Downtown”, virtual events model like a wine and cheese tasting (i.e. collect your cheese tray and wine and then join store online via Zoom and learn about how to pair wine with cheese etc.), interview the businesses in the Downtown on Facebook Live videos, etc. Look at examples from other towns and cities.	
Yaw to look at the events calendars from other BIAs for additional ideas for the Downtown.	In progress
Post videos from the Downtown businesses onto the BIA’s YouTube channel, and then they will automatically appear on the BIA website. Make sure that the videos have closed captioning for AODA compliance.	Pending
BIA to investigate about pop-up parkettes and other ways to encourage people to come and stay in the Downtown. Find out how to use grants to cover costs such as closing streets on Friday and Saturday evenings for restaurants and other businesses, staffing the barricades, etc. The area around Knox Church may be a good spot for a pop-up parkette. Councillor Jane Fogal offered to assist. Ideas and research will be discussed in the next marketing committee meeting.	In progress
Jamie to bring restaurants’ feedback about Downtown Drive-Through Taste event to the next Marketing Committee meeting.	Pending
For documents that the BIA must keep (e.g. board minutes), approach Mark Row (Esqueusing Historical Society) to store our documents in a closed collection, or ask Valerie Petryniak if the Town be willing to keep and archive the BIA’s documents.	Pending
The BIA to create marketing brochures, literature of the Downtown (great place to work and build a business). Scout for high level players.	Pending
Find out what Amico is planning to do in terms of beautification of the McGibbon, particularly on the Mill Street side.	Pending
Yaw to remind the Town that the BIA must be at the table too for Heritage Downtown discussions and committees.	In Progress
The BIA to start working on developing these welcome baskets: costs, what is in it, approaching Downtown businesses to participate, find out from Amico the timeframe when residents will move into the buildings.	In Progress
Have Downtown businesses share the BIA promotions on their own networks.	Pending
Yaw to follow up with Beverley for the library’s donation of children-sized face masks.	Pending
Yaw to forward details of the Town’s focus groups (CIP updating) to the board members so they may join and participate.	
Price quotes for banners must presented to both the board and the beautification committee as soon as the Manager has them.	
Board members to send ideas to Yaw how to make sure businesses don’t feel left out in print promotions, due to only 12 half pages available. How do we select the 12 businesses to be given the half page ads?	
BIA staff keep the Board updated with how much is outstanding and not cashed in as gift cards on the BIA’s financial books.	
Yaw to reach out to the Downtown businesses and ask them for their input about the gift cards and how they want to handle the balance remaining on a BIA gift card after a patron has partially used one. Ask	

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businesses like Heather's Bakery, Silvercreek Socialhaus, Mill Street Cheese Market.	
Find out which Downtown businesses are willing to participate in the BIA gift card program. Then Yaw will present his findings to Jamie.	
If any board member wants to participate at the Farmers Market, please let Yaw know as soon as possible. Vendor spots are filling up fast.	
If the road closure in Downtown for filming is approved, make sure that it is clearly communicated to all the BIA members. Let them know details such as where they may park, etc. Yaw to update the Board and members about the road closures and compensation to the Downtown businesses.	
More signage and barricades and staff monitoring is needed to enforce one-way directional traffic at the Farmers Market.	
Make sure trucks are not blocking off Wesleyan Street, because that is a fire route at the Farmers Market	
Watch for traffic congestion at the Farmers Market, especially where garbage cans and line ups in front of vendor booths are close together	
Find out and explain why rent is already above 50% paid. Seek explanation from treasurer.	
Finalize BIA gift certificate procedure document.	

Halton Hills Public Library Board

Special Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Zoom Videoconference

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Lisa Caissie, Betsy Cosper, Larry Hawes, Matt Kindbom, Ann Lawlor,
Keith Medenblik (Chair), James Schumacker, Tamara Smith, Marilyn Willis

Staff Present: Barb Elliott (Recorder), Clare Hanman, Beverley King, Mary Querques,
Melanie Southern

Regrets: Ted Brown, Joanna Meler

1.0 Declaration of Quorum

- K. Medenblik declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by T. Smith

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded by J. Schumacker

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CARRIED

3.0 Declaration of pecuniary interest

- None declared

4.0 Review of draft RFP for Strategic Plan and Branding

- M. Southern presented the draft RFP for a renewed Library Strategic Plan and Branding for Board review, and consideration of the timeline for completing the RFP process. Council recently approved that this project, budgeted for \$65,000, be brought forward from 2022 so that future budget implications can be identified by May 2022 to ensure their inclusion in the 2023 budget process. Also, the HHPL Website Renewal project scheduled for 2022, will be dependent on the new brand.
- The draft RFP was reviewed in detail with suggested revisions being noted. There was some concern that there may be a challenge in finding a qualified firm that is able to do both the strategic plan and branding within the budgeted amount. It is expected that by grouping these projects together, an economy of scale will be realized for such things as consultations; the RFP will state that that firms can work either independently on both aspects of the project, or with another firm.

- The process for review, revision and approvals will be clearly identified so that the Board is kept fully informed and will be aware of when their approvals are required. It is also expected that one or more Board members will be part of the Advisory Team that will be responsible for providing input to shape the finalized draft Strategic Plan.
- In view that it is expected the strategic planning process will take approximately 6 months to complete, two options regarding the RFP timeline were provided for consideration:
 - Option 1: The recommendation for the preferred proponent would be presented to the Board at the September 15 Board meeting and would offer a more aggressive timeframe that may provide the potential for community consultations in the fall.
 - Option 2: The recommendation for the preferred proponent would be presented to the Board at the October 13 Board meeting, would provide a longer posting and review timeframe but would result in less time for consultations prior to the holiday season and budget process.

There was concern that Option 1 may not provide sufficient time for many firms to respond due to the release being during the summer months. There was general agreement to move forward with Option 2.

- There was agreement that the weighting of criteria be adjusted to: Experience and Project Team Credentials (30%); Approach, Methodology, Work Plan and Value Added (40%); Work Schedule and Fees (30%).
- M. Southern will make the discussed revisions to the draft RFP and confirm the changes to the brand development section with T. Smith prior to issuing the RFP.
- M. Southern will discuss adding the HHPL logo to the RFP template, with the Town Purchasing Manager.

Moved by M. Kindbom

That Report No. LBD-2021-035 dated July 9, 2021
Regarding the Library Strategic Plan and Brand
Development – Request for Proposals Report be approved
as amended;

AND THAT the Library Board confirms its timeline
preference for Option 2 as outlined in this report.

Seconded by B. Cospers
07/14/21-2

CARRIED

5.0 Adjournment

Moved by T. Smith
All in favour.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Signed: _____

Betsy Cospers, Vice Chair
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: _____

Melanie Southern, Chief Librarian
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: September 15, 2021

DATED: September 15, 2021

Halton Hills Public Library Board

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Zoom Videoconference

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Lisa Caissie, Betsy Cosper, Larry Hawes, Matt Kindbom, Ann Lawlor,
Keith Medenblik (Chair), James Schumacker, Tamara Smith, Marilyn Willis

Staff Present: Barb Elliott (Recorder), Clare Hanman, Beverley King, Mary Querques,
Melanie Southern

Regrets: Ted Brown, Joanna Meler

1.0 Declaration of Quorum

- K. Medenblik declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Caissie

That the agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded by T. Smith

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CARRIED

3.0 Declaration of pecuniary interest

- None declared

4.0 Minutes of May 12, 2021

Moved by M. Willis

That the Minutes of May 12, 2021 be approved as presented.

Seconded by B. Cosper

06/15/21-2

CARRIED

5.0 Consent Agenda

Moved by T. Smith

That Consent Agenda items:

- 5.1** LBD-2021-029 re: Board Policy - Borrowing Policy, Fines and Fees Policy and related Appendices – (2nd Review)
- 5.2** Report No. LBD-2021-032 re: Summer Programming 2021
- 5.3** Advocacy Committee Minutes – April 26, 2021
- 5.4** Independent article (May 13, 2021) re: Library Offering Food For Those In Need
- 5.5** Independent article (June 3, 2021) re: 5 Things Going On During Indigenous History...

be approved.

Seconded by L. Caissie

06/15/21-3

CARRIED

6.0 Correspondence

- None

7.0 Business Arising

7.1 Advocacy Committee – Update

- M. Willis reported that at the June 9 Advocacy Committee meeting, Sue Lawrenson, the Executive Director of Community Foundation of Halton North (CFHN) provided information and explained how HHPL could set up an endowment fund through CFHN if the Board wished to consider this type of fundraising.
- M. Willis noted that one committee member would like to step back and asked others to consider joining the Advocacy Committee.

7.2 Report No. LBD-2021-033 re: Accountability Mechanism and Material Recovery Model

- M. Southern reviewed the new accountability mechanism and material recovery model noting that these procedures could be used with either an Overdue Fines Model (currently scheduled to resume on October 1), or a fine-free library system.

The largest change to current procedures will be the reduction of the grace period for returning items, which would be reduced from 6 months to 35 days before a replacement charge is billed and borrowing privileges are suspended. A series of reminder notices will continue to be sent regarding overdue materials and if an item deemed lost is returned after incurring a replacement charge, the charge would be removed from the patron's account and replaced with the maximum overdue fine. This new recovery model will support the timely return of materials as the period between incurring the maximum fine and a replacement charge will be reduced, and a patron is less likely to forget that they have items are outstanding.

7.3 LBD-2021-031 re: Fines as of October 1, 2021

- M. Southern outlined the proposed steps and changes to prepare for the reintroduction of fines on October 1. Through an extensive marketing campaign, patrons would be informed that fines will be reinstated and be encouraged to return outstanding items during a two-week amnesty period at the end of September. It was also proposed that the threshold for the suspension of borrowing privileges be increased from \$10 to \$25; the maximum fine per item would remain unchanged at \$6. It is anticipated that the amnesty period will bring attention to the return of fines and result in the return of overdue items not returned due to the pandemic.

Moved by T. Smith

That Report No. LBD-2021-031 regarding Fines as of October 1, 2021 dated June 10, 2021 be received;

AND THAT the Board supports the activation of fines as of October 1, 2021;

AND THAT the Board supports a two-week amnesty period leading up to activating fines;

AND THAT the fine threshold be raised from \$10 to \$25 to reduce a low threshold barrier;

AND THAT staff bring forward a review of the fines after a 6-month period in May 2022 in preparation for the 2023 budget process.

Seconded by J. Schumacker

06/15/21-4

CARRIED

8.0 Council Update

- A. Lawlor reported that a Land Acknowledgement statement is now being read at the beginning of Council meetings.

9.0 Friends of the Library Update

- B. King noted that once the province moves into Stage 2 of the re-opening, the Friends hope to begin their outdoor Saturday morning booksales.

10.0 Community Connections Update

- A. Lawlor expressed appreciation to Library staff for technical support provided for the recent "Growing Halton" webinar that was sponsored by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW).

11.0 Financial Report

11.1 Month End Report (May)

- M. Southern reported that spending is at the expected level. Staffing gaps are being addressed.
- The Month End Report was received for information.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Presentations/Delegations – None

12.2 Ontario Library Service (OLS) Update

- B. Cosper shared information from the Ontario Library Service (OLS) Board Assembly meeting she attended in April. A presentation to the Assembly focused on the April 1 amalgamation of the Southern Ontario Library Service (SOLS) and Ontario Library Service North (OLS-N), the new OLS structure, and the roles and responsibilities of Assembly members. It was noted that OLS provides extensive resources and training opportunities that are available to staff and Board members.

12.3 2022 Preliminary Budgets and Business Plan

Preliminary Capital Budget

- M. Southern presented the draft Preliminary 2022-2032 Capital Budget & Forecast for Board consideration
- Capital Budget requests include:
 - Library Materials (\$474,000)
 - This funding will maintain the historic level of funding to allow the Library to continue to develop and maintain a collection of over 125,000 physical items and access to millions of digital titles in a variety of languages, reading levels and formats.
 - Library Materials Collection Development (\$25,000)
 - This additional funding would allow the Library to continue to build its materials collection to meet the provincial average of 4.1 items per capita for similar-sized libraries. The Library currently has 3.1 items per capita or a deficit of approximately 61,000 items.
 - Library Lockers and Kiosk (\$80,000)
 - This new system would be installed at the Gellert Community Centre and provide patrons with a convenient, contactless, self-serve, and secure access to holds and browsing materials, and provide another location to return items.
 - Library Strategic Plan (\$65,000)
 - This project involves updating the Library's Strategic Plan and rebranding process to serve a forecasted growth in population from 61,000 to approximately 95,300 residents by 2031. The renewed Plan will establish updated priorities for library service and guide future library service development.
 - Library Technology Renewal (\$34,400)
 - This project enables the replacement of aging information technology hardware at the appropriate time, to ensure that the public and staff continue to have access to reliable and adequately functioning equipment.
 - Library Website Refresh (\$75,000)
 - The current website was developed in 2018 and as one of the main points of contact with our users, needs to be refreshed to accommodate the increasing reliance on online resources, programs, and services. The refresh will also reflect the upcoming 2022 Library rebranding.

Preliminary Operating Budget

- M. Southern presented the 2022 Preliminary Operating Budget for Board consideration. It was noted that the proposed overall increase to the operating budget is 2.27%. This does not include increases to staff compensation, which will be added by the Town when the information becomes available.
- Operating Budget requests include:

- Sunday Cooling Centre Opening (\$15,300)
 - This additional service would provide Georgetown and Acton residents with more reliable and consistent sources of cooling centres which are needed with the increasing number of heat alert days. This would also allow the Library to have consistent Sunday open hours year-round and improve our ability to offer services to the community.

2022 Business Plan

- M. Southern presented the draft 2022 Business Plan for Board consideration. It is anticipated that additional accomplishments will be added by the time the Business Plan is finalized. The pandemic recovery will continue to affect initiatives during 2022.

Moved by A. Lawlor

That the 2022 Preliminary Operating Budget, the 2022 -2032 Preliminary Capital Budget and Forecast, and the 2022 Business Plan for the Halton Hills Public Library be approved in principle.

Seconded by M. Kindbom

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CARRIED

12.4 Report No. LBD-2021-034 re: Strategic Planning and Branding

- M. Southern presented a request for Board consideration, to request from Council that the Strategic Planning and Branding projects currently in the 2022 capital forecast, be brought forward to 2021. As the strategic planning process generally takes 7-9 months to complete, accelerating this project would enable the library to align the 2022 website refresh project with the new branding, allow the new plan to be in place prior to the end of the current Board term and next municipal election, and to appropriately plan for the 2023 operating budget. If Council approves this request, a special Board meeting would be required prior to the September Board meeting to approve the RFP process.

Moved by T. Smith

That Report No. LBD-2021-034 dated June 10, 2021, regarding Strategic Planning and Branding be received;

AND THAT the Board directs staff to prepare a report to Town Council requesting the acceleration of the Strategic Planning and Branding project to 2021, which is currently identified for 2022 in the capital forecast.

Seconded by J. Schumacker

06/15/21-6

CARRIED

If a special meeting is required over the summer, the Board will be surveyed for the best date and time.

12.5 Report No. LBD-2021-030 re: Board Policy Review (re CASL, Meeting Room, Proctoring Revised Appendix #1 Schedule of Fines and Fees) (First Review)

Moved by J. Schumacker

That Report No. LBD-2021-030 re Board Policy Review be deferred until the September meeting.

Seconded by M. Kindbom

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CARRIED

12.6 Report No. LBD-2021-028 re: Chief Librarian's Report – June 2021

- M. Southern noted highlights from the June 2021 Chief Librarian's Report:
 - HHPL has been accepted into Phase 3 of the Bridge Project being conducted by the Toronto Public Libraries in collaboration with Urban Libraries Council and the Ontario Library Service. Phase 3 will help build public libraries' capacity and skill to collect, analyze and communicate data, and to demonstrate the vital role in advancing digital equity that libraries have in their communities.
 - The Rainbow Crosswalk in Acton officially opened today
 - Construction of the Acton Branch reading deck has started.

13.0 Health & Safety Report

- M. Southern reported that there had been no Health and Safety incidents reported since the May Board meeting.
- Town staff are currently reviewing all of the Town's Health & Safety policies.

14.0 Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

7:00 pm

Location: TBA

15.0 Adjournment

Moved by M. Willis

That the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by M. Kindbom

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CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Signed: _____
Betsy Cosper, Vice Chair
Halton Hills Public Library Board

Signed: _____
Melanie Southern, Chief Librarian
Halton Hills Public Library

APPROVED: September 15, 2021

DATED: September 15, 2021



September 23, 2021

In This Issue

- Municipal Modernization Program open for applications.
- Municipal Cyber Security Forum.
- Accessibility and year-end deadlines.
- Register today: Virtual Risk Management Symposium.
- Spaces remain for in demand Human Rights & Navigating Conflict Relations training.
- Energy reporting deadline extended to October 15.
- Canoe procurement webinar: Supply chain update.
- LED upgrades save real municipal dollars!
- Come on a treasure hunt to find energy savings!
- Get fleets ready for winter with new tires.
- Join the virtual Waterloo Innovation Summit on September 28.
- Careers and RFP: Niagara Region, MEDJCT, Quinte West and Goderich.

Provincial Matters

Municipalities can apply for intake three of the Municipal Modernization Program until October 19, 2021. Funding will support digital modernization, service integration, streamlined development approvals and shared services/alternative delivery models. Visit www.Ontario.ca/getfunding for complete details. Webinars to assist with applications will be announced shortly.

Infrastructure Ontario launched a new competitive procurement process to support accelerated broadband expansion in the province. For more information on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Ontario Connects program, click [here](#).

Eye on Events

On October 14, AMO and the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario are co-hosting our second virtual Municipal Cyber Security Forum. Learn from leading cyber experts about the shared responsibility of cyber security and how you can build cyber security resiliency across your municipality and organization. \$50 plus HST. [Register today!](#)

The December 31, 2021 deadline is quickly approaching for the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act*. Is your municipality compliant? On October 7 at 12.30 pm, [join AMO and eSolutionsGroup](#) to learn about year-end requirements and what help is available to meet the deadline.

The Virtual Risk Management Symposium will feature discussions on emergency preparedness, tools, strategies, and financial planning to assist municipalities as they plan for and manage our new climate realities. The entire Symposium will be recorded and available for 30 days to all registrants.

[AMO has developed training to support its members in some of the most sensitive and](#)

current issues including human rights and equity and developing skills in navigating conflict relationships. A few spaces are still available for fall sessions.

LAS

Did you miss the [O.Reg. 507/18](#) annual energy reporting deadline? The Ministry of Energy will [accept 2019 consumption data](#) up to October 15. Please email BPSsupport@ontario.ca if you have any questions about the regulation.

The pandemic has impacted supply chains around the world, and these impacts are being felt by municipalities when procuring supplies and equipment. Join representatives from [Canoe Procurement Group](#) and some of our key vendors on October 6 at 10am to learn what to expect as you prep your 2022 budgets. [Register here](#).

Older lighting technology accounts for appx. 20 - 30% of energy cost in facilities. With over 65 LED upgrade projects, municipalities are now collectively saving over \$1 million annually through [LAS' Facility Lighting Service](#). Contact [Christian Tham](#) for a free proposal just in time for your 2022 budget.

[LAS Energy Training workshops](#) and [Treasure Hunt](#) have found significant energy savings opportunities. With more than 300 attendees over 54 workshops, many have found savings in their own buildings worth tens of thousands dollars. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to book your custom workshop this fall and start saving money.

Get your fleets ready for winter with new tires through the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). Simply contact one of our four vendors ([Michelin](#), [Goodyear](#), [Kal Tire](#), [Tirecraft](#)) and request the Canoe pricing. Got questions? [Contact Tanner](#) today.

Municipal Wire*

The Waterloo Innovation Summit is back on September 28, 9 a.m. to lead a 90-minute virtual discussion with business and policy leaders on the imperative to recalibrate policies and models in response to dramatically shifting innovation ecosystems. Hosted by the University of Waterloo. [Register today](#).

Careers

[Associate Director, Traffic Systems & Operations, & Associate Director, Transportation Operations - Niagara Region](#). The Associate Director Traffic Systems & Operations is responsible for the overall management of the Traffic Systems and Operations section. The Associate Director Transportation Operations is responsible for the overall management of the Transportation Operations unit. Apply online by visiting our 'Careers' page at www.niagararegion.ca.

[Senior Program Advisor - Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade](#). Are you interested in supporting the Province's investment attraction efforts and promoting economic development in Ontario by working with global investors considering Ontario for their next expansion? If so, the Site Selection Unit at MEDJCT is currently hiring 3 Senior Program Advisors. Interested applicants are invited to apply [here](#).

[Director of Community Services and Strategic Partnerships - City of Quinte West](#). Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the position is responsible for the efficient and effective planning, administration, maintenance and operation of all services, activities, programs and facilities in the City of Quinte West. Qualified applicants are invited to apply [online](#) by October 3, 2021.

Director of Corporate Services - City of Quinte West. Reporting to the CAO, the position is responsible to the CAO and Council on all statutory, operational and custodial matters affecting the corporate services of the municipality. Qualified applicants are invited to apply online by October 3, 2021.

Director of Financial Services - City of Quinte West. Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the position is responsible for performing the statutory duties of the Treasurer for the City of Quinte West and for providing advice on fiscal, financial and accounting matters to the CAO and Council. Qualified applicants are invited to apply online by October 3, 2021.

RFP - Affordable/Attainable Housing Community Improvement Plan - Town of Goderich. The Town of Goderich is seeking the services of a qualified consulting team with experience in Community Improvement planning and project facilitation to undertake the development of a Community Improvement Plan. All proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to afisher@goderich.ca and copied to apiskorski@goderich.ca. Proposal Closing October 8, 2021.

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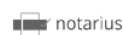
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September 16, 2021

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Provincial Matters

Municipalities can apply for intake three of the Municipal Modernization Program until October 19, 2021. Funding will support digital modernization, service integration, streamlined development approvals and shared services/alternative delivery models. Visit www.Ontario.ca/getfunding for complete details. Webinars to assist with applications will be announced shortly.

Infrastructure Ontario launched a new competitive procurement process to support accelerated broadband expansion in the province. For more information on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Ontario Connects program, click [here](#).

Eye on Events

AMO has developed training to support its members in some of the most sensitive and current issues: Human Rights and Equity and Indigenous Community Awareness. A few spaces are still available for fall sessions.

On October 14, AMO and the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario are co-hosting our second virtual Municipal Cyber Security Forum. Learn from leading cyber experts about the shared responsibility of cyber security and how you can build cyber security resiliency across your municipality and organization. \$50 plus HST. [Register today!](#)

The December 31, 2021 deadline is quickly approaching for the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act*. Is your municipality compliant? On October 7 at 12.30 pm, [join AMO and eSolutionsGroup](#) to learn about year-end requirements and what help is available to meet the deadline.

The mornings of October 5 & 6 you can learn about the environmental impacts on your municipalities and how to reduce the risks. [Register](#) to participate live. If you

can't make the date, note that all registrants will have access to the event for 30 days after the date.

LAS

Did you miss the O.Reg. 507/18 annual energy reporting deadline? The Ministry of Energy will accept 2019 consumption data up to October 15. Please email BPSsupport@ontario.ca if you have any questions about the regulation.

A professional seal is a guarantee of public protection, but engineers and architects have seen their seals and/or plans stolen from them, only to be subsequently accepted by authorities. Read more about how to protect your municipality against identity theft.

Effective October 1, Goodyear Canada will raise tire prices by up to 8% due to changes in the market. Beat the price increase! Contact Tanner to find out how to order your tires through the Canoe Procurement Group before it's too late.

ONE Investment

ONE brings another HISA provider onboard: National Bank in the coming weeks. Submit your interest and questions today by emailing one@oneinvestment.ca. The account is fully liquid with no transactional or monthly fee that provides higher interest on deposits than a typical savings account.

Municipal Wire*

Pollution Probe is inviting municipal participants for a second workshop on September 21st from 1-3pm to discuss Enbridge's Natural Gas DSM Plan for Ontario. If interested, RSVP for the workshop here.

Careers

Senior Sustainability Officer - City of Waterloo. Reporting within the CAO's Office, the Senior Sustainability Officer will lead corporate and community sustainability plans and actions, with a significant focus on climate change action. For more details and to apply on-line, please visit: www.waterloo.ca/careers.

Treasurer - Municipality of Casselman. Under the CAO's authority, the selected person is responsible for coordinating the operations of the finance department. Application deadline by Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 3 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Casselman. The CAO is responsible for the overall planning, co-ordination and administration of the Municipality and more. Application deadline by Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 3 p.m.

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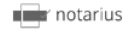
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VIA EMAIL

September 20, 2021

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services
The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Recognition of September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day)

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of Residential Schools and advance the process of Truth and Reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves of Indigenous children across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in Truth and Reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action called upon the Federal Government, in collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of the Indian Residential School System remains a vital component of the Truth and Reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS on June 16, 2021, Regional Council passed a resolution endorsing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report and Calls to Action, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as the establishment of a Halton Indigenous Advisory Group to move forward in building and fostering reciprocal relationships with Indigenous Peoples based on cultural understanding, empathy and respect;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Regional Council recognize September 30, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day);

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, Credit River Métis Council, Grand River Métis Council, Tungasuvvingat Inuit, Woodland Cultural Centre, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Federal Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations, the Honourable Marc Miller, Federal Minister of Indigenous Services Canada, the Honourable Greg Rickford, Provincial Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Halton MP's and MPP's, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the City of Burlington, the Town of Halton Hills, the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation for their information.

Sincerely,



Gary Carr
Regional Chair

- c. The Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Wellington-Halton Hills
The Honourable Jane McKenna, MPP, Burlington
The Honourable Parm Gill, MPP, Milton
Stephen Crawford, MPP, Oakville
Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP, Oakville North – Burlington
The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Burlington
The Honourable Michael Chong, MP, Wellington – Halton Hills
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The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca
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The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education - minister.edu@ontario.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Protection of Schools from Closures

WHEREAS schools are an essential service in all communities and should be protected as much as possible from the need to be closed because of COVID-19 spread,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Region requests that the Province of Ontario first examine and choose methods to reduce community contacts, should they be required, other than closing schools in order respond to rising number of COVID cases.

AND THAT Halton Regional Council endorses the written submission by the Council of Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) to the Province of Ontario regarding this issue;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health, Minister of Education, Halton's MPP's and the Local Municipalities for their information.

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The Regional Municipality of Halton

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED BY REGIONAL COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

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VIA EMAIL

September 21, 2021

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Debbie Ramsay, Niagara Escarpment Commission
Katie O'Connell, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Kevin Arjoon, City of Burlington
Meaghen Reid, Town of Milton
Valerie Petryniak, Town of Halton Hills
Vicki Tytaneck, Town of Oakville

Please be advised that at its meeting held Wednesday, September 15, 2021, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: LPS68-21 - Regional Official Plan Amendment Statutory Public Meeting for the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), File No. RQ61A

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS68-21 re: "Regional Official Plan Amendment Statutory Public Meeting for the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), File No. RQ61A" to the City of Burlington, Conservation Halton, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry for their information.

Included please find a copy of Report No. LPS68-21 for your information.

If you have any questions please contact me at extension 7110 or the e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Milne", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
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The Regional Municipality of Halton

Report To:	Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council
From:	Bob Gray, Commissioner, Legislative and Planning Services and Corporate Counsel
Date:	September 15, 2021
Report No:	LPS68-21
Re:	Regional Official Plan Amendment Statutory Public Meeting for the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), File No. RQ61A

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Regional Clerk forward a copy of Report No. LPS68-21 re: "Regional Official Plan Amendment Statutory Public Meeting for the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), File No. RQ61A" to the City of Burlington, Conservation Halton, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry for their information.

REPORT

Executive Summary

- The purpose of this report is to provide information to support the Statutory Public Meeting being held on September 15, 2021 for a Regional Official Plan Amendment under the Planning Act seeking to permit the proposed expansion of the Burlington Quarry.
- On May 14, 2020, Nelson Aggregate Co. filed applications under the Aggregate Resources Act, Planning Act and Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act to permit new mineral aggregate extraction on lands west and south of the current Burlington Quarry.
- The Regional Official Plan Amendment, as provided in Attachment #1 to this report, proposes to re-designate and identify lands as "Mineral Extraction Area" in the Halton Region Official Plan to permit the expansion of the existing quarry.

- A Regional Official Plan Amendment is one of several approvals required by the proponent. Regional Council is responsible for making a decision on the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment. The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry is ultimately responsible for making a decision on the licence application.
- The application for Regional Official Plan Amendment was deemed complete by the Region's Chief Planning Official on July 20, 2020. The former Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry deemed the Aggregate Resource Act application complete on October 5, 2020.
- Halton Region convened a virtual Public Information Session in response to Council direction on December 10, 2020, as a result of the former Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry not requiring public information sessions as a COVID-19 pandemic response measure. This included a facilitated question and answer period between the public and Nelson Aggregate Co. representatives.
- On December 14, 2020, the Region's Chief Planning Official issued a Letter of Objection to the Aggregate Resources Act Licence Application outlining a series of concerns related to the proposed quarry expansion. Concerns identified in this letter were informed by the preliminary review of technical reports and studies submitted in support of the application by staff and retained consultants. The same concerns were submitted on December 18, 2020, in response to the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-2698.
- The application is currently being reviewed through the Joint Agency Review Team ("JART") framework. The applicant was forwarded 988 issues identified in the first technical circulation. The applicant is in the process of responding to those issues, with a second technical circulation now underway.
- At the time of writing, the Region has received 16 submissions from the public, in addition to over 2,000 emails over the past year with some supportive of the rehabilitation plan proposing a park, but most identifying concerns over the negative effects of continued quarrying.
- Following the Statutory Public Meeting and the completion of the JART technical review process, Regional staff will review all the comments received and prepare a final recommendation report for consideration by Regional Council. A recommendation report is currently anticipated to come before Regional Council in 2022 or 2023, dependent upon the nature and timing of responses from the applicant and the associated technical review.
- Staff will continue to request and review public input on the application. Any public input received will be catalogued, summarized, and consolidated with materials received through statutory public consultation into a complete record of public comment to place before Council.

Background

The existing Burlington Quarry (Aggregate Resources Act Licence #5499), operated by Nelson Aggregate Co., abuts the hamlet of Mount Nemo and extends approximately 1.5 kilometres west to border the Burlington Springs Golf Club. Surrounding land uses include a second golf course, rural and estate residential development, agricultural lands and lands within the Region's identified Natural Heritage System. Attachment #2 to this report shows the lands subject to the application.

Regional Council was provided information on the proposal at its meeting on January 15, 2020, through Report No. LPS08-20 re: "Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson), Pre-consultation Meeting". That report identified the approvals Nelson Aggregate Co. would be required to obtain to permit the new mineral aggregate extraction, which are as follows:

- A licence for the new site issued by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, and potential to amend the licence for the current operation (associated with the rehabilitation plan).
- A Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment to re-designate the proposed expansion land to permit mineral aggregate extraction, and a Development Permit to ultimately permit the development.
- An amendment to the Halton Region Official Plan to re-designate the proposed expansion land to permit mineral aggregate extraction.
- An amendment to the City of Burlington Official Plan to re-designate the proposed expansion land to permit mineral aggregate extraction.

On September 16, 2020, Regional Council received Report No. LPS51-20 re: "Update on the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry by Nelson Aggregate Co., Receipt of Complete Application, File No. RQ61A", that indicated the Chief Planning Official deemed the application complete in accordance with the requirements of the Regional Official Plan.

On October 29, 2020, Nelson Aggregate Co. posted an advertisement in the Burlington Post and provided mailings to agencies and residents living near the lands proposed for expansion. This was the official notice required by the former Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Provincial Standards to implement the requirements of the Aggregate Resources Act. This notice launched a 45-day period for any interested agency or individual to file a Letter of Objection with the former Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Nelson Aggregate Co., as the applicant.

On December 14, 2020, the Region's Chief Planning Official issued a Letter of Objection outlining a series of concerns related to the proposed quarry expansion. The same concerns were submitted on December 18, 2020, to the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting by the former Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-2698. Report No. LPS12-21 re: "Update on the Proposed Expansion to the Burlington Quarry (Nelson Aggregate Co.), Submission of Letter of Objection, File No. RQ61A" provided an update to Council on the Regional objections filed for the Aggregate Resources Act Licence application, and an approximate timeline for review of the application. Technical review of the proposal has continued since that time.

A statutory public meeting is required by legislation to be held with respect to applications for amendment to an official plan in order to give the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposal. This report provides a description of the application, review process, and policy framework applying to the proposal to inform Council and the public. The meeting is structured to allow Council to receive public delegations. There is no decision before Regional Council at this time and provide input to staff for consideration in the JART technical process

Discussion

The proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment provided as Attachment #1 to this report would apply to the proposed Amendment Area shown in Attachment #2 to this report.

Description of the Application

The application proposes to expand the Burlington Quarry by extending the license and extraction areas to the south and west of the existing quarry lands. The west extension licensed area is proposed to be 60.0 hectares, of which 35.7 hectares would be under active extraction. The south extension licensed area is proposed to be 18.3 hectares, of which 14.5 hectares would be under active extraction. Licensed area typically includes all lands that are a component of an aggregate operation required as conditions of the licence, such as berms or ponds, which is greater than the area under active extraction.

The proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment would amend the following Maps (amend the maps?) of the Halton Regional Official Plan to re-designate 78.3 hectares of land to permit the extraction of mineral aggregates on land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), in the City of Burlington:

- Map 1: Re-designate from “Agricultural Area”, “Regional Natural Heritage System” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1A: Re-designate from “Escarpment Rural Area” to “Escarpment Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1D: Identify the subject lands as “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1E: Re-designate from “Prime Agricultural Area” or otherwise to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1F: Identify the subject lands to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”; and
- Map 1G: Re-designate from “Prime Agricultural Areas in the Natural Heritage System” and “Key Features” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”.

The effect of this application is to permit the expansion of the existing quarry to new lands south and west of the existing quarry.

Application Submission and Completeness Determination

On July 20, 2020, the Region’s Chief Planning Official deemed the application filed by Nelson Aggregate Co. on May 14, 2020, to amend the Regional Official Plan complete and the City of Burlington concurrently deemed the application to amend the City Official Plan complete. Notice of Complete Application was provided in accordance with subsection 22(6.4) of the Planning Act during the weeks of July 20 and 27, 2020, including by ordinary mail to every owner of land within 200 metres of the subject lands and advertisements in the Burlington Post, Milton Canadian Champion, Oakville Beaver, and Georgetown Independent.

The Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment process was initiated through a staff report received by the Niagara Escarpment Commission on August 20, 2020.

Reports and Materials

Nelson Aggregate Co. submitted the following reports in support of the proposal:

- Agricultural Impact Assessment
- Archaeological Assessments (Stages 1 and 2; Stages 1, 2 and 3; and Stage 4)
- Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment
- Environment Impact Study (Level 1 and 2)
- Financial Impact Study
- Air Quality Study
- Planning Justification Report
- Progressive and Final Rehabilitation Monitoring Study
- Traffic Study
- Level 1 and 2 Hydrogeological Assessment, including a Karst Assessment as an appendix
- Surface Water Assessment
- Adaptive Management Plan

- Noise Impact Assessment
- Blast Impact Assessment
- Visual Impact Assessment
- Site Plan, including associated notes
- Public Consultation Strategy (City of Burlington requirement)

The following concurrent applications were also submitted, in order to permit the proposed quarry expansion:

- Aggregate Resources Act License Application with the former Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry;
- Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment Application with the Niagara Escarpment Commission;
- Niagara Escarpment Development Permit Application with the Niagara Escarpment Commission; and
- Local Official Plan Amendment Application with the City of Burlington.

Public Consultation

The Region's statutory public meeting is one of many opportunities for engagement throughout the review of the application. Halton Region, the City of Burlington, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission are working toward enabling their respective Councils, Board, and Commission to make decisions aligned with the two-year review process provided for through the Aggregate Resources Act licence application process. Public consultation on the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment required by the Planning Act has been completed as follows:

- **Complete Application**
Notice of Complete Application was provided in accordance with subsection 22(6.4) of the Planning Act during the weeks of July 20 and 27, 2020, including by ordinary mail to every owner of land within 200 metres of the subject lands and advertisements in the Burlington Post, Milton Canadian Champion, Oakville Beaver, and Georgetown Independent.
- **Statutory Public Meeting**
Notice of this Statutory Public Meeting was provided in accordance with subsection 3 of O.Reg. 543/06 under the Planning Act by way of advertisements in the Burlington Post, Milton Canadian Champion, Oakville Beaver, and Georgetown Independent & Free Press on August 19, 2021. Additional courtesy notice was provided by way of ordinary mail to every owner of land within 200 metres of the subject lands on August 18, 2021.
- **Inspection of Documents**
All documents submitted as part of this application are available digitally and upon request. Information on the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment including staff contact information has been made available at www.halton.ca.

In response to the end of the emergency order of the Province as a result of COVID-19, the former Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry modified the requirements for the public consultation under the Aggregate Resources Act for the licence application, to allow for individual consultation meetings or phone calls rather than hosting a public information session. Nelson Aggregate Co. relied upon this advice from the Province and decided to not schedule its own public information session in a group format, instead continuing individual conversations with residents.

At its meeting of November 25, 2020, Regional Council unanimously adopted a resolution that, among other matters, directed Regional staff, “to contact Nelson Aggregate Co. to schedule and support the delivery of a virtual public information session.” The meeting was held on December 10, 2020. The virtual public consultation event occurred with presentations from agency staff and Nelson Aggregate Co.’s planning consultant, with a one-hour question and answer period. The event was facilitated by the Region with support from an independent facilitator. A summary report of the event “Virtual Public Consultation Summary: Proposed Expansion of Burlington Quarry” prepared by LURA Consulting is provided as Attachment #3 to this report, and can be found on the [Region’s project webpage](#).

At the time of writing this report, 13 written comments have been submitted to Halton Region from members of the public regarding the Regional Official Plan Amendment. Submissions received to date are included as Attachment #4 to this Report. All are opposed to the Regional Official Plan Amendment application. These comments identify the following concerns:

- The importance of protecting the Niagara Escarpment as a designated United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Biosphere Reserve
- The loss of key natural heritage features and functions including wetlands, woodlands, and protected species habitat
- The loss of overall green space for the area, and potential loss of the golf course
- The loss of prime agricultural lands
- The for the expanded quarry operation to contribute to climate change
- The impact of the quarry operation on water quality and quantity for both drinking water (well supply) and the natural environment (groundwater and surface water)
- Increased quarry-related traffic, including truck traffic on Cedar Springs Road despite it not being a designated truck route by the City of Burlington, and safety concerns over the joint use of the haul route for recreation and active transportation
- The quality of fill being brought to the site
- Increased industrial activity moving closer to existing residential communities
- Operating hours of the quarry, including potential for all-day truck movement
- Loss of property value, including a request to consider lowering property taxes if property values are shown to be reduced
- The impact of blasting on homes with a history of blast damage from this operation, including those that would now become closer to the quarry if approved, as well as

concerns over the model methodology used by the proponent and inputs used in the model

- The impact of dust from quarry operations on air quality and overall amenity, including settling on outdoor spaces on neighbouring properties
- The lack of actual emissions data from the current quarry to inform the proponent's model
- The impact of noise from quarry operations on quality of life, including concerns over the model methodology used by the proponent and inputs used in the model
- The perception that the proponent is proposing solutions that only meet minimum standards, contrasted with other operations where monitoring and adaptive management can be continuous
- Questions to how alternatives to the proposal have been considered, including aggregate recycling
- Local understanding that the current quarry is approaching its end of operations, with the proposal effectively extending the operating life of the quarry
- Requests for more analysis and further studies to assess the potential effects of the quarry.

Any additional submissions will be provided to Council either through the addendum agenda to this meeting or in future reports, depending on when they are received.

At the time of writing, members of Council have received 455 emails indicating support for the proposed rehabilitation plan that includes using a portion of the expanded quarry as a park following the completion of extraction. The evaluation of the technical merits of the application to permit extractive uses looks at the proposed use itself. While the rehabilitation plan is a part of the overall proposal, the proposed after-use of the quarry site as parkland is not part of the technical consideration for the Regional Official Plan Amendment application.

In addition to the above emails received and submissions included in Attachment #4, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Halton Region and the City of Burlington received over 2,000 emails from residents and concerned citizens about the negative impacts of continued quarrying on the natural environment (wildlife, streams, and woodlands), quantity and quality of water (wells, streams, and wetlands) served by the headwaters of Mount Nemo, increased traffic, dust, vibration, fly rock, potential import of contaminated fill back onto the site, and removal of farmland and greenspace.

Policy Context

The following provincial and regional policies must be considered when reviewing the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment:

Provincial Policy Statement (2020): The Provincial Policy Statement (2020) contains framework for managing and protecting natural resources including the following relevant areas to the subject application: Natural Heritage, Water, Agriculture, Mineral Aggregate Resources, and Cultural Heritage and Archaeology. Also, the Provincial Policy Statement requires rehabilitation of man-made hazards such as mineral aggregate operations prior to permitting future development on these sites in order to protect public health and safety.

Greenbelt Plan (2017): The subject lands are within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area under the Greenbelt Plan (2017) to which the policies of the Niagara Escarpment Plan apply as well as the Parkland, Open Space and Trails policies of the Greenbelt Plan.

Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017): The subject lands are located within the Escarpment Natural Area under the Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017). As a Provincial land use plan, the Niagara Escarpment Plan guides land use planning decisions within the Plan area and takes precedence over the Provincial Policy Statement and the Greenbelt Plan to the extent of any conflict. Municipal Official Plan policy must conform with the Niagara Escarpment Plan and no development approvals can be given, including an aggregate license until the Niagara Escarpment Commission has issued a Development Permit.

A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019): A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019) provides policies for growth management and environmental protection. This Plan defers to either the Greenbelt Plan or the Niagara Escarpment Plan where similar or overlapping matters are addressed.

Regional Official Plan: The Regional Official Plan includes requirements for amending the Official Plan as well as policies for the protection of the Agricultural System and Agricultural Area, Mineral Resource Extraction Areas and the Natural Heritage System.

Joint Agency Review Team Framework

Regional staff are undertaking a substantive and coordinated review of the Burlington Quarry expansion proposal through the JART process. The JART partners for this application include the City of Burlington, Conservation Halton, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and Halton Region. The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry has indicated a willingness to participate in JART technical discussions. Halton Region has retained consulting expertise in various disciplines, including hydrogeology, noise, blasting, transportation and natural environment among others, to assist the JART in its review; these consultants will assist with the technical review of the submitted reports and studies.

Detailed comments generated through the first round of technical review have been delivered to the applicant and Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. These JART comments expanded upon the thematic issues identified in the Region's Letter of Objection and have identified a total of 988 issues across 16 areas of technical disciplines.

The studies were submitted by the applicant on May 14, 2020, and the majority of the first circulation technical review was complete by February 2021. Technical review comments were delivered to Nelson Aggregate Co. in a tabular format with comments from the technical experts and from the relevant JART agencies included in the tables. Given public interest and the need for transparency in these processes, this information is posted to the Region's website. The comments were delivered as follows:

- Visual Impact Assessment, 10 comments delivered December 14, 2020
- Environmental Site Conditions, 1 comment delivered January 8, 2021
- Archaeology Impact Assessment, 15 comments delivered January 14, 2021
- Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment, 32 comments delivered January 14, 2021
- Blast Impact Assessment, 18 comments delivered January 29, 2021
- Registered Agreements and Reference Plan, 3 comments delivered February 2, 2021
- Agriculture Impact Assessment, 54 comments delivered February 4, 2021
- Financial Impact Study, 33 comments delivered February 11, 2021
- Traffic Report, 28 comments delivered February 12, 2021
- Level 1 and 2 Hydrogeological and Hydrological Impact Assessment Report and Karst Investigations, 354 comments delivered February 18, 2021
- Surface Water Assessment, 154 comments delivered February 18, 2021
- Adaptive Management Plan, 71 comments delivered February 18, 2021
- Level 1 and 2 Natural Environmental Technical Report, 128 comments delivered February, 18, 2021
- Progressive and Final Rehabilitation and Monitoring Study, 26 comments delivered February 18, 2021
- Air Quality Study, 8 comments delivered May 25, 2021
- Noise Impact Assessment, 53 comments delivered August 6, 2021

At the time of writing this report, Nelson Aggregate Co. has provided JART with responses to most of the above comments and has sought dialogue with the JART in an effort to better understand and address the comments. Many issues raised through technical review remain unresolved at this time. A second technical circulation is underway using reply content from Nelson. A copy of the comment tables, current as of the time of writing this report, are attached as Attachment #5 to this report, and include the responses from Nelson Aggregate Co. where received.

Next Steps in the Review of the Application

Technical review of the application through the JART process remains underway at this time. The review of the technical reports is an iterative process and the JART will continue to provide coordinated technical comments that will inform decision-making of the parties. JART is not a decision making body, nor does it make recommendations on whether or not the proposal should be approved. The JART ensures the participating agencies are working together from the same information and analyzing the proposal through all applicable planning policies, guidelines, and by-laws. The information produced through

the JART process is used for both Planning Act applications and the Aggregate Resources Act licence application and objection process, and needs to consider any proponent efforts to resolve objections raised during the review.

Regional Council will receive the final JART report, along with a recommendation report from staff, to inform decision-making on Nelson's Regional Official Plan Amendment application. The timing of this report is dependent on the nature of the issues being explored and the timing of responses from the proponent related to technical questions from the JART.

Regional staff previously provided a process map diagram charting out planned milestones for technical review and public engagement across the Planning Act and Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act processes managed by Halton Region, the City of Burlington, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. An updated version of this process map is provided as Attachment #6 to this report. This map was intended to be iterative based on progress made on technical review and adjustments related to feedback received and updated milestones. Technical review continues as updated information is provided by Nelson Aggregate Co. for review through the JART process.

Public input related to the proposal is welcomed and encouraged at any time during the JART process and will be shared with technical consultants and the applicant for consideration in their respective reviews. As part of its mandate, the JART will receive and consider public input to explore the range of technical issues and impacts related to the proposal. Any public input received will be catalogued, summarized, and consolidated with materials received through statutory public consultation into a complete record of public comment to place before Council.

Conclusion

Once all JART and agency circulation comments have been received, staff will conduct its planning assessment and report back to Regional Council with a recommendation on the amendment as proposed by the applicant. The report and the recommendations provided by staff will take into consideration the comments received from the public, JART, and all commenting agencies. As previously noted, this recommendation report is currently anticipated to come before Regional Council in 2022 or 2023.

Before any decisions can be made under the Planning Act and Aggregate Resources Act, the Niagara Escarpment Commission must first issue a development permit.

Regional Council is responsible for making a decision on the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment. The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, through the Aggregate Resources Act site plan approval process, is ultimately responsible for making a decision on the licence application. There is no recommendation before Regional Council at this time.

In the event that an appeal is filed with respect to this application, it would be heard by the Ontario Land Tribunal. Because there are other approvals needed under other statutes, any hearing of the appeal of the Regional Official Plan Amendment application would proceed as a consolidated hearing under the Ontario Land Tribunal Act. Nelson's previous application also proceeded as a consolidated hearing before a Joint Board under the Consolidated Hearings Act. That Act has since been repealed, but the process for a consolidated hearing before the new Ontario Land Tribunal is substantively the same.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

The application fee for a Regional Official Plan Amendment for aggregate extraction operations, in the amount of \$142,466.26 inclusive of HST, was submitted with the application on May 14, 2020.

The applicant has been made aware, through the pre-consultation meeting, that peer review costs for technical reports are also required to be paid by the applicant, in accordance with Fees By-law 68-20. A first invoice was issued on July 13, 2021, to Nelson Aggregate Co. in the amount of \$229,993.75 (plus HST) for work completed in the first round of technical review. The invoice is not yet paid as of the date of writing this report. A second invoice will be issued in the amount of \$15,817 (plus HST) to recover the cost of public notification in the local newspapers, in accordance with Fees By-law 68-20.

Respectfully submitted,



Curt Benson
Director, Planning Services and Chief
Planning Official



Bob Gray
Commissioner, Legislative and Planning
Services and Corporate Counsel

Approved by



Jane MacCaskill
Chief Administrative Officer

If you have any questions on the content of this report,
please contact:

Curt Benson

Tel. # 7181

Attachments: Attachment #1 – Draft Regional Official Plan Amendment
Attachment #2 – Locational Map
Attachment #3 – Nelson Aggregates Burlington Quarry PIC December 2020 Summary
Attachment #4 – Written Submissions Received to Date
[Attachment #5 – JART Comments and Nelson Responses \(Under Separate Cover\)](#)
Attachment #6 – Updated Nelson Quarry Application Review Process Map (September 2021 Version)

Draft Amendment No. XX
to THE REGIONAL PLAN
Official Plan for the Halton Planning Area
Regional Municipality of Halton

An Amendment to re-designate
and identify the subject lands as
Mineral Resource Extraction Area
(Burlington Quarry, Mt. Nemo)

Month, YYYY

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DECLARATION

IN THE MATTER OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NUMBER XX

IN THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON

I, Graham Milne, in my capacity as Regional Clerk for the Regional Municipality of Halton, hereby declare that notice of adoption by Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton was given under Section XX of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13.

There were no appeals to ROPA XX within the time allowed for appeal. Under Section 22 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, Regional Official Plan Amendment Number XX came into force and effect on _____, YYYY, being the day following the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of Halton

Date

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

Part A, The Preamble, does not constitute part of this Amendment.

Part B, The Amendment, consisting of 6 items to the maps of the Official Plan constitutes Amendment No. XX to the Regional Plan, the Official Plan for Halton Planning Area, Regional Municipality of Halton. The title of Amendment No. XX is “An Amendment to re-designate and identify the subject lands as Mineral Resource Extraction Area”.

Part C, The Appendices, does not constitute part of this Amendment.

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PART A THE PREAMBLE

Purpose

The purpose of the application is to amend the Maps of the Halton Region Official Plan, in the manner described below to re-designate or designate 78.3 hectares (licence area, including 50.2 hectares of extraction area) to permit the extraction of mineral aggregates:

- Map 1: Re-designate from “Agricultural Area” and “Regional Natural Heritage System” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1A: Re-designate from “Escarpment Rural Area” to “Escarpment Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1D: Identify the subject lands as “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1E: Re-designate from “Prime Agricultural Area” or otherwise to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1F: Re-designate from “Identified Mineral Resource Area” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”; and
- Map 1G: Re-designate from “Prime Agricultural Areas in the Natural Heritage System” and “Key Features” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”.

Location

The area to which this Amendment applies is legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton.

Basis

On May 14, 2020, Halton Region received an application from Nelson Aggregate Co. to amend the Halton Regional Official Plan to expand the Burlington Quarry by re-designating and identifying the subject lands as “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”.

In addition to the Regional Official Plan amendment application, the overall quarry expansion involves applications with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and the City of Burlington in order to extend the license and extraction areas to the south and west of the existing quarry lands.

Contents of the Amendment

The Amendment consists 6 of changes to 6 different maps:

- Map 1: Re-designate from “Agricultural Area” and “Regional Natural Heritage System” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1A: Re-designate from “Escarpment Rural Area” to “Escarpment Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1D: Identify the subject lands as “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;

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- Map 1E: Re-designate from “Prime Agricultural Area” or otherwise to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”;
- Map 1F: Re-designate from “Identified Mineral Resource Area” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”; and
- Map 1G: Re-designate from “Prime Agricultural Areas in the Natural Heritage System” and “Key Features” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”.

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PART B THE AMENDMENT

Introductory Statement

All of this part constitutes Amendment No. XX to the Regional Plan, the Official Plan for Halton Planning Area, Regional Municipality of Halton.

Details of the Amendment

The Amendment consists of 6 items.

The Regional Plan is amended as follows:

- Items 1 through 6 (changes to maps)

Specified maps of the Plan are amended as per Table A of this Amendment and as shown on Attachments 1 through 6.

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Table A

This Amendment consists of six (6) items;

- Item 1.** That Region of Halton Official Plan Map 1 – Regional Structure, is hereby amended by re-designating 78.3 hectares of land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Region of Halton from “Agricultural Area” and “Regional Natural Heritage System” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area” as shown in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming Part of this Amendment;
- Item 2.** That Region of Halton Official Plan Map 1A – Provincial Plan Areas & Land Use Designations, is hereby amended by re-designating 78.3 hectares of land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Region of Halton from “Escarpment Rural Area” to “Escarpment Mineral Resource Extraction Area” as shown in Schedule “B” attached hereto and forming Part of this Amendment;
- Item 3.** That Region of Halton Official Plan Map 1D – Municipal Wellhead Protection Zones, is hereby amended by designating 78.3 hectares of land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Region of Halton as “Mineral Resource Extraction Area” as shown in Schedule “C” attached hereto and forming Part of this Amendment;
- Item 4.** That Region of Halton Official Plan Map 1E – Agricultural System and Settlement Areas, is hereby amended by re-designating 78.3 hectares of land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Region of Halton currently designated to “Prime Agricultural Area” or otherwise not designated to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area” as shown in Schedule “D” attached hereto and forming Part of this Amendment;
- Item 5.** That Region of Halton Official Plan Map 1F – Identified Mineral Resource Areas, is hereby amended by re-designating 78.3 hectares of land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Region of Halton to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area” as shown in Schedule “E” attached hereto and forming Part of this Amendment; and
- Item 6.** That Region of Halton Official Plan Map 1G – Key Features within the Greenbelt and Regional Natural Heritage Systems, is hereby amended by re-designating 78.3 hectares of land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former

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geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Region of Halton from “Prime Agricultural Areas” in the Natural Heritage System and “Key Features” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area” as shown in Schedule “F” attached hereto and forming Part of this Amendment.

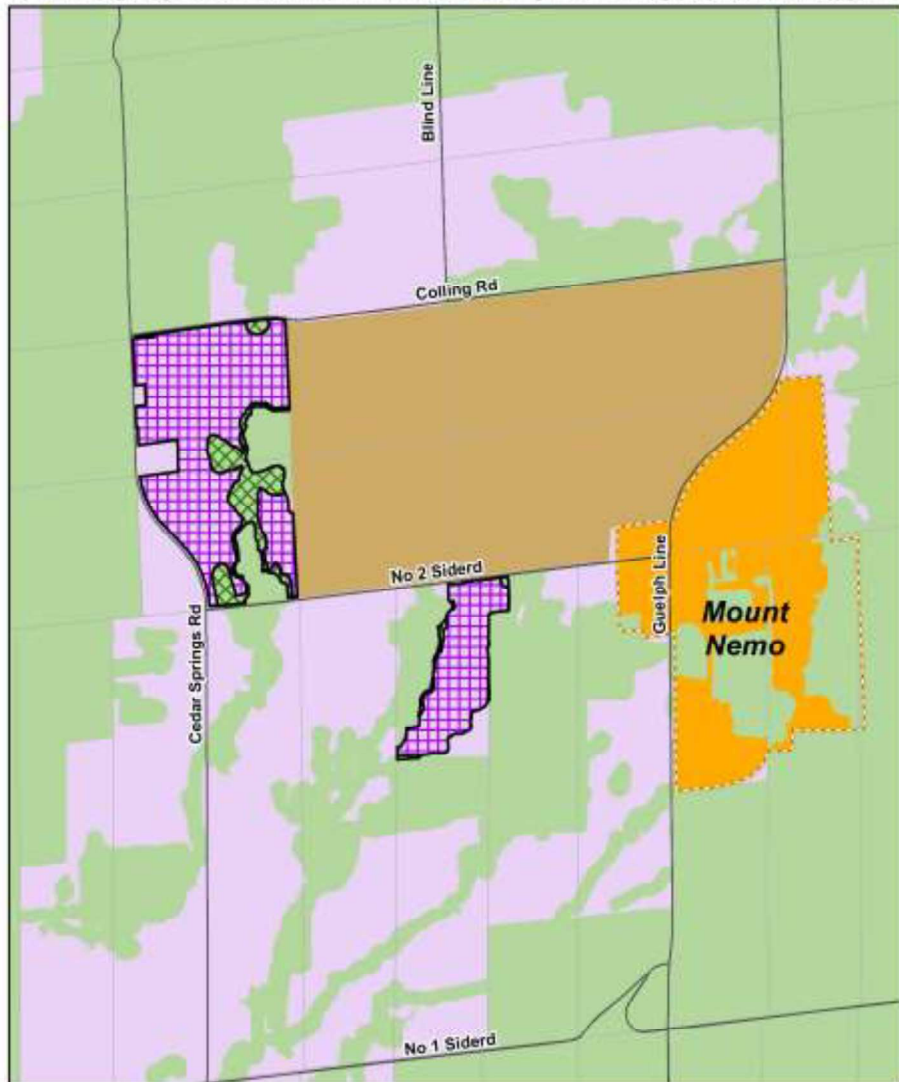
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Excerpt of Map 1 – Regional Structure

Part Lots 1 & 2, Concession 2 and Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 2 NDS
(former geographic township of Nelson) City of Burlington, Halton Region



-  Lands to be re-designated from Agricultural Area to Mineral Resource Extraction Area
-  Lands to be re-designated from Regional Natural Heritage System to Mineral Resource Extraction Area

-  Hamlet
-  Agricultural Area
-  Regional Natural Heritage System
-  Mineral Resource Extraction Area

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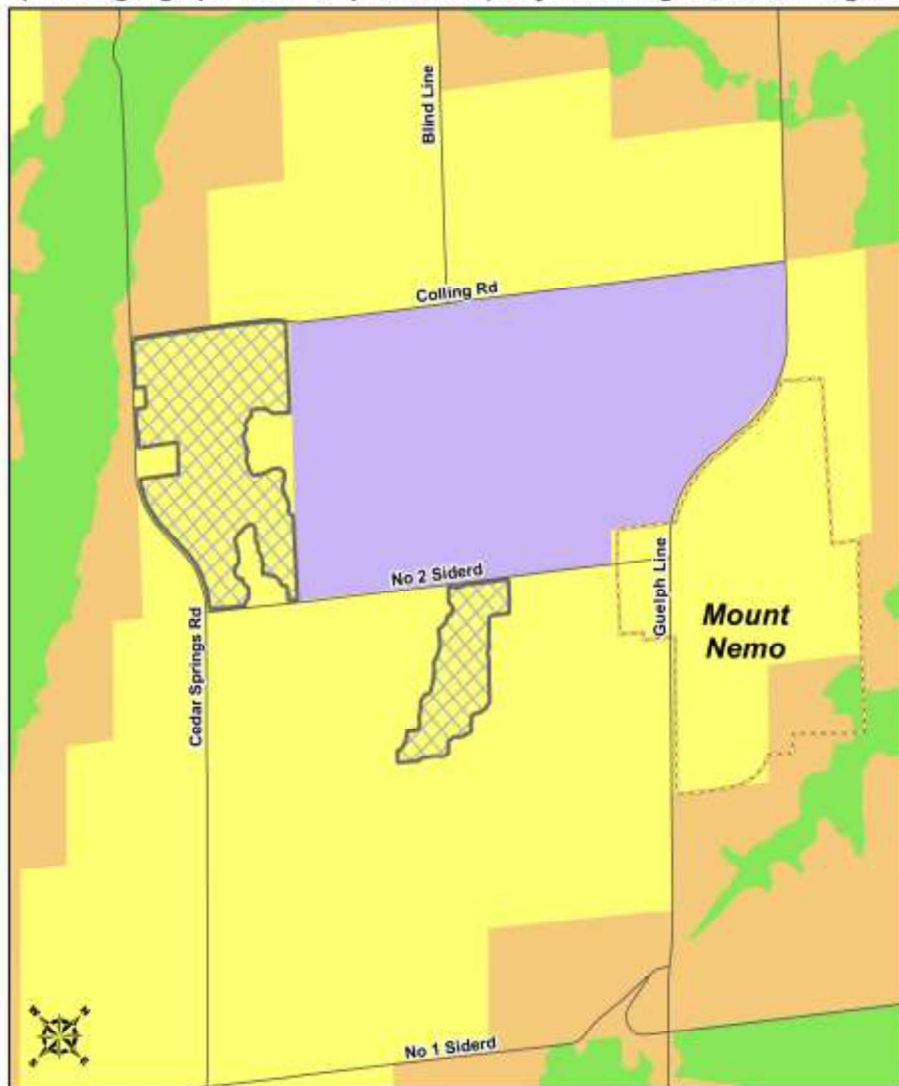
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Regional Clerk

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Excerpt of Map 1A – Provincial Plan Areas & Land Use Designations

Part Lots 1 & 2, Concession 2 and Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 2 NDS
(former geographic township of Nelson) City of Burlington, Halton Region



 Lands to be re-designated from Escarpment Rural area to Mineral Resource Extraction Area

-  Escarpment Natural Area
-  Escarpment Protection Area
-  Escarpment Rural Area
-  Escarpment Mineral Resource Extraction Area
-  Hamlet Boundary

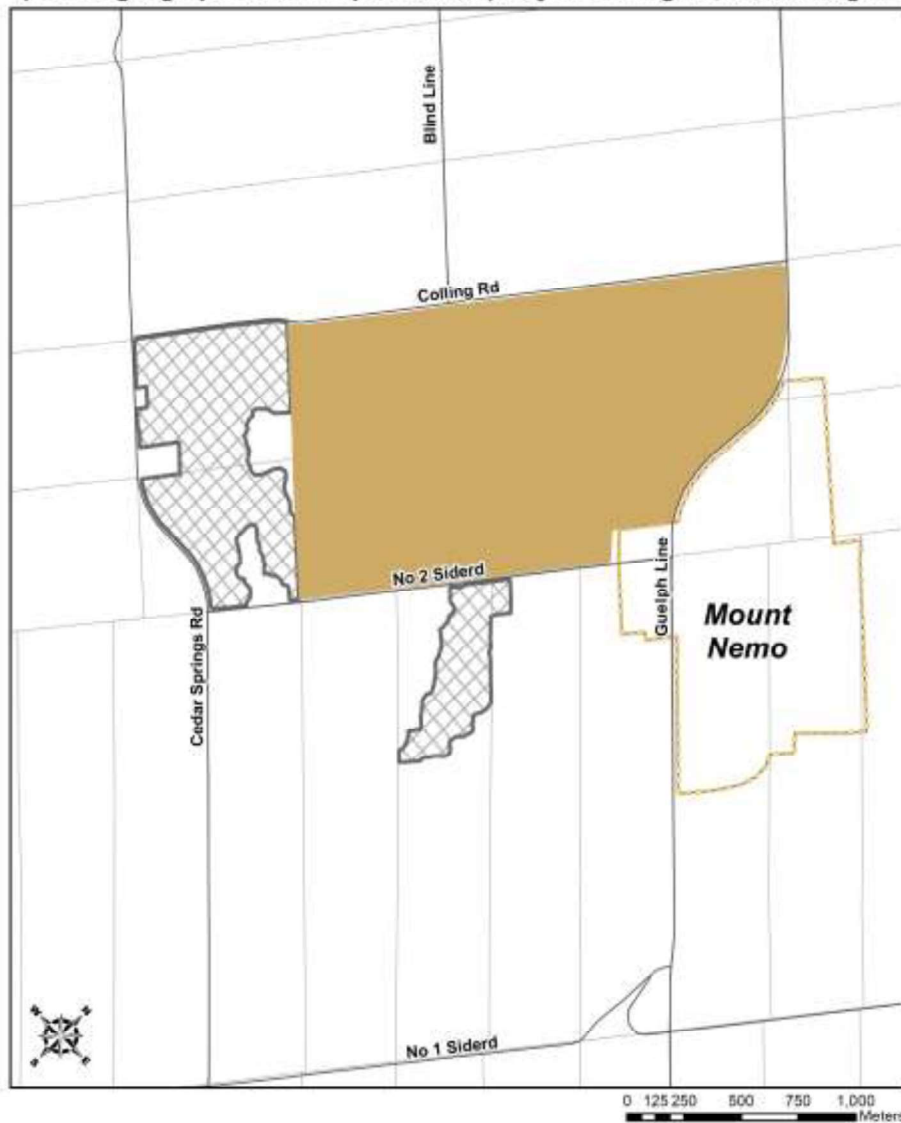
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Excerpt of Map 1D – Municipal Wellhead Protection Zones
Part Lots 1 & 2, Concession 2 and Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 2 NDS
(former geographic township of Nelson) City of Burlington, Halton Region



Lands to be designated Mineral
Resource Extraction Area



Mineral Resource Extraction Area



Hamlet Boundary

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Excerpt of Map 1E – Agricultural System and Settlement Areas

Part Lots 1 & 2, Concession 2 and Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 2 NDS
(former geographic township of Nelson) City of Burlington, Halton Region



- Lands to be re-designated from Prime Agricultural Area to Mineral Resource Extraction Area
- Lands to be designated Mineral Resource Extraction Area

- Prime Agricultural Areas
- Agricultural System outside Prime Agricultural Areas
- Mineral Resource Extraction Area
- Hamlet Boundary

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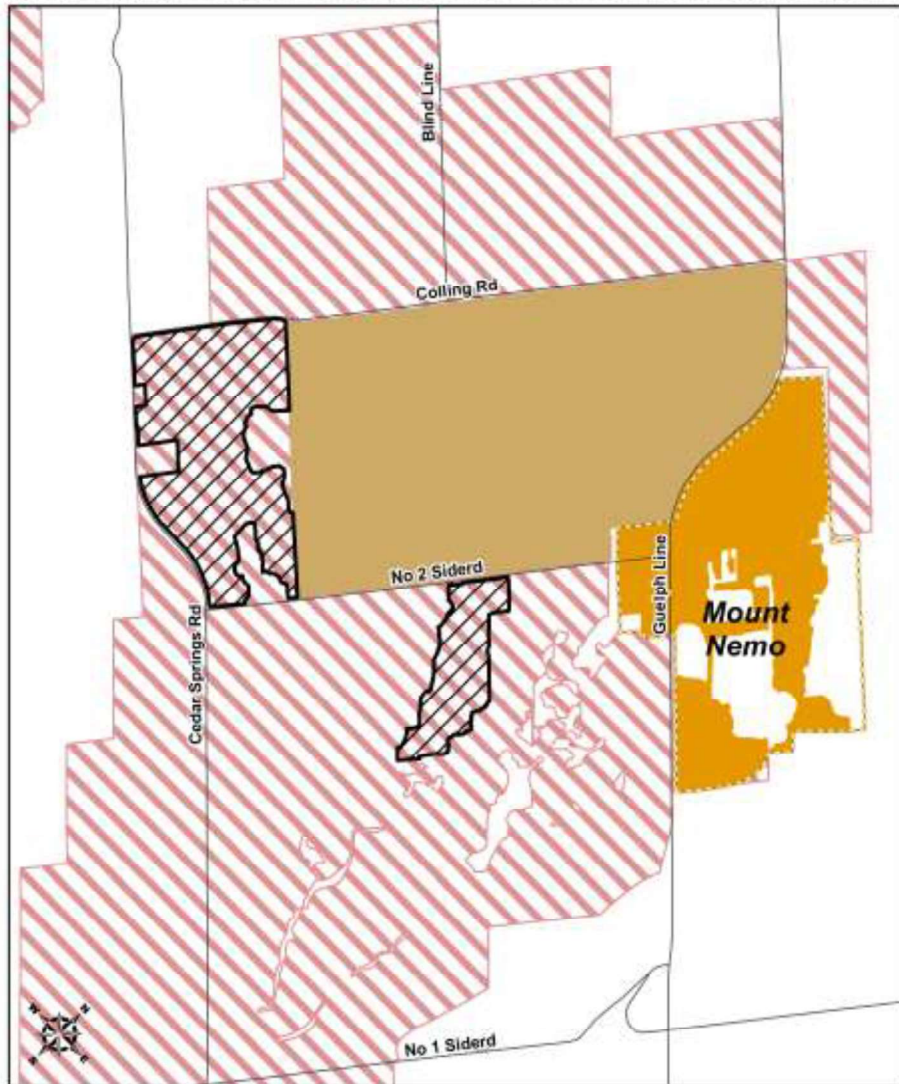
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Excerpt of Map 1F – Identified Mineral Resource Areas
Part Lots 1 & 2, Concession 2 and Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 2 NDS
(former geographic township of Nelson) City of Burlington, Halton Region



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 Lands to be designated Mineral Resource Extraction Area

 Identified Mineral Resource Area

 Mineral Resource Extraction Area

 Hamlet Boundary

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Excerpt of Map 1G – Key Features within Greenbelt and Regional Natural Heritage Systems
Part Lots 1 & 2, Concession 2 and Part Lots 17 & 18, Concession 2 NDS
(former geographic township of Nelson) City of Burlington, Halton Region



- Lands to be re-designated from Key Features to Mineral
- Lands to be re-designated from Prime Agricultural Areas in NHS Enhancements/Linkages/Buffers to Mineral Resource Extraction
- Lands to be designated Mineral Resource Extraction Area

- Enhancement Areas, Linkages and Buffers
- Prime Agricultural Areas in Natural Heritage System Enhancements/Linkages/Buffers
- Mineral Resource Extraction Area
- Key Features
- Hamlet

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PART C THE APPENDICES

The following Appendices do not constitute part of Amendment No. XX, but are included as information supporting the amendment.

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Appendix I Notice of Public Meeting



August 18, 2021

Legislative & Planning Services
Planning Services
Halton Region
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville ON L6M 3L1

RE: Proposed Amendment to the Halton Region Official Plan
Applicant: Nelson Aggregates Co.
File Number: RQ61A

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the provisions of the *Planning Act*, as amended, this letter is to advise that a Statutory Public Meeting will be held by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, to provide the public an opportunity to comment on a proposed Amendment to the Halton Region Official Plan.

The meeting is being held on a zoom platform where members of the public can participate or view the meeting. The event is also being livestreamed on YouTube where viewers can watch the event.

Meeting Date: September 15, 2021
Meeting Time: 11:30 a.m.
Meeting Place: **Zoom** (facilitated by Regional Municipality of Halton)
Zoom Meeting ID: 944 5326 2363 & Passcode: 354787 (if requested)
Please note: the Meeting ID and Passcode is subject to change and the forthcoming agenda will have the definitive meeting information.
To join:

- Online: On the date of the event, you can access the meeting by searching the Mineral Aggregates Section of halton.ca
- By phone: Call 1-855-703-8985 (Toll Free) or 1-647-374-4685 and use the Meeting ID and Passcode above.

Website: www.halton.ca

Livestream Link (YouTube): [https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Council-and-Committees/Council-Committee-Documents-\(Agendas,-Minutes-and](https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Council-and-Committees/Council-Committee-Documents-(Agendas,-Minutes-and)

Purpose and Effect of Application

The purpose of the application is to amend the Maps of the Halton Region Official Plan, in the manner described below to re-designate or designate 78.3 hectares (licence area, including 50.2 hectares of extraction area) of land legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 2 and Part of Lots 17 and 18, Concession 2 NDS (former geographic Township of Nelson), City of Burlington, Regional Municipality of Halton to permit the extraction of mineral aggregates:

- Map 1: Re-designate from "Agricultural Area" and "Regional Natural Heritage System" to "Mineral Resource Extraction Area";

Regional Municipality of Halton

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Attach. (1) – Key Map
Key Map



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before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
For further information or to submit comments, please quote the above noted file number and contact: The Regional Municipality of Halton, Planning Services, Community Planning Division at 905-825-6000 ext. 2921 or dial 311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janice Hogg', is positioned above the printed name.

Janice Hogg, Senior Planner
The Regional Municipality of Halton

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- Map 1A: Re-designate from "Escarpment Rural Area" to "Escarpment Mineral Resource Extraction Area";
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- Map 1G: Re-designate from "Prime Agricultural Areas in the Natural Heritage System" and "Key Features" to "Mineral Resource Extraction Area".

The effect of this application is to permit the expansion of the existing quarry.

Other Applications

In addition to the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment filed at the Regional Municipality of Halton under the *Planning Act*, the lands are also subject to:

- A Local Official Plan Amendment filed at the City of Burlington under the *Planning Act* (file numbers: 505-04/20, website: <https://www.burlington.ca/en/services-for-you/nelson-quarry-extension.asp>);;
- A Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment and a Niagara Escarpment Development Permit filed at the Niagara Escarpment Commission under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* (amendment file number: PH 219 20); and
- An *Aggregate Resources Act* Licence filed at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry under the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ERO number: 019-2698).

Additional Information

The Regional offices are currently closed to the public as a result of COVID-19.

All documents submitted as part of this application are available digitally upon request.

Information on the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment including staff contact information has been made available at www.halton.ca. Those wishing to address the Committee should contact the Regional Clerk's office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7110, prior September 14, 2021 at noon in order to be listed as a delegation in the agenda, or may register with the Regional Clerk prior to the public meeting.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the Halton Region Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Regional Clerk, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1. Please refer to the above noted file number in all correspondence.

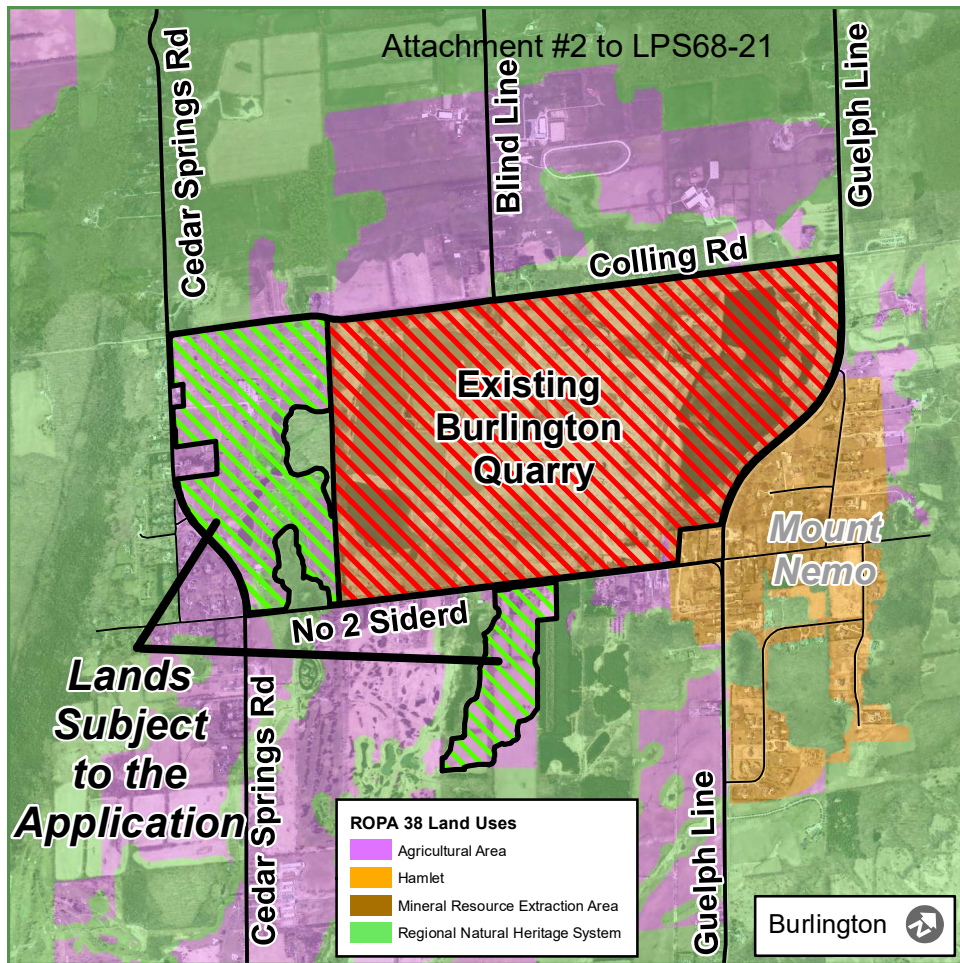
The Right to File an Appeal

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Regional Municipality of Halton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal.

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Virtual Public Consultation Summary: Proposed Expansion of Burlington Quarry

December 10, 2020

This summary was prepared by LURA Consulting, the independent third-party firm hired to facilitate the virtual session.

Project Background

Nelson Aggregates Co. has proposed to expand its existing Burlington Quarry operations to the west, on lands which currently contain the Burlington Springs Golf Club, and to the south, on lands which currently contain agricultural and residential uses.

Applications are required under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, *Niagara Escarpment and Development Act*, and *Planning Act* to expand the existing quarry.

More information about the project is available at the following websites:

- <https://www.burlington.ca/en/services-for-you/nelson-quarry-extension.asp>
- <https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Planning/Mineral-Aggregate-Operations>
- <https://www.mtnemoquarrypark.com/copy-of-technical-documents>

Session Overview

Halton Region hosted a virtual public meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020 between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. The event was held in response to the [resolution unanimously adopted by Regional Council on November 25, 2020](#) to hold a public consultation event enabling residents to ask questions about the project and voice concerns to Nelson Aggregate Co. representatives. This was not a statutory public meeting under any legislation or Act.

Members of the public were invited to join the session online through Zoom as advertised. A call-in option was also provided. Participants were able to submit questions during the live event or via email in advance of the session. Overall, 158 members of the public attended the session. No identified members of the media were in attendance. The session consisted of:

- A welcome and introduction from LURA Consulting, the independent third-party meeting facilitator
- A background presentation from the Joint Agency Review Team for the Burlington Quarry expansion ([JART](#))
- A presentation from Brian Zeman, MHBC Planning Urban Design & Landscape Architecture on the proposed project from Nelson Aggregate Co.
- A facilitated question and answer period

Copies of the presentations are available here <https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Events/2020/Virtual-Public-Consultation-Expansion-of-Burling>).



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Summary of Questions & Answers

The following is a summary of the questions and answers provided during the session. Note that the representatives were unable to answer all questions submitted within the allotted timeframe. Outstanding questions have been provided and responded to herein. The Q&A portion was facilitated by Jim Faught and Michelle Dagnino from LURA Consulting.



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Why did Nelson Aggregates submit an incomplete application since they are issuing new studies, reports and revisions? If it was complete, that should have been the end of Nelson's reports and information.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The applications that were submitted were deemed complete. It is very typical in the process that, during the review process, agencies will ask for additional information. Nelson is trying to facilitate that by providing additional information to the agencies' questions.
Nelson has stated that if not granted an expansion license, they will operate for another 50+ years and explore underground mining to extend the life further. If granted a license they state, they are prepared to enter into an agreement to complete all quarry operations in 30 years. Without that agreement in place, what guarantee does the community have that an expansion approval will be the end of aggregate and asphalt production by Nelson on the Burlington Escarpment in 30 years?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Through its application, Nelson has indicated its willingness to enter into an agreement with the public agencies to help provide certainty to the community after the closure of the operation. Without the expansion there is no such agreement, and the existing quarry can continue to operate.
Do you (Nelson) treat your sewage water before pumping it back out of the quarry? Have you ever removed the settlings/silt on the bottom of your sewage ponds before adding infill? As it seems the ponds have changed in size and shape over the years, if satellite images are to be believed, and will again, if your changed end use is approved.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>Nelson operates while complying with the water management system guidelines as provided by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Parks. They are required to monitor both the quality and quantity of the surface and ground water.</p> <p>With respect to sedimentation within ponds, there is a continued evolution of where those ponds are throughout the life of the operation. Some of the ponds are for operational purposes and others are for progressive rehabilitation. Pond fines can be dealt with in two ways. The ponds can be cleaned out and the material can be used for rehabilitation or, alternatively, they can be used to expand pond areas to provide additional capacity.</p> <p>More importantly, the water that is pumped offsite is top water drawn; it is clean water without sedimentation. There is a discharge point on the north side of Colling Road, and there is another discharge point on the south of</p>

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		#2 Side Road. You can go and see this water and you will find that it is clean water from the active quarry that is being discharged.
Over the last few years, the tremors from the explosions in the quarry have moved pictures on my walls, which I could also feel in in my foundation. This new location is even closer to the Cedar Springs Court/Medad Springs homes. How are the homes here being protected from the quarry explosions? On top of the shaking of the walls/foundation, this area is completely serviced through deep in ground water tables and we life on wells vs city water. How can we be assured these explosions will have no effect on damaging our homes and or the aquifers we rely on?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There are provincial standards in place for air and ground vibrations. A blasting impact assessment was completed, and it does say that blasting can be completed in accordance with the provincial guidelines. Rest assured that, just because a quarry is moving closure, does not mean vibrations will necessarily increase. As you get closer to a residence, there is a requirement to adjust your blasting pattern to reduce the amount of detonation used. It will be smaller blasts as you move in closer proximity. As part of the JART, they are doing an independent technical peer-review of that report and that information will ultimately be made available to the public.
Should groundwater levels drop, affecting area wells, what are you prepared to do to fix these problems? In my case, I get my water from a spring or artesian well, what if that dries up?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There is a well-guaranteed program in place that Nelson is carefully monitoring, and under which the residential wells will be protected. If, during the operations, the wells owned by the community members do get impacted Nelson will be required to restore both the quality and quantity of the water at its own cost. Such requirement also exists under the Ontario Water Resources Act (Ministry of Environment Conservation & Parks). Ultimately, individual wells will be protected as part of the extension. With the quarry being in operation at this location for over 70 years there has not been any unresolved issues related to wells. Important to also note that the quarry extension itself is not proposed to extract deeper.
The technical report that was mentioned, is that posted where the public can see it and if not, why not?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	All Nelson technical reports have been posted on Nelson, Region of Halton, and City of Burlington websites. These reports have been made available the first day the application was submitted in May 2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.burlington.ca/en/services-for-you/nelson-quarry-extension.asp

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Nelson filed their application on May 14 th and on October 29 th (5.5 months later), Nelson initiated the formal ARA commenting period. Given the estimated 2-year JART technical review timeline, is Nelson trying to limit stakeholder reviews and comments, by fast tracking the commenting period? In the 2004 application stakeholders had 18 months to review the reports before comments were required.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson is not fast-tracking the application requirements. Application has been in since May 2019. There is a mandatory two-year time limit on the Aggregate Resources Act process prescribed by provincial standards. Nelson, however, has made available all these report for review. Nelson is funding the entire technical peer review completed by the agencies. Some of the timelines are dependent upon the agencies but Nelson is working within the legislative timelines which does allow time for public review.
Nelson reports that a new street sweeper was purchased and operates every two hours to address the mud and dust problems associated with track-out. Given the condition of #2 Sideroad and Guelph line, it is clear that the track-out mitigation tools implemented are not effective. What is Nelson going to do to resolve the current situation and how will you address track-out when the number of trucks increase if the application is approved?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Truck traffic will not increase as a result of the application. The existing quarry has an unlimited tonnage limit and on average shipped 1.5 to 2.0 million tonnes of aggregate per year. The proposed extension includes a maximum limit of 2.0 million tonnes per annum. That means there should be less truck traffic with the extension. Nelson is also working with local landowners regarding dust control and cleaning of roads.
What will happen with the land when Nelson Quarry is finished with their degradation of the land?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There are two options here. If there is no extension the existing quarry will be finished, in approximately 50 years. At that time, the lake can be allowed to passively fill, remain in private ownership, and the lands acquired for other private interests can be sold. If the application is approved the company has committed to convey 382 hectares of land for use as a public asset.

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Will Schedule 6 have an impact on this review?	Leah Smith, Conservation Halton	The Province has made changes to the Conservation Authorities Act through Bill 229 and Schedule 6. Conservation Halton is still reviewing these changes and determining the impact on various programs. Of particular note, however, a change was made to the Act through Bill 229, which said that where a Minister's Zoning Order has been issued, the Conservation Authority must issue a permit for those works. With this particular application, we do not see it having an impact, for the Act already exempted any areas licensed by an Aggregate Resources Act application from receiving a Conservation Authority permit. The key change that came out of Bill 229 and Schedule 6 likely will not have an impact here.
Are there any projections for the increased volume of tractor trailers needed to service an active quarry? Who would be accountable for conducting an environmental impact study to see what effect this increased volume will cause?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There is not projected to be an increase but a decrease in truck traffic from existing quarry operations. There was a traffic impact assessment done to ensure the traffic that is being proposed from the extension can be safely accommodated within the capacity of the existing roadways, and based on the assessment, the existing Guelph Line has the capacity to accommodate the projected trucks from the proposed extension.
Nelson is doing a random sampling program for imported fill and have identified loads that do not meet the clean fill standard. What percentage of trucks are tested and what do you do with fill that does not meet standards?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The existing quarry does have permission to import fill for quarry rehabilitation and they do have an approved protocol in place with the government that Nelson does undertake for testing.
What has changed that this area is no longer being considered as a green protected area? Why is the natural environment in this area no longer a concern to remain protected from others commercial desires?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	This is not considered a green area identified for long-term protection based on the current land use policies. The Niagara Escarpment Plan has three tiers of designation: Escarpment Natural Area which is the highest order, Escarpment Protection Area which comes second, and then the Escarpment Rural Lands. These lands are within the Escarpment Rural Lands designation. They do not form parts of the Provincial Natural Heritage System and do have policies that allow for consideration for extraction in this area. Also, to note, that the City and Regional planning

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		policies do have policies in place to protect the surrounding area for potential future extractions.
Is it absolutely necessary to have both north and south parcels of proposed quarry? For example, could Nelson operate without the south area - which seems to be the most invasive to natural heritage and close to endangered species?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The application has proposed to include both the south and west extension. The City does have a policy to make available as much aggregate as possible. The operation has been designed to be respectful of adjacent natural heritage features. The operation has also been phased to prevent concurrent extraction going in multiple areas at different times. In addition to being well-designed from an environmental perspective, the after-use plan for the south portion of the quarry is the most exciting opportunity for the local community – providing much needed space for outdoor recreation within a relatively short time period (10 years). It would include features like the outdoor swimming areas, the public parks and beach areas – some of the most needed resources identified for the GTA.
Do the projections of need in the future, account for the change from travelling to zooming, from face-to-face to internet-based work? A number of major companies have identified that their move to work at home is permanent.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There have been no post-COVID19 study requirements. During COVID19, the aggregate demand has not gone down. Infrastructure has been one of the key components that have enabled the Province to maintain the economy during COVID19.
At the last meeting hosted by Nelson Aggregates at the golf course there were many concerns raised and Nelson was quoted that they would get back to the community with their responses to those concerns. What happened since that time because I have not seen anything as of yet?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There is a Question & Answers section being maintained on the Nelson's website which is providing additional feedback for questions that are received at the Public Information Sessions.
Given that the stone from this site is 'the highest quality' how much of this aggregate is shipped outside of the City and Region?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	About 25% of aggregates would be shipped outside of the Region of Halton - primarily to the Region of Peel and the City of Toronto – since they both do not have any licensed quarries for crushed stone within their municipalities, so they are in need for aggregates coming from this site. The

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		rest of the aggregates (approx. 75%) will be used within the Region of Halton, including the City of Burlington.
Nelson's 500-acre quarry was only supposed to operate for 50 years. Why is it still operating 70 years later, continuing negative impacts to the area?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	As per the approval, there is no restriction on the amount of time that Nelson will be in the quarry; this is supposed to be market driven. Ultimately, the amount of time that is completed in the operation will remain at the discretion of Nelson.
Who else produces "high quality" limestone in Halton?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Historically, there used to be five crushed stone quarries in the Region of Halton: Halton crushed stone quarry and Milton limestone have been exhausted and closed. The three remaining ones include: Dufferin-Milton quarry, the Dufferin-Acton quarry, and the Nelson Burlington quarry.
At the last meeting it was stated that has the City of Burlington staff changed aggregate extraction zoning as not being permitted in these new application locations that Nelson Aggregate would not be able to submit an application unless re-zoning was approved. Is this correct?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	This area falls under the Niagara Escarpment development permit system, traditional municipal zoning by-laws do not apply. Before an Aggregate Resource Act license can be issued on the site, there is a need for approvals from the Niagara Escarpment, the Region and the City. If there are appeals or outstanding issues, all of these applications would be consolidated together on one hearing, and a tribunal is able to make decisions on all the applications collectively.
<p>Are there any plans for access on Cedar Springs Road or will the entrances remain as is on Side Road 2?</p> <p>We understand the need for aggregate however we live in the second biggest country on planet earth the vast majority of which is unoccupied.</p> <p>The point that we need a "close to market" quarry slap bang in the middle of an affluent residential area is a moot point. The 401 is the busiest road in the world it is not that we are isolated and could not get aggregate, I really do not give any credit to this point.</p>	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>The entrance / exit will remain as is. There will be no entrance / exit on Cedar Springs Road. Under the City's by-law, truck traffic is prohibited on Cedar Springs Road except for local deliveries.</p> <p>Comment recorded, thank you.</p>

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This is purely a money-making exercise with zero consideration for the families residing here, making some kind of environmental argument for this is insulting.		
Where are the alternative sites, in north Halton, for a new quarry?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	According to the Provincial policies, alternative sites do not need to be considered in this case. The Provincial policy is very clear that investigation of sites in other areas is not a relevant consideration. The most relevant consideration should be that this area is protected for aggregate extraction, this area has land use designation that allow for expansion, and that it is an appropriate site based on technical studies to consider for aggregate extraction application.
What proportion of the aggregate produced by the Nelson Quarry potential expansion will be delivered where needed within 30 kilometres or will the expansion (materials) be used in Toronto?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Again, 75% is used within Halton. Market areas shift based on demand. Some of the aggregates do go to the Region of Peel and the City of Toronto, primarily because of the need that exists there. The crushed stone from Nelson Burlington is some of the highest quality aggregate in Ontario. It is becoming vitally important as we witness increasing intensification and “building up” as this requires higher strengths concrete and higher-grade aggregate.
Why does Nelson Aggregate not finish at their current location before submitting applications for two more sites? If there is a shortage as you keep stating, increase the supply to match the demand at the current location; it has been stated that there is another 30-50 years of extraction still remaining.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	A decision has been made to reduce the current levels of extraction, yet the need remains. Keeping in view the need, we realize that there is a need for additional licensed sources of aggregate beyond the company's needs. It is a lengthy process to get the approval. We do not want to go to a situation where we must shut down a quarry, lose employment and then we are trying to re-open it at a later date. We do have lead time in planning for these types of operations. Nelson is attempting to plan for business continuity in this operation.
I have lived in the area 32 years; the blast effects can rattle my windows 1.2 km from the current quarry. Are we, the neighbours, to continue deal with cracked plaster, foundation shifts etc. while	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson is required to monitor the blast and respond to concerns if any, at all, raised. If residents are unsatisfied and continue to experience issues related to a perceived structural damage to their properties, they can

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Nelson continues to deny the cumulative continuous damages to older homes not built to today's standards and have been bombarded by tremors for 50 years?		contact Nelson directly. If residents remain unsatisfied, they can contact the Ministry representatives.
I see there a constant flow of trucks bringing materials into the quarry. I can see many of these trucks look to contain used asphalt. What are you doing with the asphalt? Are you an approved asphalt recycler? My understanding is that asphalt is considered a contaminated material. I hope you are not putting the asphalt or any other contaminated material into our ground water. Are you required by any of the ministries to give water or soil samples?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The existing quarry is approved for aggregate recycling, and asphalt recycling is part of that process, and in fact, used in the production of new asphalt. It is environmentally responsible to be recycling concrete and asphalt where possible. The Ministry does have prescribed conditions as to where asphalt is allowed to be stored to ensure the protection of water resources. These conditions are being complied with at the site. As well, the water that is being discharged and the monitoring wells around the site are being checked for quality.
Will these questions be answered and available (with answers) to the public after this session?	Joe Nethery, Halton Region	Yes, we are producing a question-and-answer log (this summary document) which will be posted on the Halton Region website.
Nelson has stated it will protect the natural environment. How does this apply to the quality and quantity of our well water?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	We are providing guarantees on the quality and the quantity of water. Extractions have taken place in this area for 70 years and to the same depth and the existing wells were continuing to function without any adverse effect. The proposed extension is not doing deeper. The operating procedures for the extension would be the standard procedures that we have used. A very extensive monitoring program is in place to help ensure that the concerns of the public are adequately addressed.
Has the City or Nelson considered alternative materials like recycled aggregate or others to create an alternative from the dependency of aggregate? Something that does not keep compromising the exploitation of more green spaces.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There is aggregate recycling taking place on this site. There is only a certain component of available material for aggregate, but it does not come close to meeting the amount that the province needs annually. There will always be a need for new sources. Not all aggregates are created equally. Particularly when we recycle aggregates, we cannot use straight recycle aggregate to reproduce new concrete on its own. We need original aggregate to be able to put in as component to create those structural

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I understand that as cities grows, there is a greater demand but there are alternative materials that can be used in order to reduce the need for these natural resources.		products. Using just straight recycled aggregate does not have the same structural component for strength. It does not have the same structural integrity as using new aggregate.
Are the headwaters of the Mt. Nemo plateau not a significant concern to Nelson? Your current mitigation measures are calling for perpetual mechanical pumping to maintain current tributaries and ecosystems.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	This has been an important part of the application. The existing quarry does discharge water to the north and to the south. Some of the neighbouring areas have become reliant on this water (baseflow in creeks). The community is able to see how it is positively impacting some of the areas and benefitting the environment. Nelson is proposing to revise its existing quarry approval to maintain that water flow for the long-term for the benefit of the environment. Without the extension, that water that is currently discharged would cease once there is no further extraction.
According to the City's claim of a climate emergency, and the plan to be carbon neutral by 2050 does not seem to add up with the continuation of open pit mining for at least 30 years. What are they planning to do to mitigate these emissions and environmental loss in order to meet the goals they had set for themselves?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The City of Burlington is looking to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. If they do not have a source of construction aggregate within their community, they can potentially end up increasing global greenhouse gases because they will end up having to import their aggregate material from outside the City, which will result in increased greenhouse gas emissions globally. This will be taken into account as the City of Burlington reviews the application.
How many people have contacted Nelson to report well water issues or well failure in the last 50 years? What have you done to address these issues? What exactly is your 'well monitoring program'?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	We do not have all the details on the existing operation. According to the hydrogeologist and Nelson, there are no outstanding issues related to wells in the community. All past issues have been resolved.
Do you think it is fair to call this a rural area in 2020? There is no denying Cedar Springs Road is now a residential area.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	This is represented as a rural area in the City of Burlington Official Plan as well as Region of Halton Official Plan. There are some residential uses that do exist in the area but is still considered a rural area. On the technical

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<p>Just because something may predate the residential area does not mean that an area does not go through a change of use/purpose.</p> <p>Do you find it balanced that all these investigations where all is found to be well and good and Nelson did nothing wrong is established by private companies doing the investigation paid for by the quarry?</p>		<p>reports, they have been completed by Professional Engineers who have placed their stamps and names behind their work; their conclusions do not change based on who they are working for. Agency review team is conducting an independent review of those studies to verify the conclusions.</p>
<p>When you tried to get a new quarry approved on Mt. Nemo last time it was the local citizens who found Jefferson Salamanders, and who had the wetlands properly evaluated as Provincially Significant. Citizens did Nelson's work because you and your consultants either missed or omitted these significant and critical natural features. Is this a question of competence or deviousness? And with this greatly reduced comment period what key information are we missing now?</p>	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>There have been extensive, multi-year investigations on all of Nelson's properties. These were conducted by ecologists and staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). To date, there has never been a Jefferson Salamander found on Nelson's late. They have been found by MNRF in the Mt. Nemo Settlement Area (subdivision) as well as in two ponds south of Nelson's property. MNRF has done extensive testing on Nelson's property and there have not been Jefferson Salamanders found.</p>
<p>You stated that over a billion tonnes of aggregate are going to be used by 2041. Given this is finite resource, does this not suggest a fundamental shift in resource use and management is needed with reusable materials at the focus?</p>	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>This is more of a global question to the province and to the wider industry. Province has looked at their Growth Plan requirements. It is trying to intensify uses versus traditional form of development which took up more land. They have evaluated all the new forms of development that are taking place, and the type of infrastructure that is needed to support that. The Province has checked its plans and determined it needed this much aggregate.</p>
<p>Does the site have buffers around it between the boundaries and Natural Heritage areas?</p>	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>There are variable buffers, but in general, the rules proposed for this site include: for a woodland area (a non-plantation area) it contains a 30-meter buffer, and that 30 meters is proposed to be planted with additional trees to provide additional forest area. If it is a plantation, there is a 15-meter buffer proposed, and that area is proposed to be planted. In other operations recently approved from the Region they have accepted buffers as small as</p>

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		10 meters from forested areas, and for wetlands there is a minimum 30 meters from the wetlands, but the provincially significant wetlands and any wetlands associated with Jefferson Salamanders have much greater buffers than that.
This is interesting, that material from the two new quarries will have to be moved by truck to the "processing site". This will increase traffic massively on roads!! Does Nelson pay to maintain the roads?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The west extension will be contiguous with the operations so all trucks will be within the boundary and operating on the quarry floor and transporting material back. This should mean that there will be no extra or no added traffic for the west extension on local roads. For the south extension, it has been designed with a straight crossing so there will not be any travelling on the public roads with the exception of the crossing - directly crossing from the exit from the south extension into the existing quarry. We will have to create a new ramp to come down to the existing quarry floor, and Nelson, through its application, has committed to be responsible to rebuild that portion where the crossing is, and maintain that through the life of the operation at their expense.
We received a letter from Nelson offering to monitor our well. The community has been told that this would only help Nelson's application. Is this true and what benefit does it have to my home?	Joe Nethery, Halton Region	Any individual's decision as to what they wish to, or wish not to do with respect to offers on their property remains solely in the property owners' hands. Halton Region does not have a private well monitoring program.
	Brian Zeman, MHBC	This is an individuals' decision. Nelson would encourage people to participate in the well monitoring program to establish local baseline levels. That would allow us to work with the community, and resolve any problems if, and when, they arise. It is for their own protection that this program is being made available, and its ultimately going to be their decision as landowners whether to participate or not. This is not for Nelson's interest but for the residents to participate in this program.
How do you plan to create wetlands?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Wetlands are created in two ways. The ultimate rehabilitation plan does propose to have lakes, and as part of that lake design, you create a shoreline feature where there is shallower water, wetland species essentially creating a wetland habitat adjacent to lakes. There is also the ability with where the water table is, that you can also add grade that is

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		similar to wetlands that are in the area. You can sculpt and create the land to provide that additional wetlands. It is one of the options that is subject to the agencies consideration that could be added in the Jefferson Salamander area; where there could be minor grading to create additional wetlands of breeding and habitat to Jefferson Salamander. It is easy to create through the implementation of construction, and for those that are aware of the recent documentary up at the Dufferin Aggregate properties, they have created wetlands; and these wetlands also now being actively used by breeding Jefferson salamanders.
All residents who live in this area rely on the underground water. We are very concerned about depletion of underground water and polluted drinking water. The water level of our reservoir tank has already been lowered by 5 to 6 inches for 10 years since we moved in this home. How could Nelson explain and protect with this matter?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	With the quarry application, of utmost importance, is the protection of people's water quality and wells. The fact that the quarry is operating below the water does maintain the quarry in a dry condition, and does result in the quarry being dewatered, there is an expectation and understanding that ground water levels in the area may lower. The important thing is sometimes when you look at a well, and you have 25 meters of water, and you may lower by 1 meter, you still have 24 meters of water available where residential use would only need about five to six meters to sustain ongoing use. We are working to understand where the water levels are, relative to people's needs and making sure that there continues to be enough water within any available well to resident needs. However, there will absolutely be lowering of ground water levels in the area.
<p>I think everyone is getting tired of having this guy pour honey in our ears, we get the gist, blowing up the ground closer to or homes is actually a great move for the environment, and we are stupid for buying houses here.</p> <p>If we could move on to questions, I think everyone would be happier.</p> <p>There has been a lake promised for years instead we have a massive hole in the ground half of the</p>	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>There is no agreement that requires that these lands be turned into a lake and a community asset, and that is not Nelson's intention either. If they do not pursue additional expansion, then they would remain as private lands and remain under private ownership.</p> <p>Comment recorded, thank you.</p>

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<p>residents here probably will not be alive by the time this becomes a lake.</p> <p>No one here is going to lie down and let this happen, there is far too much resistance it is just another long drawn out dance that none of us wanted to be invited to.</p>		
<p>How/when will the new forest area and new wetland habitat be implemented? What regulations will they follow? Newly planted woods/wetlands will have significantly lower biodiversity than the current areas. How is Nelson going to make up for this loss?</p>	<p>Brian Zeman, MHBC</p>	<p>The proposal is to remove approximately one hectare of woodland, but the application does involve the planting of 33 hectares of additional trees. All the planting details are included on the aggregate resource site plan: species composition, diversity, timing, etc. If approved, this would become a legislative requirement under the Aggregate Resources Act and likely would be a condition of the development permit if approved by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.</p>
<p>Overall, another huge scar on the Escarpment. Is this what we want to leave our grandchildren as our legacy? I never really thought about this before this year however, I had to explain to my grandkids why Nelson wanted to literally blow-up trees and fields. This is all very professional and very slick and politically correct presentation. Would you be willing to explain to my grandchildren and thousands of other children why you are so greedy as to blow up "our" resource?</p>	<p>Brian Zeman, MHBC</p>	<p>Future generations could be delighted with the community assets being developed here. I would encourage people to take Nelson up on its offer to visit the quarry. They have done some incredible rehabilitation at the existing quarry already. COVID19 has changed things a little bit but Nelson has always made the quarry available for the community to demonstrate rehabilitation. This has the potential to be a long-term community asset, while providing a needed resource.</p>
<p>According to your reports, between the existing and proposed quarries Nelson is wanting to pump millions of (litres of) water off the plateau daily. Do you think that a private entity using upwards of 50% of the available water on Mount Nemo is greedy?</p>	<p>Brian Zeman, MHBC</p>	<p>Not sure if those statistics are correct. There is also a very distinct difference with quarries. They handle water but they do not consume water. So, there may be water that is coming into the quarry, but that water is currently being returned back to the watershed into the area. There is very little water that is consumed after an aggregate process through</p>

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		evaporation or through the washing of the product. Most of the water is handled and returned back to the environment.
Has the golf course been purchased outright or is it only if the quarry application is approved that it will be executed? At the last meeting it was stated that there was a condition in the agreement upon approval only therefore the only real lands owned by Nelson aggregates at this time is across the existing location. Please be transparent about this.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There is an agreement – purchase-to-sale - that would be finalized upon approval.
Currently our homes experience tremors from the blasting that takes place. Your new site is significantly closer for those on Cedar Springs Court which suggests it will be more intrusive. What have you planned to minimize this from occurring as you move closer to residential homes?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Every blast needs to be individually designed to ensure that as it gets closer to residents there may be a requirement to reduce the size of the blast, the drilling pattern, the amount of detonation to all ensure that we meet the end of requirement: to ensure that vibration levels at the residents are within provincial standards.
Are there any examples in Canada or beyond, of a mining company extracting aggregate without doing the open mining technique?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	In Ontario, there are underground mines, but not for aggregate.
I understand that Guelph Line is considered a 'primary road', however, in the village of Lowville, it is definitely not suited for heavy truck traffic and certainly not for the obvious increase.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Yes, traffic studies have looked at Guelph Line in its entirety. Most of the truck travel is headed south on #2 Side Road, towards the City of Burlington, QEW and Highway 407.
Is there another site you could consider other than the Burlington site?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There are other locations, however this is Nelson's application for the expansion of its existing operations. Without this site, the City of Burlington would not have its own source of construction aggregate. This has been planned for through local Official Plans and it is a protected area for

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		aggregate extraction. Provincial policy does not require Nelson to look into alternatives to transfer this to another municipality.
If the application is approved, how soon will the golf course close? Will you consider having it managed by the current owners or alternative until the land is required?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Unsure of the exact arrangement of when the golf course would close but do know that approximately if the extension was approved today, Nelson would be operating for about ten years in the south extension and then in about year eleven, would reach into the golf course lands. Unclear on the interim arrangement.
How will the proposed project affect rock climbing access at and Mount Nemo?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There would be no direct correlation. Through the city park there would be a great increase in opportunity for those types of uses in the future
What contaminants are measured in the water that is being discharged? Are the results available to the public and if so, where can they be seen? Would Nelson allow access to the ponds to take water samples for quality testing?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Unsure on all the parameters that are tested in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks's approval process. I can assure the members of the community that mineral aggregates are much different than mining. They are absolutely no chemicals that are used for the process other than blasting. There are no chemicals that are used for extracting or processing aggregate. Prior to granting such an access request, additional clarification would be needed.
Is the Nelson Quarry owned by Lafarge or affiliated with Lafarge in any way?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	It is a partnership (with Lafarge), and there is another company involved as well.
You have stated if well water is affected, Nelson will remedy the issues at their expense. Will Nelson be paying for all the structural/cosmetic issues that have already occurred, and will continue to occur, as a result of the blasting?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	These would be site specifics considerations. If there was an issue Nelson could deal with that landowner to review the concerns.
I certainly hope all these questions will be displayed, recorded and answered. This public meeting is held to hear and address public comment at the last meeting it was cut short and	Joe Nethery, Halton Region	Yes, we are producing a question and answer log out of this with the intent of posting it to Halton Region website.

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the excuse was that the golf course needed to lock-up.		

The following comments and questions were unanswered at the close of the meeting and responses have been provided post-event by the applicant.

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The slide on need is interesting as it is contrary to parts of the Provincial Policy Statement.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Provincial Policy Statement is to be read in its entirety and all applicable policies apply.
I would like to know how aggregate “close to market” can trump food “close to market”. Food security has become a serious concern for the GTA, especially when COVID revealed the flaws. Halton Region or City of Burlington should insist on maintaining agricultural use.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Provincial, Regional and Local planning policies permit aggregate extraction on agricultural lands.
It is clearly time to envisage a new way of thinking about how we as a society value the natural world we occupy. This is the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere jewel. Nelson Aggregate needs to cease and desist. Stop quarry expansion. Your quarries are not welcome. Too much dust. Too many carbon dioxide emissions from trucks and equipment. Too much danger and damage to our local species, humans and forests. Quarries scar the land, endangering Carolinian forest, and numerous birds, mammal, amphibian, reptile, fish, and insects. Times have changed... we are in a climate change crisis. Your digs and quarries endanger the living quality of all who live here. Our land is a treasure for present and future generations. NELSON CANNOT REPLACE ANCIENT WOODLANDS, NOT POSSIBLE. Why do we need to replace what already exists? Your thinking is out of synch with our current times.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Niagara Escarpments Plan was recently updated in 2017 and confirms that aggregate extraction is an appropriate and permitted use within the Niagara Escarpment.

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Where can we get the updated technical reviews to respond to the updated reports?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>All Nelson technical reports have been posted on Nelson, Region of Halton, and City of Burlington websites.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.burlington.ca/en/services-for-you/nelson-quarry-extension.asp • https://www.halton.ca/The-Region/Regional-Planning/Mineral-Aggregate-Operations#03 • https://www.mtnemoquarrypark.com/copy-of-technical-documents
How will this affect access to Mount Nemo at Halton Conservation Area?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There will be no impact to accessing the Mount Nemo Conservation Area.
Please keep presentations to a minimum to save time for questions.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
Why are we going through this exercise once again??? Is it not clear that the people of Burlington and the relevant regulating agencies do not want this expansion on Mount Nemo? And for good reason. Look at a satellite photo of the existing quarry. Does anyone really believe that this massive hole in the escarpment is not impacting our local environment? Do we really want to make a bigger hole? Have we not done enough damage? Is there really not another viable alternative? Why does LaFarge not accept the will of the people and instead direct their substantial resources to find a better way.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Region of Halton and City of Burlington Official Plans protect Mount Nemo from potential future extraction.
Yes - we were aware of the quarry (as I am sure many of our neighbours were) when we moved here 20 years ago knowing it had a limited life span. We engaged in a legal battle lasting over 12 years, to	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.

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which we won. Now we are going through the exact same process again.		
How can Nelson say they are protecting the natural environment when it is actively blowing it up?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The requirement for a quarry is to minimize impacts (e.g. not no impact) and Nelson has designed it applications to meet and exceed polices protecting the natural environment.
Moderator, please move to the questions. It has been 25 minutes.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Prior to the Region setting up the meeting, the Region and the moderator were advised that Nelson Aggregate Co. would require 1 hour to present the details of the application to the community.
It is a huge stretch to think that people who purchased property in the area were aware that the existing quarry would at some time be expanded. In fact, when we purchased our property, we were told that the quarry would be closed in the near future and the quarry would be turned into a municipal amenity. How were we to find out when we purchased our property that Nelson was planning to expand the quarry?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There are no existing requirements for the quarry to close within a certain timeline or be conveyed to public ownership. The planning documents that are applicable to this area identify that Mount Nemo is protected for potential future extraction.
My husband and I are definitely not in favour of expand quarry operations on Escarpment lands. Please preserve and conserve.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
Minimizing tree and habitat loss and minimizing the impact on natural heritage ecosystems seems very insincere and frankly, not accurate.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	This statement is accurate. Nelson has made significant efforts to design the application to minimize tree and habitat loss and impacts to the natural heritage ecosystem.
All of this information that Brian is sharing (and in fact the presentation may be identical) has already been shared with over 200 local residents on Feb 18 th , 2020. Why are we being forced to endure this once	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson was asked to provide a similar presentation by the Region of Halton and some of the residents attending may not have been in attendance at the February 18 th meeting.

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again? It is like he is trying to use up time, so we have less time for Q&A. Painful. NOTHING NEW.		
For those who live in a close radius and are rejecting the proposed expansion, could you please consider selling your house and/or property back to the government to preserve and conserve the wildlife?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
Does anyone know if Erin Brockovich is still taking on cases?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
I am hearing a lot of "pay to slay" reasoning here.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
The Kelso quarry was deeded to conservation Halton in 2006 ... it currently is still a hole in the ground unable to support a viable ecosystem and still has danger signs and fences denying entry for recreational uses so end use at Nelson 100 years?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Kelso Quarry has received numerous awards. Any concerns regarding the Kelso Quarry should be directed to Conservation Halton.
What will the aggregate be used for and how do the pros of an expansion out way the cons?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Aggregate will be used for public and private construction and infrastructure projects. The requirement to determine whether the quarry should be approved is determined based on its conformity with Provincial, Regional and Local policies.
This is a public question and answer session. I do not see either of these happening.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The second half of the evening provided an opportunity for public question and answer.
Do the city find it a bit of a paradox how I cannot put an addition on my tiny house to accommodate my family without jumping through all sorts of loops because NEC are concerned for the environment, but this awful company can destroy hectares of land	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Niagara Escarpments Plan was recently updated in 2017 and confirms that aggregate extraction is an appropriate and permitted use within the Niagara Escarpment.

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right in the middle of our homes? Why are they even being humoured?		
I understand that aggregate companies are obliged to return this land for public use. It sounds as if Nelson thinks this is a favour to the community?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Aggregate companies are not obligated to return their land for public use.
How do the proposed future parks, lakes and beaches benefit any of the current property owners who will likely not own their current properties in 50+ years?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The conveyance of land will occur in phases and the first phase will occur at time of approval to provide immediate benefit to the community.
If true on completeness, why are Nelson reports "preliminary"?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Adaptive Management Plan was submitted as preliminary to allow for on-going discussion with the agencies regarding the proposed approach to protect and monitor natural heritage and water resources.
You do not have to have Nelson monitor your well you can hire a consultant with a simple water tape to take water level measurements.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	A landowner can hire a consultant to conduct the baseline residential well survey.
Mt Nemo charges admin fee in order to maintain the good nature environment. But in front of Mt Nemo why Nelson operates huge open mine and expand more? Is it not odd and ridiculous?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Mount Nemo Conservation Area includes a former quarry area and it is common within rural areas that aggregate operations are located in close proximity to conservation areas.
Specifically, how is Nelson required to reinstate your water quality and quantity if they cause interference by their removal of the aquifer? I believe it involves setting up a cistern if deepening into the shaley Reynales Formation is not an option. Yes, there has been water well problems on No. 2 Side Road.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There are several ways to reinstate water quality and quantity which could include deepening a well, widening a well, twinning a well, relocating the well etc. Nelson is not aware of any outstanding well problems on No. 2 Sideroad.

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Nelson is importing as much fill and recycled material, asphalt and concrete, versus aggregate shipping.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
What are the economical advantages and disadvantages to the expansion and how will the expansion affect the local economy regarding, money in, money out, and job loss/gain?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	An economic report was submitted with the application and it is available for public review. This report examines issues related to the local economy.
The additional areas are not yet licensed, yet Nelson has always stated they are.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson has not advised the community that the expansion lands are already licensed.
Lafarge/Nelson has bought property for this wanted expansion so what is to stop them from buying more and more properties in the future to decimate more of the escarpment?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	As part of the application, Nelson has committed to close the operation and convey the lands to public ownership.
To clarify, Schedule 6 of Bill 229, does not apply here because it came to power now but the planning for this project took place under the previous rules?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
You continue to mention that the proposed rehabilitation plans will make up for any loss or degradation of the environment, however, the quarry would degrade the area for 50 years before this rehab occurs. How is Nelson going to make up for this loss in biodiversity and ecosystem services DURING those 50 years?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The off-site ecological enhancements and progressive rehabilitation will not be delayed for 50 years. Rehabilitation at the existing quarry is on-going.
95% of the quarry traffic now is incoming fill. Less than 5% is taking aggregate out. If the application is approved how can you say the truck traffic will be less, with an additional (up to) 2 million tonnes per year that will be added to this current truck traffic, it	Brian Zeman, MHBC	These numbers are not accurate and the application will result in a decrease in truck traffic from historic levels. Please see traffic report for further explanation.

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seems to me if the application is approved the traffic would be significantly increased?! Like almost doubled.		
If Nelson has no restriction on its timeline of operations such as the perceived 50-year limit, then why should anyone believe that Nelson will return the lands in the timelines proposed in the current application?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson is prepared to enter into legal agreements to guarantee the timelines proposed.
Does anyone else lobby to “protect” areas for aggregate licensing other than crushed stone aggregate interests?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The Regional and City Official Plan protect this area for aggregate extraction.
It seems that we have a lot of unnecessary - decorative use of stone that is precious part of environment. If we do not regulate use the impacts will accelerate.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
The suggestion that Nelson needs to expand now in order to plan and not to increase production seems counterintuitive when the proposal suggests that you will continue extracting on the current site plus the south quarry. Surely this indicates increased production is planned and therefore more trucks will be needed?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	There will not be an increase in production.
Why was I not notified about this meeting? I live directly across the street and had to hear from my neighbor that this was happening now.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Please contact the Region of Halton to determine why you were not notified for the meeting.
	Halton Staff	Halton Region advertised the meeting through a digital Metroland advertisement from December 7, 2020 to December 10, 2020 and digital media advertising including Halton Region’s social media feeds and

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		website. The City of Burlington also advertised the meeting on their website.
What is the basis of your statement that there has been no water well problems on No. 2 Side Road? My parents experienced no water in their well at 2102 No. 2 Side Road.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The statement was that there are no unresolved water well issues on No. 2 Sideroad.
How similar to the “highest quality” is the next level of aggregate in our area?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	All of the quarries within the Region of Halton contain the same high quality Amabel resource.
If the southern interest is approved, due to the constant truck traffic going across the road, should No. 2 Sideroad between Cedar Springs Rd. and Guelph Line be closed for the projected ten years for safety reasons? And is No. 1 Sideroad ready to take the extra traffic?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Closing No. 2 Sideroad is not required based on existing and future traffic levels. See traffic report.
How does Nelson intend to compensate current property owners of any decrease in property values due to the expansion of the quarry?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson does not plan to compensate property owners in the area. The quarry has been an on-going use since 1950 and the Mount Nemo area continues to be protected for future aggregate extraction.
An argument can be made that we have every right to be NIMBY, having hosted Nelson Aggregate in our community for 70 years, with significant disturbance to the natural environment and our quality of life. Besides being able to purchase local gravel, what benefits, if any, has Nelson ever provided to the community or for the environment thus far? Why would we think that Nelson would suddenly start now?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>Response – As part of their operations, Nelson works with stakeholders and government agencies to implement numerous initiatives within the communities they operate. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental initiatives including: recycling of asphalt of concrete; a species at risk project to promote habitat for threatened Eastern Rattlesnake in Oneida; donated 23 ha of land adjacent to the Grand River to the Conservation Authority; prairie grassland restoration at its Cambridge pit; and pollinator studies in rehabilitated areas of its Cambridge and Burlington sites;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored and donated to many local community construction projects and events by supplying its products or resources; • Provided access to 1.5 km of its lands adjacent to Colling Road for the Bruce Trail; and • Hosted open houses and regular school tours at their aggregate operations.
Would Halton Region consider establishing its own well monitoring program, in order to offer local residents an alternative to Nelson's well monitoring program?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	<p>Halton Region does not have a comprehensive well monitoring program. Well water quality testing is undertaken by Public Health Ontario, and Halton Region facilitates residents sending samples submitted by residents for testing. There is an online request form to obtain sample bottles, or you can pick up and drop off bottles and samples at the Halton Regional Centre at 1151 Bronte Road (Conservation Halton's office typically takes samples, but their offices are closed due to COVID-19).</p> <p>To keep your drinking water safe, homeowners should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test their well water frequently by submitting a water sample and submission form to a local water depot • Regularly inspect and maintain wells <p>More on well water protection can be found on the Region's website.</p> <p>Halton Region, in its Official Plan, require proponents of new or expanded mineral aggregate operations to carry out comprehensive studies and undertake recommended mitigation, remedial measures, and on-going monitoring of their operations in accordance with Provincial and Regional requirements. The protection of surface and ground water from adverse impacts of extraction is a priority intent (quoting Section 110(3) of the Halton Region Official Plan).</p>

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Why is there no one present from Nelson this evening to answer questions relative to its present operation (testing of fill) as it is relative to their future operation in the expansion?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The purpose of the public meeting was to present and answered questions related to the proposed expansion.
Creation of wetlands may sound simple but it is not especially if the originally wetland was a Provincially Significant Wetland and rich ecosystem. It takes a very long time to create wetland and success is never guaranteed.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Creating wetland is not difficult and wetland characteristics can be established within a year.
My grandkids will not be able to enjoy this theoretical park, so why would we believe that the next expansion would also not be approved? You stated that the surrounding area was also designated for potential extraction? Why would this stop?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	As part of the application, Nelson has said they would enter into legal agreements to finish this operation and convey the land to public ownership. The area is designated and protected for aggregate extraction and other aggregate producers may assemble other lands and pursue an application as contemplated by the Official Plan.
Why should we trust anything a self-serving mining company has to say with regard to the well-being of local inhabitants?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
Have you ever heard of fly rock? How can you guarantee a boulder will not come crashing through the roof of my house or land in my yard when my children are playing?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Yes. Each blast is specifically designed taking into account proximity of surrounding land uses.
Is there a process where Nelson will standby and guarantee all of Brian's claims of what Nelson will do and when in all circumstances discussed? Does Nelson stand by legally behind all of Brian's statements?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson's requirements are outlined in the Aggregate Resource Act Site Plans and will become a legal responsibility for Nelson to implement. The promise to conclude operations and convey the lands to public ownership, Nelson has agreed to enter into a legal agreement with the agencies to guarantee this. Other aspects discussed are already legal requirements under other pieces of legislation such as the Ontario Water Resources Act, Environmental Protection Act, etc.

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WE WANT A SECOND Q&A SESSION	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson Aggregate Co. is available at any time to discuss the application with community members.
Is Nelson aggregate funding www.parks4burlington.com and/or mtnemoquarrypark.com and an advertising campaign with assets appearing on social media promoting this proposed park, which they are holding over the community's head as seeming reciprocity (or bribery) for approving this proposed expansion?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The noted websites are being operated by Nelson.
What is the other company involved? Lafarge is much larger than Nelson, what is the nature of the partnership?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson is a partnership between Lafarge and Steed and Evans.
I am very disheartened when my question was skipped regarding removal of houses for the protection of wildlife. It seems that specific questions are being asked and the entire community is not being represented. Some of us understand the need for aggregate to continue to live on this earth.	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Comment recorded, thank you.
Regarding your reply about the majority of traffic heading south to the 407 vs 401 and the adverse traffic impact on the village of Lowville, why is not the majority of truck traffic using the 401 vs 407?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The majority of truck traffic leaving the quarry heads south on Guelph Line to serve its customers. The area around Highway 401 is already served by the Dufferin Milton Quarry.
You did not ask the second part of my question. Will access be granted for taking water samples?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Prior to granting such a request, additional clarification is needed.
How did you calculate the requirements for drawdown for a residential well? I take exception to your comments regarding 4-5 meters of a well draw down being adequate for a residential home. There is	Brian Zeman, MHBC	The requirement for a well to have 5 m of available drawdown is based on information from the hydrogeologist taking into account the rock formation

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no way to predict this unless one knows the recovery rate of a well. for instance, we had to drill a second well on our property at #2 and Cedar Springs road a few years ago - same depth as the original which was 22 years old. The original well produced only 4 gallons per minute, whereas the second well produces in excess of 25 gallons per minute at a drawdown of less than 3 meters.		and recovery rate. The same principle was accepted by the Ministry of the Environment for a nearby quarry.
I live in Lowville and a local builder knocked on my door to ask about monitoring our well to ameliorate the local outcry over the proposed development - he suggested that our well would be an ideal well to monitor over the years. He took samples and we never heard from them again - they were an employer of the developer. Why would we include ourselves in your well water monitoring program?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	In this situation, Nelson will provide a copy of the baseline survey to residential owners.
Regardless of what all the “professional” studies show, should the voice and wants of the people living in this area and the city of Burlington not count as priority? Or does the need for profit outweigh the wellbeing of the people?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Decisions on land development are based on approved Provincial, Regional and Local policies.
Why did Nelson management not at least greet people. Why do they hide behind consultants?	Brian Zeman, MHBC	Nelson has been available to meet people at the quarry and has an open-door policy to the community. The purpose of the public meeting was for Nelson to present the proposed application and Nelson felt that Mr. Zeman was in the best position to provide an overview of the entire application.

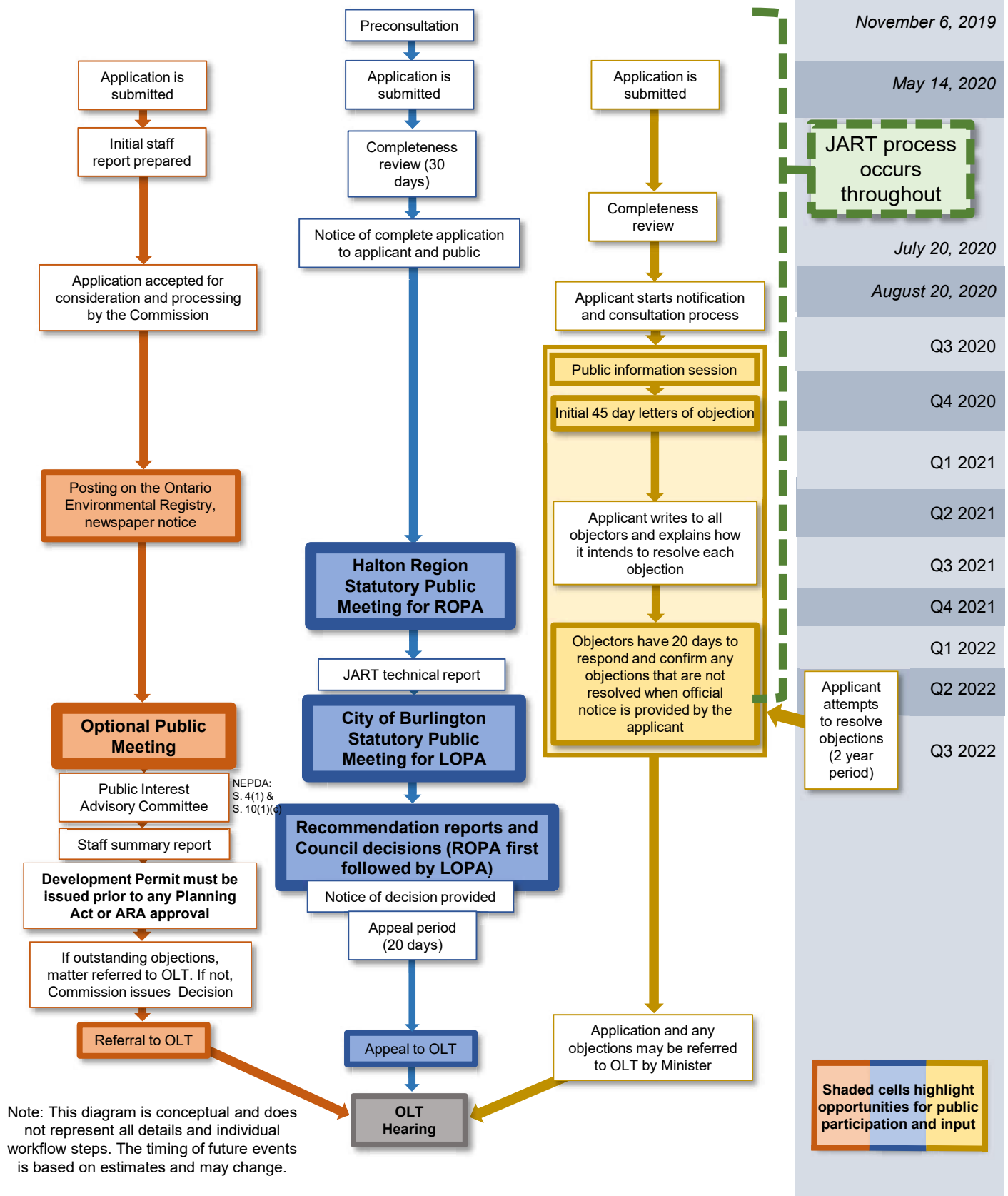
BURLINGTON QUARRY APPLICATION PROCESSES

Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act (NEPDA)
Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC): Approval authority for Plan Amendment and Development Permit

Planning Act
Region of Halton: Approval authority for ROPA
City of Burlington: Approval authority for LOPA

Aggregate Resources Act (ARA)
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF): Approval authority for ARA license

Public input is welcome at any time.





September 17, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Structure Inventory and Inspections

Dear Premier:

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting held September 13, 2021 the above captioned matter was discussed.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed which will be going forward for ratification at the September 27, 2021 Township of Scugog Council meeting:

THAT Report PWIS-2021-027, 2021 Structure Inventory and Inspections, be received;

THAT the Township of Scugog 2021 Ontario Structure Inspection Manual Inventory and Inspection Summary Report, prepared by Planmac Engineering Inc., be received;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the amount of funding available for bridges and culverts through the continuation of Roads and Other Infrastructure Levy;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the investment in bridge and culvert maintenance and repair through other means including identifying efficiencies and cost savings and applying for grants through other levels of government for major bridge and culvert replacements;

THAT the Township follow the principles of Asset Management and prioritize preventative maintenance such as waterproofing decks, repaving decks, repair concrete soffits, parapet walls, abutments and wingwalls, etc.

THAT the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada be encouraged to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements; and

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THAT a copy of the staff report and resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, MP Erin O'Toole, MPP Lindsey Park, AMO, Durham Region and all Ontario municipalities."

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Arsenault, Capital Projects Technologist at 905-985-7346 ext. 138.

Yours truly,



Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk
Encl.

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August 25, 2021

His Worship Rick Bonnette
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Dear Mayor Bonnette:

Thank you for reaching out. I appreciate hearing from Halton Hills about vaccine certification.

The federal government has announced its intention to implement a vaccination passport. It can design a national system that ensures a coordinated network which is applied equally across the country. A system that is recognized by Health Canada and the rest of the world. The passport can also be used here in Ontario should a business or organization request proof of immunization. We will work with the federal government and provide any necessary information involving vaccinations in a safe and secure manner.

In the meantime, for those looking for documentation proving they were immunized, you will receive a printed receipt following your first and second shots. If you give consent to receive information electronically, you will also find an email with a digital receipt in your inbox. In addition to that, Ontarians with a green photo health card can download or print a COVID-19 vaccine receipt through the provincial portal or by calling the vaccine booking line at 1-833-943-3900. Individuals who have a red and white health card or who do not have a health card at all, can contact the booking line and have copies of their vaccine receipts emailed to them.

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Our vaccine rollout is making excellent progress, but the job is not done. Our government is continuing its last mile strategy to reach people who still haven't received their first or second doses. We continue to make vaccines readily and conveniently available and strongly encourage everyone to go get their shots.

All the best to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Ford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doug" and the last name "Ford" clearly distinguishable.

Doug Ford
Premier