



## REPORT

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**TO:** Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Greg Macdonald – Senior Planner, Development Review

**DATE:** January 30, 2023

**REPORT NO.:** PD-2023-0007

**SUBJECT:** Public Meeting for proposed Official Plan Amendment to permit an expansion to the Milton Quarry (Milton Quarry East Extension) (Esquensing)

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### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. PD-2023-0007, dated January 30, 2023, regarding a “Public Meeting for proposed Official Plan Amendment to permit an expansion to the Milton Quarry (Milton Quarry East Extension) (Esquensing)”, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT all agency and public comments be referred to staff for further report regarding the disposition of this matter.

### KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Dufferin Aggregates has made applications under the *Planning Act*, *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* and the *Aggregate Resources Act (ARA)* proposing an expansion to the Milton Quarry.
- A Joint Agency Review Team (JART) consisting of Town of Halton Hills, Region of Halton, Town of Milton, Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) and Conservation Halton staff has been established to review the quarry expansion proposal.
- JART, along with various peer reviewers continue to review technical submissions and resubmissions predominantly pertaining to natural heritage, hydrogeology, transportation, noise, vibration and blasting.
- No decision on the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment can occur until such time that a decision on the proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment occurs.

- The proposed quarry expansion also requires an amendment to the Region of Halton Official Plan, for which the Region will be hosting a Public Meeting in March 2023.
- As of the date of this report, staff has received 6 resident comments, mostly expressing concern over nuisance impacts from the quarry (noise, vibration and blasting impacts).
- The purpose of the Public Meeting is to obtain comments and feedback from members of the public. Any comments received will be thoroughly reviewed, evaluated, and included in the Final Recommendation Report to Council at a later date.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

### 1.0 Location & Site Characteristics/History

The Milton Quarry is primarily located in the Town of Milton, generally situated east of 6<sup>th</sup> Line Nassagaweya, north of Campbellville Road, west of Dublin Line and south of 15 Side Road; see **SCHEDULE 1 – LOCATION MAP**. The existing Milton Quarry commenced operations in 1962, with the most recent expansion occurring in 2007 (which included a portion within the municipal boundary of Halton Hills). With regards to the size of the existing quarry, it consists of:

- Original 1962 Quarry: 467.6 ha of licensed area of which 381.5 ha are/were for excavation; and
- 2007 Expansion: 84.5 ha of licensed area of which 70.6 ha are/were for excavation.

This information is generally illustrated on Figure 1 below. The entire land holdings of Dufferin Aggregates are almost 800 hectares, but as noted above, only approximately 550 hectares has been used for extraction activities to date. The Applicant has indicated that under current extraction rates quarrying activities within the existing quarry would be completed in two years.

Dufferin Aggregates recently acquired approximately 60 hectares of additional lands in Halton Hills, east of the Milton Quarry, which they propose to expand the quarry operations onto and are subject to the Official Plan Amendment application filed by Dufferin. The additional 60 hectares contain significant woodlands and wetland features; however, the portion proposed to be licensed for extraction activities (approximately 30.2 ha) predominantly consist of a meadow landscape (which was historically farmed) and a small area of successional forest.

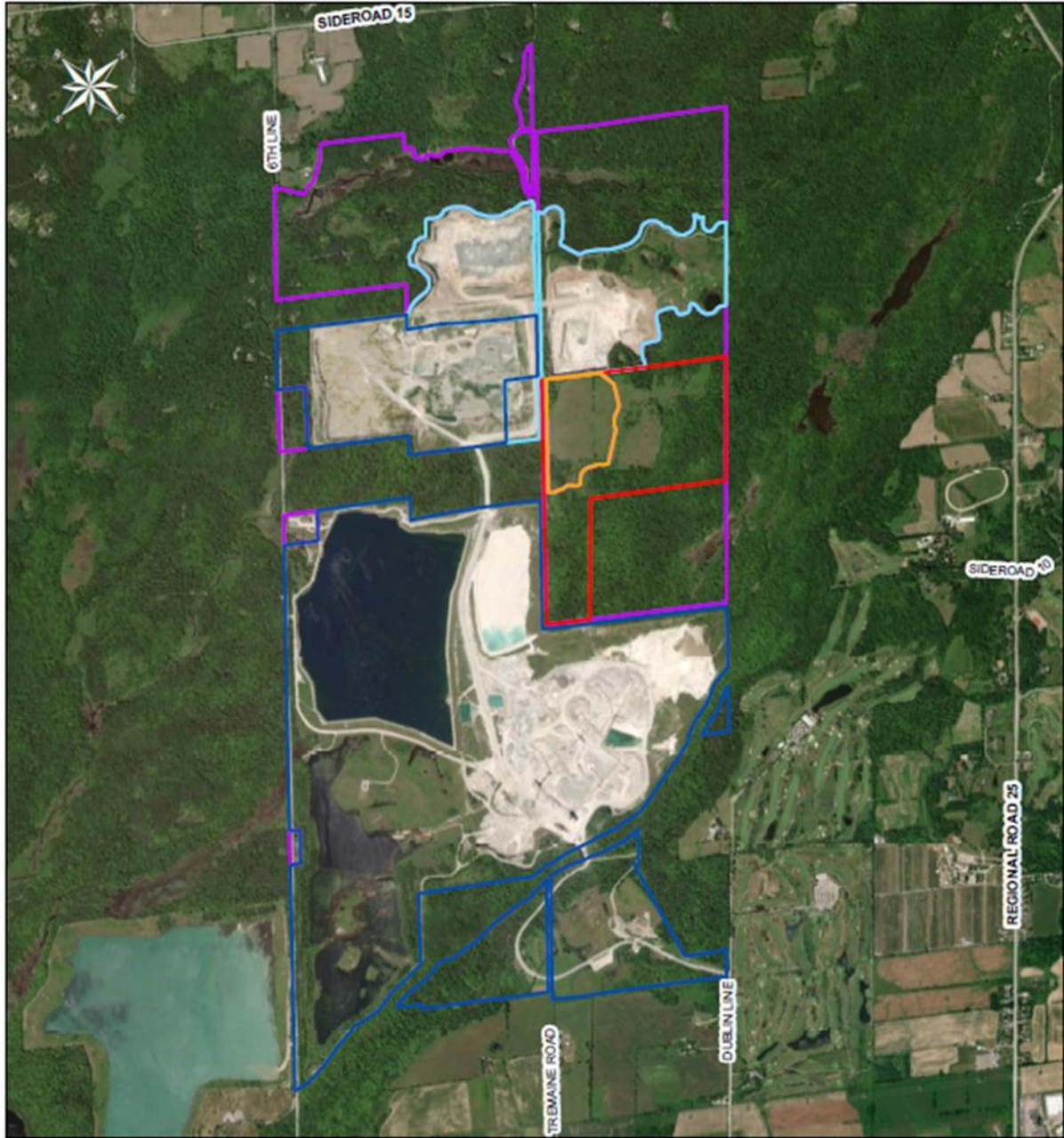


Figure 1 – Overview of Milton Quarry

## 2.0 Description of the Quarry Expansion Proposal

Dufferin Aggregates is proposing to expand its Milton Quarry operation to the south and east of the existing quarry site. While the existing quarry is predominantly located within the Town of Milton, the Milton Quarry East Extension will cross the municipal boundary into the Town of Halton Hills. The intended 60 hectare quarry lands extension would include the lands municipally known as 10305 to 10379 & 10479 Nassagaweya Esquesing Townline (Esquesing); see **SCHEDULE 1 – LOCATION MAP**. Approximately 30.2 hectares are proposed to be licensed under the expansion, of which 15.8 hectares would see extraction occurring; the portion of lands that would be licensed but not extracted are proposed to be utilized for the water resource management system and rehabilitation (reforestation). The proposed expansion would continue to utilize the Dufferin Aggregates infrastructure and haul routes established for the existing quarry (the haul route is located off Dublin Line and then utilizes Town of Milton roadways to access Hwy 401); see **SCHEDULE 2 – PROPOSED ARA SITE PLAN**. No existing wetland or significant woodland feature would be excavated.

The Applicant has indicated that the proposed quarry expansion would be the last for the Milton Quarry as all other lands owned by Dufferin has either finished being extracted or has substantive natural heritage features (wetlands and/or woodlands) that would preclude future excavation. Dufferin suggests that extraction of the proposed quarry expansion would be completed over a period of approximately 3-7 years depending on the rate of extraction. Once quarrying activities cease on the proposed expansion, should it be approved, no further quarrying would occur at the Milton Quarry. The rehabilitation plan for the expansion area consists of similar measures to that approved for the existing quarry, which includes lakes (as groundwater re-fills a portion of the quarry), artificial islands, shoals, new wetlands, rehabilitation to existing wetlands, and reforestation (on the portion of the subject lands not proposed to be excavated but that is currently a cultural meadow landscape). Much of the rehabilitated quarry is planned to be dedicated to Conservation Halton in the future to ensure continued habitat protection and for maintenance of ground and surface water recharge features.

## 3.0 Development Applications for the Proposed Quarry Expansion

On December 17, 2021, Dufferin Aggregates simultaneously submitted the following applications seeking to obtain the necessary permissions to allow for the proposed Milton Quarry East Expansion:

- an amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan and a Niagara Escarpment Development Permit to the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC);
- a Regional Official Plan Amendment to the Region of Halton;
- a local Official Plan Amendment to the Town of Halton Hills; and,
- *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA) License application to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry.

The Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment application was deemed complete on January 18, 2022; see **SCHEDULE 3 – DRAFT OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT**. A range of planning, environmental and engineering related technical studies were

provided by the Applicant as part of the Official Plan Amendment submission; see **SCHEDULE 4 – SUBMISSION MATERIALS**. Since the initial submission many of these studies have had subsequent resubmissions in order to address comments from JART (see below for information about JART).

The Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment seeks to redesignate the portion of the subject lands proposed to be licensed for quarrying activities from “Escarpment Rural Area” to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”. The proposed amendment to the Region of Halton Official Plan is similar with respect to the existing and proposed land use designations. It should be noted that no decision can be made on the Town and Region *Planning Act* applications until the Niagara Escarpment Commission has made a decision in regard to the proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment (The NEC is currently processing the proposed amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan). A chart illustrating how the review of joint applications under the *Niagara Escarpment Development and Planning Act, Planning Act, and Aggregate Resources Act* is undertaken is provided at **SCHEDULE 5 – REVIEW PROCESS**.

#### 4.0 Joint Agency Review Team (JART)

Due to the complexity of aggregate proposals, applications for new or expanded quarries within the Region of Halton rely on a Joint Agency Review Team (JART) approach. This approach has been in place since 2001, with recent updates to the Halton Consolidated Streamlined Mineral Aggregate Review Protocol (“JART Protocol”) approved by Regional Council in February 2020; see **SCHEDULE 6 – JART PROTOCOL SUMMARY**.

In addition to the Town of Halton Hills, the JART partners for this application include the Region of Halton (who also provide the primary administrative support to JART), Town of Milton, Conservation Halton, and the Niagara Escarpment Commission. A review of the Dufferin Milton Quarry East Expansion proposal has already begun through the JART process.

The JART will provide coordinated technical comments that will inform decision-making for each of the participating parties. JART is not a decision-making body itself, nor does it make recommendations on whether the proposal should be approved. It is instead a review process and team that ensures the agencies participating 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 to evaluate the *Planning Act* applications, NEC applications and the *Aggregate Resources Act* license applications.

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 proponent 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.

Once review of the quarry expansion proposal has been completed, Council will receive the JART final report, along with a recommendation report from Town staff, to inform decision-making on the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan Amendment application submitted by Dufferin Aggregates. The timing of this report is dependent on the nature of the issues being explored; the timing of responses from the proponent related to technical questions from the JART; and the timing of any decision on the proposed Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment by the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

## 5.0 ARA License

In addition to the required Official Plan Amendments and amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan (and Niagara Escarpment Development Permit), the proposed expansion to the existing quarry needs an *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA) license from the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry. The ARA license application was submitted to the Ministry on December 17, 2021, and deemed complete by the Ministry on January 28, 2022. On March 10, 2022, Dufferin Aggregates initiated the public and agency consultation component of the ARA license process, which includes posting of information on the Environmental Registry; sign posting requirements; a circulation to nearby property owners; and hosting of a public meeting. The virtual public meeting was held on April 7, 2022 (Halton Hills staff attended the meeting); no members of the public spoke at the meeting.

As a result of the Applicant's submission of an ARA license application, Planning staff brought forward a report to Council on April 11, 2022 (Report PD-2022-0021) recommending that the Town of Halton Hills should object to the license application because the review of the related Official Plan Amendment and all the accompanying technical studies is still ongoing by JART. It would be premature for the license to be issued prior to decisions being made by the appropriate authorities in regard to the applications for amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Region of Halton Official Plan and Town of Halton Hills Official Plan to permit mineral resource extraction on the subject lands. Council supported the recommendation, and an objection letter was forwarded to the Ministry on April 25, 2022. Similar objection letters were also forwarded to the Ministry from the Niagara Escarpment Commission, Region of Halton, Conservation Halton, and the Town of Milton.

## 6.0 Planning Context

In Ontario, when reviewing applications looking to amend local Official Plans, proposals are expected to conform with and meet the intent of applicable Provincial, Regional and municipal policy documents. This section discusses the relevant policy framework that applies to the subject site and proposal.

## Provincial Policy Statement

The 2020 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) provides broad based policies that promote the protection of natural and cultural heritage features as well as the identification and protection of mineral aggregate resources.

Mineral Aggregate Resource polices are contained in Section 2.5 of the PPS. This section speaks to the protection of these resources for long term use (Section 2.5.1) and making the resource available as close as possible to markets (Section 2.5.2.1). This same section specifically states that “demonstration of need for mineral aggregate resources, including any type of supply/demand analysis, shall not be required, notwithstanding the availability, designation or licensing for extraction of mineral aggregate resources locally or elsewhere.” However, notwithstanding this policy, Section 2.5.2.2 states that “extraction shall be undertaken in a manner which minimizes social, economic and environmental impacts.”

Other sections of the PPS address the protection of natural heritage features (Section 2.1) and water resources (Section 2.2). Policies in these sections speak to the long-term ecological function of these features and resources needing to be maintained, restored and where possible, improved, recognizing the linkages between natural heritage features and both surface and ground water. Development within or adjacent to these areas shall not occur without the appropriate studies determining there will be no negative impact.

The proposal is required to be consistent with the relevant policies of the PPS in accordance with Section 3 of the *Planning Act*.

## Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and

While the subject lands are within the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Growth Plan area, Section 1.2.3 of the Plan states that “within the Greenbelt Area, policies of this Plan that address the same, similar, related, or overlapping matters as the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, or the Niagara Escarpment Plan do not apply within that part of the Greenbelt Area covered by the relevant plan except where the policies of this Plan, the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, or the Niagara Escarpment Plan provide otherwise”. Therefore, generally the policies of the Growth Plan do not apply as the subject lands are located within the NEP (Niagara Escarpment Plan) area.

## Greenbelt Plan

While the subject lands are within the Greenbelt Plan area, Section 2.2 of the Greenbelt Plan states that for lands within the Niagara Escarpment Plan Area the “requirements of the NEP, established under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, continue to apply and the Protected Countryside policies do not apply, with the exception of section 3.3”. Section 3.3 deals with parkland, open space, and trails. In this regard, once extraction activity ceases at the Milton Quarry and rehabilitation is completed, much of the former quarry site will come into the ownership of Conservation Halton, who will determine the level of public access, parkland and trail opportunities at that time.

## Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP)

The portion of the subject lands proposed to be licensed under the ARA are designated “Escarpment Rural Area” in the NEP and are within the Niagara Escarpment Development Control Area (i.e. municipal zoning does not apply and development is subject to issuance of a Development Permit from the NEC). Mineral resource excavation is not a permitted use within this designation; therefore, the Applicant has applied for an amendment to the NEP to redesignate the portion of the subject lands proposed to be licensed under the ARA to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”.

Part 1.2.1 of the NEP identifies that planning policies and land use designations may be changed by amendment to the Plan, provided that the proposed amendment is consistent with the Purpose and Objectives of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act* and the NEP. The application to amend the NEP and the application for a Development Permit will be evaluated against the overall Purpose and Objectives of the NEP, as well as the policies in Sections 1.5 (Development Policies for Mineral Extraction), 1.9 (Mineral Resource Extraction Area), 2.11 (Mineral Resources) and all other relevant Part 2 Development Criteria of the NEP. The development criteria of the NEP are in place to generally protect the Niagara Escarpment’s landform, natural heritage, cultural heritage and rural characteristics.

Part 1.2.2.1 of the NEP states that only lands designated “Escarpment Rural Area” are candidates for an amendment to redesignate to “Mineral Resource Extraction Area”. The criteria to evaluate proposals seeking to establish new mineral aggregate operations are set out in Section 2.9 of the NEP, which indicate the proposal shall:

- a) demonstrate how key natural heritage features and functions will be protected and where possible enhanced during and after extraction;
- b) demonstrate how cultural heritage resources will be conserved;
- c) demonstrate how the Escarpment’s scenic resources and open landscape character will be maintained and where possible enhanced during and after the extraction;
- d) demonstrate how key hydrologic features will be protected and where possible enhanced during and after extraction, including the maintenance of the groundwater and surface water quantity and quality;
- e) demonstrate how natural heritage features will be avoided and the connectivity between key natural heritage features and key hydrologic features will be maintained and where possible enhanced during and after the extraction of mineral aggregates;
- f) in prime agricultural areas, undertake an Agricultural Impact Assessment to determine how to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts on agricultural lands and operations;
- g) minimize negative impacts of mineral aggregate operations and their accessory uses on surrounding land uses;



- h) complete progressive and final rehabilitation of the licensed site to provide equal or greater ecological values, including utilizing native species, in order to accommodate subsequent land use designations compatible with the surrounding land uses;
- i) within the licensed area but outside of the area of extraction, protect the Escarpment environment during periods of extraction and rehabilitation; and
- j) minimize negative impacts of mineral aggregate operations and their accessory uses on parks, open space and the existing and optimum routes of the Bruce Trail.

### Region of Halton Official Plan (RHOP)

Within the Region of Halton Official Plan, the proposed licensed area is designated “Agricultural Area” and “Natural Heritage System”. The area proposed for extraction is predominately designated Agricultural Area except for a small area in the northwest corner designated “Natural Heritage System”; however, it should be noted that this area within the NEP and Halton Hills Official Plan is designated as “Escarpment Rural Area”. As per Policy 99(17), one of the objectives of the Agricultural Area/System is “to provide for the designation of new Mineral Resource Extraction Areas which can be accommodated in accordance with goals, objectives and policies of, and by amendment to, this Plan and, where applicable, the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Greenbelt Plan.” The proposed amendment to the Regional Official Plan seeks to redesignate the proposed licensed area to Mineral Resource Extraction Area.

Policies for Mineral Resource Extraction Areas are set out in Sections 107 through 112 of the RHOP. The main intent of Mineral Resource Extraction Areas (Policy 107) is to ensure as much of the mineral aggregate resource as realistically possible shall be made available within the Region to supply mineral resource needs; to protect legally existing mineral aggregate operations from incompatible land uses; to ensure that mineral aggregate resource extraction occur in a manner that minimizes social, environmental and human health impacts; to ensure that the functions and features of the Region’s Natural Heritage System are maintained or, where possible, enhanced during and after the extraction operations; to provide policies and criteria for evaluating new license applications for mineral aggregate operations; and, to ensure the progressive and final rehabilitation of mineral aggregate operations to the appropriate after use.

Section 110 requires that all extraction and accessory operations be conducted in a manner which minimizes environmental impact in accordance with Provincial standards and requirements and Regional and Local Official Plan policies. The RHOP also establishes as a priority the protection of surface and ground water from the adverse impacts of extraction. Accordingly, the proponent of new or expanded mineral aggregate operations is required to carry out comprehensive studies and undertake recommended mitigation and/or remedial measures and on-going monitoring in accordance with Provincial requirements and policies of this Plan and in consultation with Conservation Authorities. Section 110 also contains an exhaustive list of

requirements and criteria for reviewing proposals for new or expanded Mineral Resource Extraction activities. These pertain to the protection of terrestrial and aquatic natural heritage systems, groundwater, monitoring, rehabilitation, mitigation of nuisance impacts (noise, vibration, blasting, etc.), protection of prime agricultural areas, protection of cultural heritage and archaeological resources, and appropriate transportation systems. As such, the RHOP requires all of these matters to be studied as part of the complete application to establish a new or expanded Mineral Resource Extraction Area.

It should be noted that under Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, the Region of Halton will no longer have planning approval authority. At a date yet to be determined, it is staff's understanding that Halton Hills will inherit the applicable components of the Regional Official Plan within our jurisdiction, and it will become the responsibility of the Town to interpret and implement the relevant policies. The Town awaits the release of regulations and applicable transition policies to understand how this change will affect the review of the proposed Milton Quarry ROPA.

#### Town of Halton Hills Official Plan (HHOP)

The portion of the subject lands proposed to be licensed for mineral resource extraction uses is designated as "Escarpment Rural Area" by the Halton Hills Official Plan. This designation does not permit the proposed quarry expansion and as such the Applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment to redesignate the lands to "Mineral Resource Extraction Area".

Section A2 of the Official Plan contains a series of goals and strategic objectives to help set the vision for the community and establish a policy framework for a wide range of actions that include growth and settlement, the rural character and agriculture. Section A2.1 specifically speaks to Natural Heritage and Water Resources, identifying the goal to "protect, enhance, and where possible restore, significant natural heritage features and related ecological functions in the Town for present and future generations.

Section A2.10 of the HHOP contains goals and objectives for mineral aggregate resources. The primary goal is "to protect mineral aggregate resource areas for long term use while ensuring that extraction occurs in a manner that minimizes environmental and social impacts." One of the key strategic objectives to achieve this goal in Section A2.10.2(a) is "to ensure that as much of the mineral aggregate resources in the Town as is realistically possible shall be made available to supply mineral aggregate needs as close to markets as possible provided the extraction can occur in a manner that minimizes environmental and social impacts".

The main policy framework for mineral aggregate resource uses is contained in Section E6; two of the key objectives are to:

- b) protect known aggregate deposits and areas of high potential mineral aggregate resources for potential future extraction; and,
- c) ensure that new pits and quarries will not have a negative impact on significant natural heritage features and related ecological functions in keeping with the principle of net environmental gain.

Section E6.4.3 contains policies that address new or expansions to existing mineral aggregate operations. Policy E6.4.3.2 directs new or expanded mineral aggregate operations to locate in the “Agricultural Area”, the “Escarpment Rural Area” and the “Protected Countryside Area”; the subject lands are located in the “Escarpment Rural Area”. As the subject site is not considered a Prime Agricultural Area under the HHOP (or the RHOP) special criteria pertaining to those areas (Section E6.4.3.3) does not apply.

Similar to the policies contained in the RHOP, Section E6.4.3.4 outlines an exhaustive list of studies that must be submitted with planning applications for new or expanded aggregate operations. These pertain to the protection of terrestrial and aquatic natural heritage systems, groundwater, monitoring, rehabilitation, mitigation of nuisance impacts (noise, vibration, blasting, etc.), protection of prime agricultural areas, protection of cultural heritage and archaeological resources, and appropriate transportation systems. See SCHEDULE 4 for the list of studies submitted by the Applicant to address these requirements.

Section E6.4.4 contains the evaluation criteria that will be used to evaluate the proposed quarry expansion. These criteria set out that the Applicant must demonstrate:

- a) the quality of sensitive groundwater and sensitive surface water features in the area will be protected, improved or restored taking into account any mitigative measures initiated by the proponent prior to and/or during extraction and the proposed rehabilitation plan, in accordance with the recommendations of appropriate studies;
- b) the quantity of water available for other uses in the area and as base flow for sensitive surface water features will be protected, improved or restored taking into account any mitigative measures that are initiated by the proponent prior to and/or during extraction and the proposed rehabilitation plan, in accordance with the recommendations of appropriate studies;
- c) there is no negative impact on significant natural heritage features or related ecological functions in accordance with the principle of net environmental gain taking into account any compensation and enhancements that are recommended in an EIS and initiated by the proponent prior to and/or during extraction and the proposed progressive and final rehabilitation of the site;
- d) as much of the site as possible will be rehabilitated by establishing or restoring natural self-sustaining vegetation; and,

- e) other environmental and social impacts such as noise, dust, odour and visual impacts are minimized.

### Town of Halton Hills Zoning By-law

The lands are not subject to municipal zoning as they fall within the Niagara Escarpment Development Control Area.

## 7.0 Department and Agency Circulation Comments

The Official Plan Amendment application was circulated to Town departments for review and comment. However, coordination of the review of the application and its accompanying technical studies is occurring through the JART process (see Section 4.0 of this report). A group of peer-review consultants has also been retained by JART to provide technical expertise in reviewing reports and studies related to land use planning, natural heritage, cultural heritage, archaeology, transportation, hydrogeology, karst topography, surface water, financial impact, blasting, air quality and noise and vibration.

Each participating agency and the peer-review consultant is completing their own independent review of the submitted materials. JART meets on a regular basis to review each participant's comments and prepare coordinated and consolidated responses back to the Applicant on each of the various technical disciplines under review. To date, JART has provided comments back to the Applicant on all subject matters noted above. Additional information with regards to natural heritage protection, species-at-risk, hydrogeology (ground and surface water protection), water resource management issues (perpetual pumping), transportation, and noise and blasting is still required to be able to properly evaluate the merits of the proposed quarry expansion.

## 8.0 Public Comments

As of the date of this report, Planning staff has received written correspondence from six area residents:

- Two of the residents sought additional information for clarification and to add their names/address to the consultation mailing list.
- Four residents residing on 15 Side Road expressed concerns regarding ongoing impacts to their homes related to nuisance effects from the existing quarry (noise, blasting and vibration impacts) and concerns that the quarry expansion could exacerbate these issues. In this regard, Dufferin Quarry already has an existing landowner complaint process in effect to address existing quarry impacts.

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. This will be provided as part of the future JART report.

Also, while not addressed to the Town of Halton Hills, through the ARA Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting, two additional letters were forwarded to the Applicant and to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forests (MNDMNR). These letters expressed concerns about natural heritage impacts, water impacts, loss of farmland and climate change.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to obtain additional comments and feedback from the community.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This Public Meeting report is administrative in nature and does not have an impact on the Town's Strategic Plan.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:**

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

Public Engagement has been conducted as follows:

January 28, 2022:	Notice of Received Application was mailed out to all property owners within 200 m of the subject lands
February 3, 2022:	Sign posted on the subject lands explaining the purpose of the application
February 3, 2022:	Notice of Received Application published in the Independent & Free Press
January 19, 2023:	Notice of Public Meeting published in the Independent & Free Press
January 20, 2023:	Public Meeting Notice was mailed out to property owners within 200 m of the subject lands
February 9, 2023:	Courtesy Notice of Public Meeting to be published in the Independent & Free Press

Note: public consultation also occurred under required processes of the *Aggregate Resources Act* (Environmental Registry of Ontario posting, public circulation and neighbourhood meeting). The Region of Halton will also be holding a similar statutory public meeting under the *Planning Act* in March to present the ROPA to members of the public and Regional Councillors.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

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Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer