

Halton Region has a Joint Agency Review Team (JART) Protocol for reviewing and commenting on technical documents prepared in support of new aggregate applications or applications to expand existing aggregate operations. The JART Protocol covers review requirements under three Provincial Acts.

- *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13*
- *Aggregate Resources Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.8*
- *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. N.2*

A JART provides streamlined comments to both the aggregate applicant and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. JARTs engage in iterative processes to identify technical issues and concerns with aggregate proposals and discuss approaches appropriate for consideration. The JART findings help inform decisions of Municipal Councils and Conservation Authority boards in Halton, as well as the Niagara Escarpment Commission (if applicable) on aggregate applications.



Composition

The JART is composed of a Chair, agency-appointed staff and experts from:

- Halton Region;
- the applicable Local Municipalities;
- the applicable conservation authorities; and
- the Niagara Escarpment Commission (if applicable).

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and other pertinent ministries are invited to participate.



Benefits

The JART Protocol has been in place since 2001 with updates recently approved by Regional Council in 2020. The Protocol allows public agencies reviewing a proposal to:

- minimize effort duplication among reviewing agencies;
- ensure a consistent, thorough, and integrated multi-disciplinary approach;
- coordinate document circulation, processing, meetings and comments; and
- facilitate effective public reviews of submissions.



Conceptual Major Stages



Public input into the JART process is welcome at any time, with information provided to be shared with consultants and the applicant. Members of the public can also appear as delegations before Council when key staff reports are on the agenda.

To learn more about the JART protocol, please visit halton.ca.