Decision of the Minister Under the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act Respecting Amendment PH 224 21 to the Niagara Escarpment Plan

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 6.1(2) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter N.2 (the "Act"), Dufferin Aggregates (a division of CRH Canada Group Inc.,) applied to the Niagara Escarpment Commission to request the following amendments to the Niagara Escarpment Plan:

- A. Map 3 of the Niagara Escarpment Plan be amended as shown on Schedule A from Escarpment Rural Area to Mineral Resource Extraction Area.
- B. That NEP Part 1.9.3.25 be added as follows:

Notwithstanding the policies of Part 2.9.1 of this Plan, water lines, recharge wells, diffuse discharges and associated minor equipment related to the water management system associated with the quarry located in the Mineral Resource Extraction Area approved under Amendment PH 224 21 to the Niagara Escarpment Plan may be installed, operated and serviced within significant woodland and wetlands on the properties located at Part of Lots 11 & 12, Concession 1 (former geographic Township of Esquesing), Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton;

C. That the following permitted use is added to Part 1.3.3, Escarpment Natural Area, Permitted Uses:

The Niagara Escarpment Area lands located at Part of Lots 11 & 12, Concession 1 (former geographic Township of Esquesing), Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton may be used for the installation of, access to, and servicing of the water management system associated with the quarry located in the Mineral Resource Extraction Area approved under Amendment PH 224 21 to the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Extraction shall not be permitted on these lands;

D. That the following permitted use is added to Part 1.5.3, Escarpment Rural Area, Permitted Uses:

The Niagara Escarpment Area lands located at Part of Lots 11 & 12, Concession 1 (former geographic Township of Esquesing), Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton may be used for the installation of, access to, and servicing of the water management system associated with the quarry located in the Mineral Resource Extraction Area approved under Amendment PH 224 21 to the Niagara Escarpment Plan. Extraction shall not be permitted on these lands; and

E. That NEP Part 1.9.3.26 be added as follows:

Notwithstanding the policies of Part 1.9.3, and the definition of *Accessory* Use in Appendix 2 of this Plan, for the guarry operating on the subject property described as Part Lots 8-10, 13 & 14, Concession 1 (former geographic Township of Esquesing), Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, and Lots 8-14, Concession 7 (former geographic Township of Nassagaweya), Town of Milton, Region of Halton, that the aggregate processing facility composed of an office, maintenance buildings, facilities for washing, processing and stockpiling of aggregate, truck washing facility, recycling facilities and the entrance may be used for the purpose of supporting the extraction of aggregate from the area approved under Amendment PH 224 21 to this Plan located at Part of Lots 11 & 12, Concession 1 (former geographic Township of Esquesing), Town of Halton Hills, Regional Municipality of Halton, provided and only while the two sites are actively operated by a single Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) licensee, as an integrated operation, and after which rehabilitation will be effected and the aggregate processing facility removed.

AND WHEREAS the requirements of subsections 10(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Act, were carried out pertaining to notification of, and consultation with, each local municipality, county and regional municipality, the public, and an advisory committee appointed under subsection 4(1) of the Act, respecting the proposed amendments;

AND WHEREAS no written objections to the proposed amendments were received by the Niagara Escarpment Commission before the expiration of the time for making comments:

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 10(9) of the Act, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, after giving consideration to comments received under subsection 10(1) of the Act, submitted to me its recommendations on the proposed amendments dated November 22, 2024;

AND WHEREAS I have received and considered the recommendations of the Niagara Escarpment Commission;

THEREFORE, pursuant to subsection 10(11) of the Act, I approve the amendments of the Niagara Escarpment Plan as follows:

Map 3 of the Niagara Escarpment Plan is amended as shown on Schedule A.

The amendments identified as B - E in the recitals above are added to the Niagara Escarpment Plan.

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Dated this 28th day of January 2025

Honourable Graydon Smith

Minister of Natural Resources