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Mr. Ted Arnott, MPP
Wellington-Halton Hills
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Dear Mr. Arnott,

Thank you for your letters regarding the Highway 6 Morriston bypass in the Township of Puslinch. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

I appreciate your continued interest in the Morriston bypass and I assure you that the ministry recognizes the importance of the planned bypass to the local community. As you know, while the project is not currently funded, we are moving the Morriston bypass forward by completing a number of pre-construction activities. These include designating the new route for a Morriston bypass in order to protect the required property from development and beginning to acquire property on a willing buyer-willing seller basis.

In the short term, the ministry is also working with community members to enhance traffic safety and operations through Morriston. Improvements to traffic signal timings have been made and an extension of the eastbound off-ramp at the Highway 401 interchange was constructed last summer. The ministry has recently upgraded the existing speed limit signs to a larger size, and is moving ahead with the installation of an enhanced pedestrian crossing in Morriston.

Thank you again for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Glen Murray
Minister

c. Karen Landry, CAO/Clerk, Township of Puslinch



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

May 16, 2013

The Hon. Glen Murray
Minister of Transportation
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block
77 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister:

As you know, my constituents and I have been seeking to raise awareness for the need for a Highway 6 Morriston bypass in Puslinch Township for many years. Successive Councils of the Township of Puslinch have provided strong leadership, and I have spoken about the need for a bypass in the Ontario Legislature on many occasions. We have raised this issue many times with you, as well as with your predecessors.

On February 19, almost three months ago, on the very first day the House resumed sitting after the prorogation, I tabled a Private Member's Resolution calling on you to put the Highway 6 Morriston bypass project on to your Ministry's 5 year plan.

The text of my resolution is as follows:

Mr. Arnott - That, in the opinion of this House, the Minister of Transportation should prioritize the Highway 6 Morriston Bypass project by placing it on the Southern Highways Program, the Ministry's five-year investment plan in highway construction for Southern Ontario; and in the short term, support immediate measures to calm highway traffic through Morriston in the Township of Puslinch.

My resolution is the very first Private Member's Resolution on the Order Paper.

Earlier this week, I presented a petition in the Ontario Legislature calling on you to place this project on your five year plan for highway construction. 2,237 people either signed the petition or expressed support for it online. The Puslinch COP Committee deserves credit for their hard work in getting signatures to support the project.

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We were encouraged to receive the support of the Hon. Ted McMeekin, MPP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale when we met with him on April 26. His riding is adjacent to Wellington-Halton Hills to the south. I understand that he has spoken to you about the need for the Highway 6 Morriston bypass.

Your Government recently presented its 2013-14 budget in the Legislature. I have reviewed the budget papers document which accompanied the budget speech. On page 225 of the budget papers, we see that your Ministry plans to spend \$2.228 billion on provincial highways this year, up from \$2.13 billion last year. This is an increase of almost \$100 million. Your Ministry also plans to spend an additional \$699 on other transportation items, including highway planning activities and property acquisition.

I am aware that after the budget is released, the Ministry normally reviews its 5 year plan and releases an updated list of projects.

As your Ministry undertakes this process, I am writing once again to insist that you need to place the Highway 6 Morriston bypass on to your Ministry's 5 year plan.

This is an absolutely vital project for our community and one that will have significant economic benefits for much of Southern Ontario.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We await your favourable reply.

Sincerely,



Ted Amott, MPP
Wellington-Halton Hills

TA:dr

Encl:

Cc: The Hon. Ted McMeekin, MPP, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale.
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Dear Messrs. and Mesdames,

Re: **County Official Plan Amendment # 81 – County File No.: OP-2009-06**
County of Wellington – Five Year Review

The County of Wellington is proposing to amend the County Official Plan to address 5-Year review requirements set out in the *Planning Act*.

PROPOSAL

The purpose and effect of County Official Plan Amendment #81 is to revise the Official Plan to ensure that it addresses provincial policy and plans, and areas of concern or interest identified through the 5-Year Review. An overview of the key areas in which the proposed amendment would add or amend policies and/or schedules is provided in the attached Notice of Public Meeting.

I am requesting that you provide comments on the proposed amendment to the County of Wellington's Official Plan by **Friday June 14, 2013**.

Please review the proposed amendment and provide comments to the County Planning Department, to the attention of Mr. Gary Cousins, Director of Planning.

NEED TO MAKE SUBMISSIONS

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the County of Wellington before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the County of Wellington to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the County of Wellington 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 before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION

Subject to subsection 17(36), any person or public body may appeal a decision of the County of Wellington not later than 20 days after the day that the giving of written notice had been completed. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Corporation of the County of Wellington in respect of this proposed County official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Director of Planning and Development, Corporation of the County of Wellington, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 3T9.

GETTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The proposed amendment and additional information about the amendment are available:

- for public inspection during regular office hours at the County of Wellington Administration Centre, Planning and Development Department, 74 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 3T9.
- on the internet at: www.county.wellington.on.ca/en/business/fiveyearreview.asp
- or by calling Mark Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning at (519) 837-2600 x 2120

NOTE:

- 1) **Your comments on the application are required on or before June 14, 2013.**
- 2) **If you have not submitted comments on the application on or before that date, it will be assumed that you do not have any concerns in respect of this matter.**

Yours truly,



Gary Cousins, RPP, MCIP
Director of Planning and Development



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON NOTICE

REGARDING A PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY OF WELLINGTON OFFICIAL PLAN

PURSUANT to Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, the Corporation of the County of Wellington will hold a Public Meeting to receive public input regarding a proposed amendment to the Wellington County Official Plan on:

**Tuesday, May 28th, 2013, beginning at 7:00 pm at Wellington Place, Aboyne Hall,
536 Wellington Road 18, located between Elora and Fergus, Ontario.**

5-YEAR REVIEW AMENDMENT (OPA 81)

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT is to revise the Official Plan to ensure that it addresses provincial policy and plans, and areas of concern or interest identified through the 5-Year Review.

The proposed amendment would add or amend policies and/or schedules related to:

- Conformity with the Greenbelt Plan;
- Environmental policies and mapping, including:
 - update and improve accuracy of natural features and natural hazards in the Greenlands System;
 - change the size criteria for woodlands to be considered significant: in the Urban System, from 10 ha to 1ha or larger; and, in the Rural System from 10 ha to 4ha or larger, while plantations are generally considered significant if 10 ha or larger;
 - clarify development control policies for the Greenlands System and increase the adjacent lands policy to 120m for most features;
 - recognize the role of restoration, enhancement, and stewardship, and the importance of urban forests; and
 - identify the Paris and Galt moraines and add policies to protect their water resource functions and encourage stewardship.
- Mineral Aggregate Area overlay proposed to be:
 - expanded by including sand and gravel areas of secondary significance;
 - refined by excluding wetlands, significant woodlands, and lands within 300m of Urban Centres or Hamlets, except in existing approved extraction areas; and
 - shown on a new Schedule 'C' to improve readability.
- Increase potential for new lots in Secondary Agricultural Areas by changing policy that one severance may be considered from a parcel existing when the 1999 Official Plan was approved, to: a parcel existing on March 1, 2005.
- Rural System – key changes include:
 - with exception of public works, temporary emergency facilities, and trails, new community service facilities may only be allowed in Prime Agricultural Areas through rezoning where justification of need and analysis of alternative locations are addressed; and
 - Combine 'Rural Industrial' and 'Highway Commercial' in the Rural System into a new 'Rural Employment Area' designation that would permit business and professional offices, while stating that all uses need to be consistent with rural servicing levels.
- Expanded policies about cultural heritage landscapes, and mitigation measures in Heritage Impact Assessments;
- Provincial legislation including:
 - complete applications and pre-consultation;
 - exterior design and accessibility matters may be addressed in Site Plan control;
 - notice of applications to propane operators;
 - removal of municipal planning authority over alternative and renewable energy systems; and
 - clarifying urban centre expansion and farmland protection policies.
- Changes to reflect definition, and need for coordination of, "infrastructure";
- Settlement boundary corrections;
- Other changes of a technical or housekeeping nature.

THE SUBJECT PROPERTY is the County of Wellington, and therefore a key map is not provided with this notice.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make an oral presentation at a public meeting or a written submission to the County of Wellington before the proposed amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Ontario Municipal Board. Also, the person or body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE ADOPTION of the proposed official plan amendment or of the refusal of a request to amend the Official Plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the County of Wellington (address below).

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT and background reports are available:

- During regular business hours at the County of Wellington Planning and Development Department, at the address below;
- By calling (519) 837-2600 (ext. 2120); or
- By downloading from the internet at: www.county.wellington.on.ca/en/business/fiveyearreview.asp

Dated at the City of Guelph this 3rd day of May, 2013.

Donna Bryce, Clerk
County of Wellington
Administration Centre
74 Woolwich Street, Guelph ON N1H 3T9

ALTERNATE FORMATS OF THIS NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



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Township of Puslinch

April 24th, 2013

Mrs. Karen Landry, Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Puslinch
R. R. 3 (Aberfoyle)
Guelph, Ontario N1H 6H9

Dear Mrs. Landry:

RE: **County Official Plan 5-Year Review
Consideration of Changes to the Secondary Agriculture Lot Size Policies**

At its April meeting, County Planning Committee discussed the attached information report, and directed staff to consult Puslinch Township, the Town of Erin and the Town of Minto about the following options which were set out in the report:

Options for policies on the size of new lots in the 'Secondary Agricultural Area' designation:

1. No change: size range 0.4 – 0.8 ha;
2. Increase maximum lot size policy: size range would be 0.4 – 2 ha or 0.4 – 4 ha; or
3. Remove the maximum lot size policy: minimum size would continue to be 0.4ha with no upper limit.

If there is any input that the Township would like to provide on this topic, your comments would be welcome, and we would appreciate hearing back from you by the end of May.

Yours truly,

Mark Paoli, M.Sc., MCIP, RPP
Manager of Policy Planning

cc: Aldo Salis, Manager of Development Planning, Wellington County
Sarah Wilhelm, Senior Planner, Wellington County

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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Planning Committee
From: Mark Paoli, Manager of Policy Planning
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2013
Subject: Secondary Agricultural Area Severance Lot Size Policies (PD2013-12)

Background:

At its March 2013 meeting, Planning Committee asked staff to provide information about Official Plan lot size policies for severances in the 'Secondary Agricultural Area'. This information report summarizes the lot size policies in the current County Official Plan and in neighbouring or nearby municipalities, and identifies options for discussion.

Municipal Policy Comparison:

Staff reviewed a number of Official Plans from some neighbouring or nearby municipalities in which rural residential severances are permitted, and summarized the policies in the table below:

Table 1: Official Plan lot size policies for severances in the Rural or Secondary Agricultural Area designations

Municipality	Minimum Lot Area Policy	Maximum Lot Area Policy
WELLINGTON COUNTY	- not specified in current Official Plan	- not normally larger than 0.8ha unless existing natural features or development patterns make a larger lot more practical
East Garafraxa	10 ha for severed and retained	- not specified
Caledon	6 ha	- not specified
Amaranth	1 ha	- not specified
Grey County	0.8 ha	- not specified

Note: to aid in this discussion, the information above provides a simplified version of the policies, some of which involve additional conditions or detailed policies for specific situations, and are implemented through zoning provisions.

As shown in Table 1 above, the Wellington County Official Plan is unique in that it is the only one with:

- a maximum (with some flexibility to consider site conditions) lot size policy; and
- does not have a minimum lot size policy (in practice the Zoning By-law implements a minimum size of 0.4 ha).

The Draft 5-Year Review Amendment (OPA 81) proposes to include a policy to align with local zoning by-law minimums which have 0.4 ha minimum lot sizes, and a change to the 0.8 ha maximum has not been proposed.

Policy Options:

Staff developed the following options for discussion:

1. No change: size range is 0.4 – 0.8 ha;
2. Increase maximum lot size policy: size range would be 0.4 – 2 ha or 0.4 – 4 ha; or
3. Remove the maximum lot size policy: minimum size would continue to be 0.4ha with no upper limit.

Discussion:

Staff note that they receive few inquiries from landowners seeking to create lots larger than 0.8 ha. A small number of applications to allow larger lots are dealt with at Land Division Committee, and they are often approved. The current policy has provided for larger lots on applications where site conditions, such as the need for large frontage to provide safe driveway access, made a larger parcel necessary. The desire to house a small number of horses is not a basis for a larger lot in the current policy.

The intent of the 0.8 ha maximum policy was to keep residential lots small, even in non-prime agricultural areas; however, concern was expressed at Planning Committee that the 0.8 ha maximum lot size prevents the creation of larger lots on which a small number of horses or other types of livestock can be kept, and that such uses might actually be more compatible with surrounding agricultural activities than residential lots with no potential for livestock.

Recommendation:

That the Report PD2013-12 be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Paoli
Manager of Policy Planning



May 29 2013

Mr. Dennis Lever
Mayor, Township of Puslinch
7404 Wellington Rd. #34
Guelph, ON
N1H 6H9

Dear Mayor Lever

RE: Information Brief – Water Supply Master Plan / Class Environmental Assessment

The City of Guelph is updating its Council-approved Water Supply Master Plan to define how the City will continue to access a sustainable supply of water—for residential, and industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) use—over the next 25 years. As we begin our review of the existing water supply system we want to provide you with some initial information about the study.

Today, our existing water supply fulfills the City's commitment to provide a safe and reliable supply of water, but as our population and ICI base grows so will the demand for a sustainable supply. In updating the Water Supply Master Plan, we'll carefully consider Guelph's plans for growth and will confirm that our demand management and water supply recommendations meet the needs of the community today and into the future.

Our updated Master Plan will provide short-term, mid-term and long-term water supply options to meet Guelph's predicted demand for water. When investigating existing and new water supply options—like new groundwater sources in and outside of the City and local surface water sources—we'll consider the quality and quantity of the water source, the potential impacts on the environment or on existing water supplies, and all relevant regulations. In keeping with the 2007 Water Supply Master Plan, any development of water supply options outside of the City will only be considered with the cooperation and participation of the County and the relevant Township.

Conservation is key! In Guelph—like the surrounding area—we depend mostly on groundwater for our water supply so we know it makes sense to use water wisely. Conservation and demand management are critical components of this Master Plan Update. We are committed to using less water per capita than comparable Canadian cities! Since 2006, because of our many successful water conservation initiatives, we have reduced our per capita water use by nine per cent—meaning that we now use about 20 per cent less water in Guelph than the average person in Ontario.

Our review will follow the requirements of a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). When we are finished—after our Water Supply Master Plan Update is reviewed by Guelph and area communities, and approved by Council—we will have identified constraints and opportunities related to our existing water supply system. We'll also have evaluated and prioritized a number of individual projects to

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increase the capacity of our system. Some individual projects recommended in our Master Plan Update—like those that might have an environmental impact—will require additional work and community consultation before they can be approved for implementation. These projects will also follow the Class EA process.

We want people to join the conversation! We understand that good planning involves the community so we're making it easy for people from Guelph, the County and the Townships to be involved and kept up-to-date on our progress.

First off, we're speaking to a few people before the project gets rolling—including elected officials from Guelph and adjacent municipal councils, and representatives of agencies, community groups and business organizations with an interest in water—to gather their initial thoughts and help us plan our approach to community engagement. These preliminary discussions are ongoing.

Two Community Forums and two Municipality & Agency Forums are also planned so that community members and agency and municipal representatives can learn more about our water supply system and services, and provide their thoughts on how Guelph can best maintain a sustainable water supply. The first of these will be held early in the fall, after people are back from summer vacations and the Project Team has had time to gather enough information to share.

We're also creating a Community Liaison Committee to help us understand what's important and to provide guidance on key aspects of the Master Plan Update and the Class EA including:

- Issues and opportunities to be addressed
- Alternative supply solutions to be assessed
- Evaluation method and criteria to be used
- Preferred alternatives and the go-forward strategy

The Committee will consist of up to 20 people with membership drawn from a cross-section of the community so as to provide a broad and balanced perspective. The following stakeholder groups are intended to make up the Committee: Business / Industry; Environment; Agriculture; Land Development; Community / Social; and Academia. There will also be 'Community at Large' members representing both the rural interests of the County and Townships and urban interests of Guelph.

We are currently seeking additional Committee members to represent rural interests and would welcome any suggestions you might have. The Committee will meet three times during the project, which is estimated to be completed in the winter of 2014. The meetings will be held in the evening at a time that is convenient to most members.

We know that water is everyone's business and look forward to your input. We would be happy to meet with you in the fall to provide more information about the study and the progress made. In the meantime, to find out more about the Water Supply Master Plan Update please visit

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Sincerely,



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CITY OF GUELPH NOTICE

Water Supply Master Plan Update/Class Environmental Assessment

The City of Guelph is updating its Council-approved Water Supply Master Plan to define how we will continue to access a sustainable supply of water—for residential and industrial use—over the next 25 years.

Reviewing our existing water supply system is an opportunity to discuss with the community how best to manage this vital supply so that we continue to provide the high level of service Guelph residents have come to expect.

Today, our existing water supply fulfills the City's commitment to provide a safe and reliable supply of water. Our updated Master Plan will provide short-term, mid-term and long-term water supply options to meet Guelph's predicted demand for water in the future. When investigating existing and new water supply options—like new groundwater sources in and outside of the City and local surface water sources—we'll consider things like water quality and quantity, economic factors, and any relevant regulations.

Regardless of source, our water supply will continue to meet the service requirements of the Guelph community and the high regulatory standards of the Ministry of the Environment.

In Guelph we depend mostly on groundwater for our water supply so we know it makes sense to use our water wisely. Conservation and demand management will be as important during this Master Plan Update as they were during the 2007 Water Supply Master Plan. We are committed to using less water per capita than comparable Canadian cities! Since 2006, because of our many successful water conservation initiatives, we have reduced our per capita water use by nine per cent—meaning that we now use about 20 per cent less water in Guelph than the average person in Ontario.

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Join the conversation

We understand that good planning involves the community and we want to hear from you! Here are a few ways you can get involved in the process:

- **Attend our Community Forums and let us know what you think.** Dates for these meetings will be publicized in this newspaper, provided through direct mail and posted on the City's website at guelph.ca/water.
- **Read about our progress.** Project information will be posted online at guelph.ca/water.
- **Join our mailing list.** Send us your name and how you would like to be contacted (i.e., email or mail) so we can keep you informed.
- **Follow the conversation on the City of Guelph's Twitter and Facebook pages.**

To find out more about the Water Supply Master Plan Update or to get involved, contact:

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Township of Puslinch

13 May 2013

Re: Morrison Estates

Dear Ms. Landry:

It was a pleasure to meet you for the first time at the Morrison Estates Public Meeting on 8 May 2013.

I object to the current proposal because I fear that it represents a potential danger to the existing community. Since there is only one vehicular entry way to the proposed subdivision, emergency vehicle ingress would become impossible if the entry were to become blocked or impassible. As I outlined in my remarks, when the Currie Drive-Laing Court subdivision was first proposed in the 1980's, the plan featured a single entry way for all vehicles. The Fire Chief at the time, the late A. Gerald Slade, vehemently opposed the plan on the basis that a single entry way poses additional constraints on emergency vehicles called out if the entry point is blocked or disabled. The plan's proponents went back to the drawing board, and the final plan contained entry points from/to both Wellington Rd 36 and Highway 6 South. I think you will agree that this was a much-improved design.

The nature and positioning of the proposed entry is particularly problematical. It is situated at the top of a hill where traffic from east and west has restricted sight lines owing to the topography and grade differences. Much of the traffic, particularly from the east, habitually exceeds the posted speed limit and the Ontario Provincial Police appear to apprehend a fair number of speeding drivers when they operate from Currie Drive/Wellington Road 36. My concern is that the positioning of the proposed entry way increases the likelihood of collisions on Wellington Rd 34.

Ministry of Natural Resources

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Township of Puslinch

Mr. Russell Cox
687 Eramosa Road
P.O. Box 427
Guelph, ON
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Dear Mr. Cox:

RE: Licence Transfer under the Aggregate Resources Act
Cox Construction Limited, Licence No. 20749
Part Lots 11 & 12, Concession 4
Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington

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Further to the request from St. Mary's Cement Inc (Canada) to transfer the licence from St. Mary's Cement Inc (Canada) to Cox Construction Limited, please find enclosed the updated licence for your records.

Please replace your old licence with the new copy. We will forward copies of the new document to the Township of Puslinch and the County of Wellington for their records.

Should you require any further information concerning this matter, please contact Sarah deBortoli at 519 826-4388.

Yours truly,

Jane Ireland
A/Regional Director
Southern Region

cc: Clerk, Township of Puslinch
Clerk, County of Wellington
The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation



LICENCE
Aggregate Resources Act

Licence No.
No du permis 20749

PERMIS
Loi sur les ressources en agrégats

Amended Licence

Pursuant to the Aggregate Resources Act and Regulations thereunder, and subject to the limitations thereof and to the conditions of the licence and the requirements of the site plan,

Conformément à la Loi de 1997 sur les ressources en agrégats et à ses règlements, et sujet aux restrictions qu'ils comportent, aux conditions d'octroi du permis et aux exigences du plan du site,

this Class nous délivrons ce permis de classe: A licence is issued to: à:

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to operate a pour exploiter un/une Pit on a 23.03 hectare site located in: hectares situé à l'endroit suivant:

Part Lots 11-12 Concession 4 PUSLINC PUSLINC TP WELLINGTON CO
Lot Concession Section Geographic Township Local Municipality County / Regional Municipality / District

The licence is subject to the following conditions:
Ce permis est assujéti aux conditions suivantes:

Effective the En vigueur le 04 day of April, 2013
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Minister of Natural Resources
Ministère des Richesses Naturelles

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Dear Mr. Wong,

**RE: Monitoring programs for the University of Guelph, Mill Creek Pit, Licence #5738
Part Lots 24 and 21-24, Concessions 1 & 2, Township of Puslinch, County of Wellington**

MNR staff received a letter dated April 9, 2012 from LRG Environmental on behalf of Dufferin Aggregates, requesting modifications to the monitoring programs for the University of Guelph – Mill Creek site.

The University of Guelph Licence #5738 (formerly #P726077) conditions include:

- 21.(a) The licensee shall, prior to the start of excavation operations, provide the District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources, with a comprehensive hydrological and biological monitoring report for Mill Creek and its tributaries, and this report shall include a description of monitoring equipment, monitoring locations, methods of data collection and reporting, action thresholds, a proposed reporting schedule, and any other details required by the District Manager. The reporting schedule shall include the requirement to provide a comprehensive interim monitoring report for review and District Manager approval prior to commencement of excavation in each phase of the pit operation.
- 21. (c) The monitoring report described in this licence condition shall include a description of those tests and analytical methods to be used to determine whether there is or is likely to be either a net gain or a net loss in fish habitat as a consequence of pit operations.
- 22. The licensee shall, prior to the start of excavation operations obtain the written approval of the District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources, for the reports required under licence condition nos. 19, 20, and 21 and, upon approval of the reports, the licensee shall carry out the monitoring programs as described in the monitoring reports.

Since the requirements of the monitoring plans are not licence conditions, changes to the monitoring plans are at the discretion of the District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources.

In summary, Dufferin Aggregates has proposed the following changes:

1. Reduce the annual trout population monitoring to once every 3 years and eliminate the trout population monitoring at the Bond Tract (control);
2. Eliminate the spring fry surveys;
3. Eliminate the temperature monitoring in the trout redds; and
4. Eliminate the water level and flow estimates for SWM3 (Pond Cr) and SWM4 (Galt Cr).

MNR RESPONSE

Background

The hydrological and biological coordinated monitoring program was originally developed in 1993 and was subsequently updated in 2004. The primary purpose of the coordinated monitoring program is to ensure the protection of the trout fisheries in Mill Creek (LRG Environmental, 2012).

In 2008, Dufferin Aggregates proposed a reduction in the fisheries monitoring in Mill Creek. At that time, MNR asked that the monitoring continue since extraction was occurring in Phase 3, which is adjacent to Mill Creek. Currently, extraction is nearing completion in Phase 3 and Dufferin Aggregates is preparing to move to Phase 4, which is further away from Mill Creek.

1. Proposal to reduce the annual trout population monitoring to once every 3 years and eliminate the trout population monitoring at the Bond Tract (control).

MNR staff have carefully considered this proposal and support reducing the annual trout population monitoring. MNR supports reducing the trout population monitoring to once every two years, not once every 3 years. MNR does support reducing the monitoring in the Bond Tract to once every two years. The trout population monitoring at the Bond Tract is to occur in the same years as the trout population monitoring at the University of Guelph Mill Creek site.

The decision to allow a reduction in the fish population monitoring is based on a number of factors. There are 6 years of trout population monitoring before below-water extraction started and 18 years of monitoring after extraction below the water table was initiated. The initial years of below the water table extraction were anticipated to have the greatest potential to affect the trout in Mill Creek and there has been no indication to date that there has been any significant impact on the Mill Creek fisheries. The comprehensive studies:

- A Functional Analysis of the Impact of Aggregate Extraction On Groundwater and Fish Populations in Mill and MacCrimmon Creeks (2002); and
- Mill Creek Cumulative Impact Assessment Draft (2005)

did not find any evidence that aggregate extraction was having a negative impact on the trout populations in Mill Creek and MacCrimmon creeks.

By reducing the frequency of the population estimates in Mill Creek this will reduce the stress and mortality associated with the monitoring.

Though the Bond Tract may not be an ideal control, it does provide an additional reference population that can be monitored to assess landscape level trends versus local impacts.

2. Proposal to eliminate the spring fry survey

MNR staff have carefully considered this proposal and support eliminating the spring fry surveys.

MNR supports eliminating the spring fry surveys because the data are not repeatable due to the difficulty in accurately enumerating the fry in the stream. The 24 years of monitoring and the comprehensive review studies indicate there has not been any significant impact from aggregate extraction on the Mill Creek fisheries. The redd counts and populations estimates will continue to be used to monitor the trout fishery in Mill Creek.

3. Proposal to eliminate the temperature monitoring in the redds

MNR staff have carefully considered this proposal and support eliminating the temperature monitoring in trout redds.

MNR staff support eliminating the temperature monitoring in the brown trout redds because brown trout redds do not occur at upwelling sites. The 24 years of monitoring and the comprehensive review studies indicate there has not been any significant impact from aggregate extraction on the Mill Creek fisheries. The existing, extensive hydrology and groundwater monitoring programs will continue to accurately examine groundwater temperatures, groundwater discharge, groundwater recharge, and surface water temperatures.

4. Proposal to eliminate the water level and flow estimates for SWM3 (Pond Cr) and SWM4 (Galt Cr)

MNR staff have carefully considered this proposal and support eliminating the water level and flow estimates for SWM3 and SWM4.

Due to the substrate, vegetation, shallow depth of water and relatively little flow in these streams it is very difficult to get accurate flow estimates for these streams. The 24 years of monitoring and the comprehensive review studies indicate there has not been any significant impact from aggregate extraction on the Mill Creek fisheries. The existing hydrogeology monitoring will continue to provide an estimate of groundwater contributions to Mill Cr. Surface water temperature monitoring will continue at these locations.

If there are environmental concerns, the District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources reserves the right to reinstate the monitoring requirements that are being reduced or eliminated.

Please submit revised monitoring plans for District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources approval.

Regards,



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District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources

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April 18th 2013

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Dear Stan,

Re: Monitoring programs for Mill Creek Pit, Licence #5738

Further to our email of March 25, 2013 providing the attached information.

Council has requested if you could specifically provide your advice on what could be done to improve monitoring as it relates to item number 4 – Proposal to eliminate the water level and flow estimates for SWM 3(Pond Cr) and SWM 4 (Galt Cr) instead of the elimination.

If you could provide this information by April 30th 2013, we would appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

Karen Landry
CAO/Clerk

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Nuala

The two streamflow monitoring stations in question are for MacCrimmon Creek and Pond Creek which enter Mill Creek in the vicinity of the Hanlon Overpass. Streamflow monitoring will continue upstream and downstream of the site in Mill Creek at stations SWM1 and SWM2. We have commented previously that improved accuracy of monitoring at the Mill Creek stations is needed. Discontinued monitoring at SWM3 and SWM4 will not affect the analysis of potential impacts from the Mill Creek Aggregates operation.

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