

Report To:	Chair and Members of the Planning and Public Works Committee
From:	Peter M. Crockett, P. Eng., Commissioner of Planning and Public Works
Date:	August 29, 2007
Report No. - Re:	PPW132-07 - Update on Proposed St. Marys Flamborough Quarry

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report No. PPW132-07 re: “Update on Proposed St. Marys Flamborough Quarry” be received for information.

REPORT

This report provides an update on the St. Marys Cement Group (“St. Marys”) proposal for a limestone quarry on 154 ha (380 acres) of land on Lots 1, 2 and 3, Concession XI, City of Hamilton (former Township of East Flamborough). This site is located across Milborough (Town) Line, just outside of Halton Region (Attachment #1). Reports PPW53-07, PPW156-04, and memos dated March 15, 2006 and August 24, 2005, contain additional background information on this quarry proposal.

At the request of the Combined Aggregate Review Team (CART) of which Halton is a member, St. Marys is currently undertaking a transportation study on haul route alternatives. Prior to the initiation of this transportation study, CART prepared a Terms of Reference (TOR), which the proponent has indicated they intended to follow.

St. Marys and their team of consultants hosted a Public Information Centre (PIC) on June 21, 2007, at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington. The PIC was intended to be the first of four PICs (as per the TOR) consistent with (but not under) the Class Environmental Assessment process. The PIC focused on the background of the proposal, transportation mode alternatives, and delineation of an exclusion zone within the larger study area (area within which no haul routes would be considered).

Approximately 127 attendees signed in to the PIC, including several members of CART and Halton Region staff. CART followed up on the PIC by providing comments to St. Marys of a logistical and substantive nature, namely that notification was inadequate for both the public and CART, the PIC location was too far from the proposed quarry, hosts were not identified with nametags, and identification of an exclusion zone was premature, inappropriate and inadequately supported. Regional staff and CART also reiterated their desire to review display material prior to it being presented to the public to ensure information is accurate. CART asked that their issues be addressed by St. Marys prior to the next PIC.

On July 10, 2007, CART and St. Marys met to discuss these issues. St. Marys expressed receptiveness to all suggestions and noted that they expected the next PIC to be held in early September 2007. While it is staff's desire to notify the Planning and Public Works Committee prior to any PICs planned by St. Marys, staff have not yet been notified of the next PIC date, or received a response to CART's substantive issues.

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

Review of the St. Marys quarry proposal continues to be covered using existing staff resources as well as peer review consultants paid for by the applicant.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN

This report supports the 2007 Planning and Public Works Committee Plan Theme 2: "Protect and Enhance our Natural Environment".

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by



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