

# Acton Quarry – Extension Update

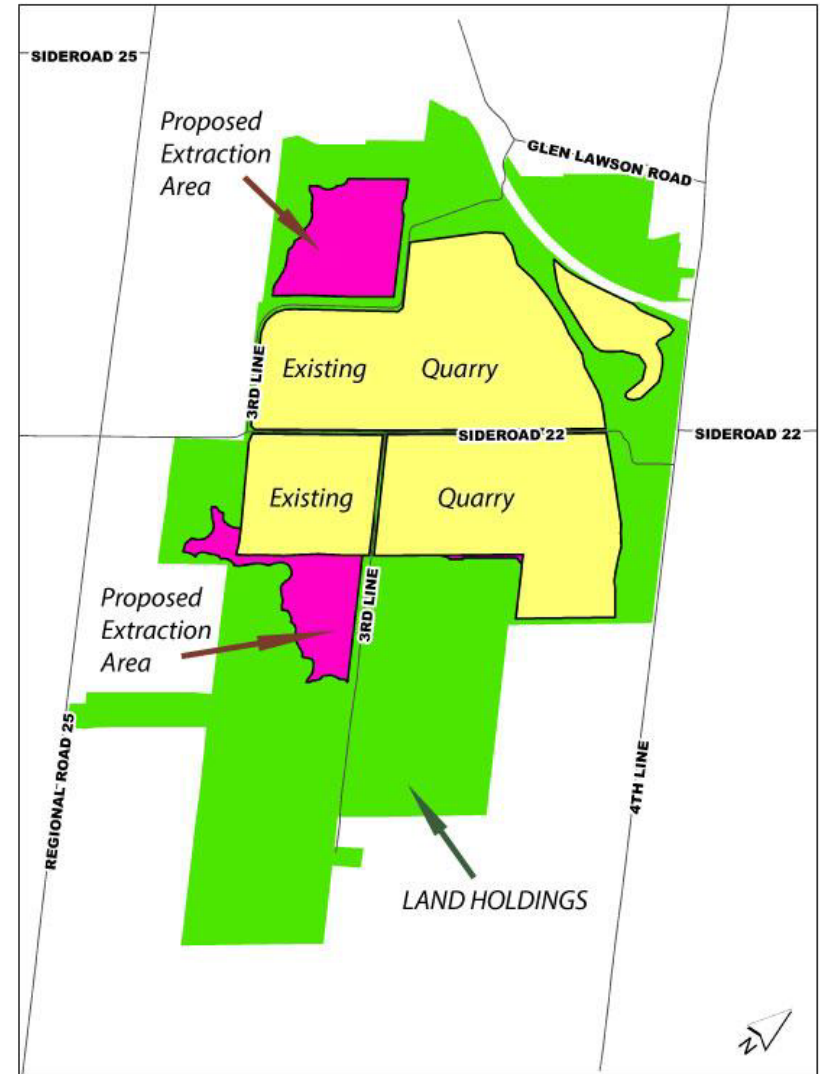
Community Liaison Committee Meeting – October 20, 2014



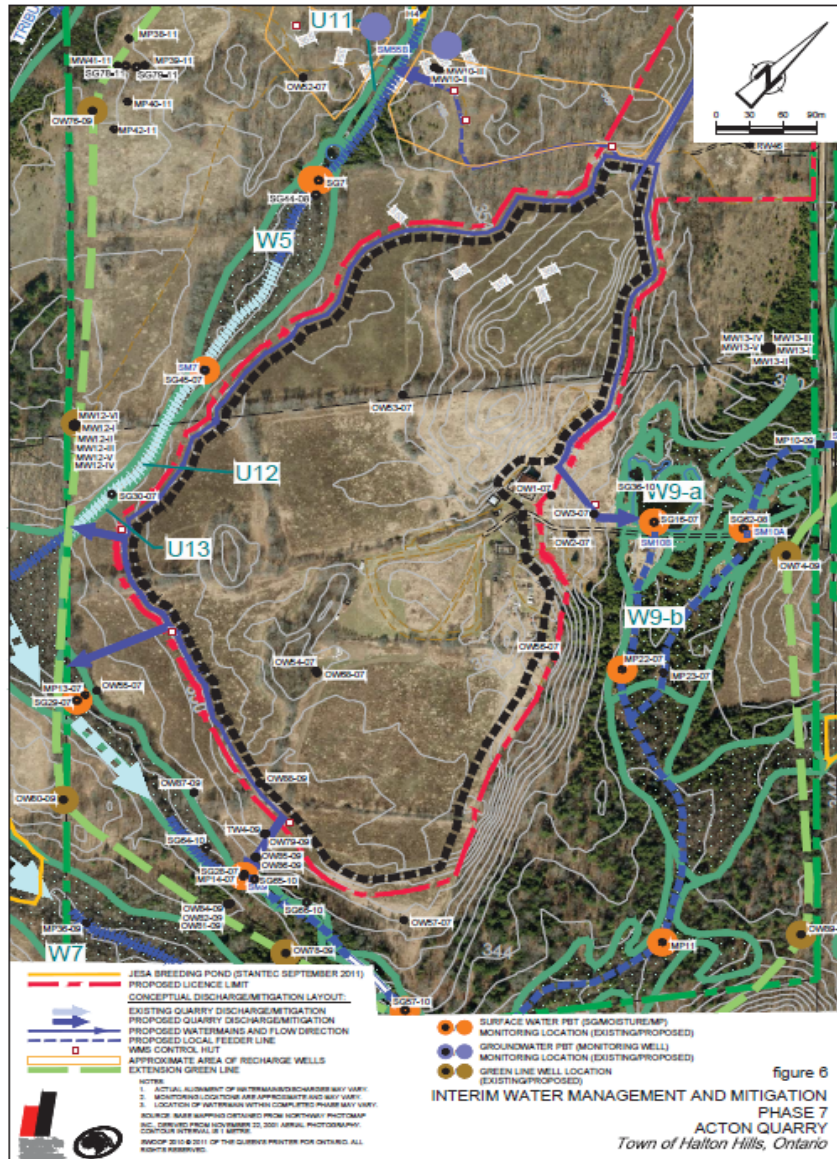


MNR issued their footprint declaration letter on **March 3/14**. The letter detailed their position from our meeting and provides the Agencies the tools they need to move forward in their own processes.

- MNR declared, to HCA and all other Agencies, in their letter that they would be supporting the extraction of Phases 4, 5, and 6 immediately (with few resolutions left to address) and would like to see further study in Phase 7 over the next 3 years in order to better understand JESA migration.
  - ▶ MNR is supporting removal of JESA habitat in Phases 5/6 through the ESA 17(2)(c) Ministers Permit process.
  - ▶ MNR also stated some technical matters related to Adaptive Management Plan would need to get finalized and legal agreements would need to be in place prior to issuance of ARA license.
- Result of reduced footprint is 38MT compared to 50MT.



Phase 7 was the cleanest parcel of all the extension lands when we filed our application in March 2009 (prior to implementation of the Endangered Species Act).



- Defined as JESA habitat by MNR – but there is no record of JESA actually being found in Phase 7 to date.
- We requested to do JESA Habitat monitoring on Phases 5, 6, and 7 in 2009 and 2010 and were told by MNR it wasn't necessary.
- There are no significant woodlands or wetlands within the Phase 7 footprint.
- With the deferral of Phase 7 all the technical work that has been completed to date through the JART process will remain in place. This data will be used to help agencies make their determination once we re-apply for extraction on Phase 7 lands.
- Any sign offs from Peer Reviewers that we have received will remain in place as it relates to Phase 7 lands.
- The only new piece of information that will be required for agency review is the results of the 3 year JESA study we have agreed to undertake.

# In **June 2014** Town of Halton Hills Council and Halton Region Council approved extension application in principle

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- Town (June 23<sup>rd</sup>) and Region (June 18<sup>th</sup>) Staff brought forward Reports to their respective Council's to approve Acton Quarry Extension in Principle.
- Both unanimous votes in Town and Regional Council illustrate Agency support to date and gives direction to staff to move forward and complete remaining works.
- DFA spent time meeting both Agency Staff and Political Representatives in advance on June decisions in order to properly brief them on status of application and providing commitments on direction moving forward.
- Norm Elliot provided a delegation to Town of Halton Hills Council Meeting agreeing with Staff Report and supporting Dufferin Aggregates initiatives in the Community.

We have and continue to meet with Agency planning, engineering, and ecology staff in order to work through remaining technical details

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- Our consultants submitted updated Adaptive Management Plans, Ecological Enhancement Plans, and ARA Site Plans by July 31/14.
  - ▶ Agencies have provided their feedback on these plans in over the last 4 weeks
  - ▶ We are addressing all agency comments and will be providing responses shortly.
- We have met with Agency Staff and their lawyers over the last 3 months in order to begin process of finalizing draft Legal Agreements:
  - ▶ Umbrella Agreement
  - ▶ Haul Route Agreement
  - ▶ Land Conveyance Agreement
  - ▶ Water Agreement
  - ▶ Adaptive Management Plan Agreement
  - ▶ Ecological Enhancement Plan Agreement

# What is still left to do?

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- All comments on AMP, EEP and Site Plans to be addressed and documents finalized.
- All Legal Agreements and Schedules to be finalized and ready for execution by all parties.
- Conservation Halton Board to make a decision on application (Q4 – 2014).
- Credit Valley Conservation to advise all other Agencies on their decision on application (Q4 – 2014).
- Niagara Escarpment Commission to make a decision on application (Q1 – 2015).
- Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region to provide final approval of application along with relevant planning approvals (Q1 – 2015).



# Questions and Answers

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