PROPOSED GIBRALTAR SAND AND GRAVEL PIT EXPANSION

County of Grey Official Plan Amendment

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Location

- 6th Sideroad
- Part Lot 6, Concession 4 (former Township of Collingwood)
- Proposed Licensed Area: 13.6 ha
- Proposed Extraction Area: 10.3 ha
- On-site geological investigation confirmed the site contains approximately 2.7 million tonnes of aggregate
- Predominately granular B/ fill with some capability to produce granular A
Expansion to an Established Use

- Expansion of existing Pit (License No. 4945)
- Existing License Area: 15.4 ha
- Existing Extraction Area: 12.1 ha
- Category 1 Pit Below Water – Class A
- Permitted to ship a maximum of 150,000 tonnes of aggregate per year
Proposed Expansion

- Similar to existing operation – extraction is proposed below the water table
- Utilize existing entrance/exit and haul route
- No increase in permitted truck traffic/maximum tonnage
On-Site Environmental Features

- Extraction area contains 3.2 ha of a 1,000 ha woodland (0.4% of total woodland)
- Ecological Study completed – woodland can be removed without negative impact to the woodland
- Application includes 4.6 ha of woodland planting to increase forest cover and connects north-south woodlands
- MNRF and GSCA have no objections to the removal of on-site woodland based on lack of ecological function and proposed planting plan to enhance wildlife corridors
Site Not Considered a Prime Agricultural Area

- Site is designated Rural in both the County of Grey Official Plan and the Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan.

- Site is not considered a Prime Agricultural Area and agricultural rehabilitation is not required.
No Cultural Heritage Features On-Site

- No significant built heritage features
- No significant archaeological resources
- Not identified as a significant heritage landscape
Surrounding Land Uses

- North – Existing Gravel Pit
- East – Pretty River Valley Provincial Park
- South – Agricultural
- West – Existing Gravel Pit
- There are only 2 residents within 500 metres of the proposed expansion and both are just within the 500 metre radius
Social Impacts are Minimized

- Site has been designed to minimize impacts on surrounding sensitive receptors and meets all provincial standards for air and noise
- Utilizes existing entrance/exit and haul route
- No impacts to residential wells
- Proposed Pit includes comprehensive well monitoring, including monitoring of private wells
Summary of Process

• Pre-consultation meeting held with the County of Grey and with the Town of The Blue Mountains in June, 2015

• Formal submission of ARA application submitted on January 22, 2016 and deemed complete on February 3, 2016

• County of Grey Official Plan Amendment submitted on February 5, 2016 and deemed complete on March 4, 2016

• Town of The Blue Mountains Official Plan Amendment submitted on February 5, 2016 and deemed complete on March 22, 2016

• ARA Public Information Session on April 26, 2016

• County and Township hosted a Public Meeting on May 16, 2016

• ARA agency and consultation process completed on March 1, 2018. There are no remaining objections from the public and all agency issues addressed
Status of Agency Review

- Revisions have been made to the application submitted in 2016 to address agency comments.

- Based on the revisions, the following agencies are satisfied and/or have not identified any outstanding concerns:
  - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)
  - Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA)
  - Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)
  - Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)
  - Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
  - Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC)
  - Ontario Parks
  - County of Grey Staff
  - Town of The Blue Mountains Staff
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- Area Subject to Official Plan Amendment No. XX
- Subject Lands to be Designated as "Mineral Resource Extraction" on Schedule B - Map 2 of the County of Grey Official Plan