NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

WHAT: The County is seeking input on a development application within 120 metres of your property. The County Official Plan Amendment application would consider permitting a gravel pit on the subject lands.

SITE: Part Lot 15, Concession 1, Divisions 2 to 3, Township of Southgate, geographic Township of Egremont.

Location of Public Meeting – Township of Southgate Municipal Office (Council Chambers) at 185667 Grey Road 9, R R 1, Dundalk, Ontario

Timing of Public Meeting – Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

How can I contribute my opinion?
Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments regarding this proposal.

Request for information:
For information, including all supporting studies and reports for the proposed Official Plan Amendment visit: www.grey.ca/planning-development/planning-applications

How do I submit comments?
Submit written comments or sign-up to be notified of a decision by mailing or contacting:

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595 9th Avenue East
Owen Sound, ON, N4K 3E3
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519-372-0219 ext. 1238
What is being proposed through the application?
The subject lands are designated as ‘Agricultural’, ‘Rural’ and ‘Hazard Lands’ on Schedule A to the County Official Plan. Large portions of the lands are also designated as ‘Aggregate Resources Area’ on Schedule B to the Plan. The purpose of the proposed County Official Plan Amendment is to allow for a gravel pit on the subject lands, partially outside of the current Aggregate Resources Area portion of the property. A gravel pit is already a permitted use within the Aggregate Resources Area portion of the property. The proposed pit will be approximately 29.8 hectares in size; however the total area for extraction will be approximately 9.9 hectares, in three pockets on the property. If the Official Plan Amendment is passed, the lands will remain designated as ‘Agricultural’, ‘Rural’ and ‘Hazard Lands’ on Schedule A to the County Plan. The effect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment will be to re-designate the lands to ‘Mineral Resource Extraction with Exceptions’ on Schedule B to the Plan.

These lands were also subject to a Township Official Plan Amendment and a Zoning By-law Amendment, which were adopted and approved by the Township respectively. The County has not yet approved the Township Official Plan Amendment, pending a decision on the proposed County Official Plan Amendment.

What can I expect at the Public Meeting?
The public meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the proposed development. Attendees have the opportunity to hear a brief presentation about the development, ask questions, and/or make statements either in favour of, or in opposition to the development.

The public meeting will take place at a Council meeting and the moderator will keep the meeting in order and allow the applicant (or their development team), the public, and Council to speak and ask questions. No decisions are made at this meeting, it is an opportunity to learn and provide feedback.

Why is this Public Meeting being held and what are your rights?
Within Ontario, the planning and development process is open and transparent, where opinions from all individuals and groups are welcomed. By law a municipality must hold a public meeting. This meeting is one of your chances to learn about the development proposal and offer your opinions. Under the legislation governing this development process, which is section 22 of the Planning Act, you have the following rights:

1. Any persons may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment.
2. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the County of Grey to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Grey before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.
3. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Grey 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 Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.
4. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the County of Grey in respect to the passing of the Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the County, at the addresses noted on the previous page. Please note County Official Plan Amendment file number 42-07-060-OPA-142 or refer to the Orchard Pit in your correspondence.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact County, who would be happy to answer any questions on these applications, or the planning process.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2018, in Owen Sound.

Official Plan Amendment #42-07-060-OPA-142