TAPMO Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario

TAPMO Executive Committee Meeting
AGENDA

Friday, February 11, 2022
10:00 am
Zoom Meeting

Mayor James Seeley, Township of Puslinch – Chair
Mayor Sandra Easton, Town of Lincoln – Vice-Chair
Mayor Dave Barton, Township of Uxbridge
Mayor Sue Foxton, Township of North Dumfries
Deputy Mayor Jim Hegadorn, Loyalist Township
Councillor Margaret McCreery, Township of North Dumfries
Mayor Marcus Ryan, Zorra Township
Councillor Andrew Veale, City of Kawartha Lakes

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1. Call to Order

2. Delegation:

2.1. John McNie, Mill Creek Stewards 1

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the presentation by John McNie, Mill Creek Stewards regarding aggregate licensing be received for information.

2.2. Graham Flint, Co-Chair, Reform Gravel Mining Coalition 11

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the presentation by Graham Flint, Co-Chair, Reform Gravel Mining Coalition regarding Proposed Moratorium on New Gravel Mining Approvals be received for information.

3. Minutes for Approval

3.1. January 23, 2022 14

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the January 23, 2022 minutes of the TAPMO Committee winter meeting be approved.

4. Proposed TAPMO Website Report 18

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the Proposed TAPMO Website report be received for information.

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Moved by: Seconded by:

That the Proposed TAPMO Logo Design report be received for information.

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Moved by: Seconded by:

8. AMO Conference Registration as TAPMO - Discussion

Moved by: Seconded by:

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Moved by: Seconded by:

That the correspondence from Erik Acs, Planner, Niagara Region regarding policies on aggregates be received for information.

10. Correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF) 64

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (MNRF) regarding proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act be received for information.

11. Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 11:00 am

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 1:00 pm

12. Adjournment

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THE LINE

Background

In the autumn issue of the OSSGA's industry periodical "Avenue", Executive Director Norm Cheesman noted that despite banner revenues for the industry in 2021, there would be significant headwinds during 2022. He defined those headwinds as:

1) community groups increasingly mobilized by social media,

2) municipalities increasingly empowered by united interests/action and

3) an impending provincial election.

These comments acknowledge the expanding role of local community representatives (groups, Councils and MPPs) in determining the local factors that shape community health and prosperity. Unfortunately they also reflect an aggregate industry misconception that these expanding community roles are negative "headwinds" impeding industry progress and a perception that communities including their governments are "the enemy".

As a group, the Mill Creek Stewards (MCS) wanted to try to understand and then counter this misconception and its associated alienation of industry from community. With that aim, we reviewed many site license objections presented to the OMB/LPAT in the past. We found a license objection pattern that not only reinforced industry misconception and alienation but also appeared to significantly reduce the odds of successful community objections. The pattern comprised reactivity and negativity and was consistent across objections, regardless of whether raised by an individual, group or municipality. These objections in turn, elicited equally consistent reactive and negative responses not only from the industry but also the tribunals, to the extent of often meriting mention in tribunal report summaries.

Coincidently, concurrent with our group's observation came two local aggregate licensing situations, in two separate Townships. Both Townships found themselves in the position of determining whether support for a specific aggregate extractive rezoning application was appropriate, i.e. where to "Draw a Line". In both cases, rezoning applications appeared to meet provincial criteria and provincially mandated "municipal" criteria for rezoning. However concerns of community groups and/or township staff, reflecting either the broader community composition and/or unique local characteristics, continued to pose obstacles.

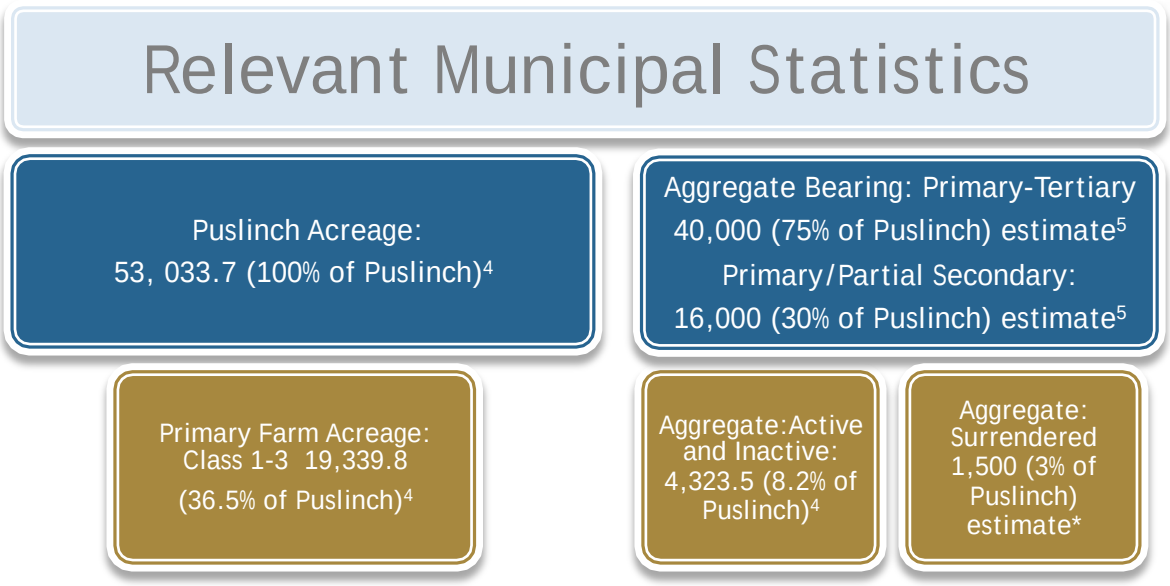
One Township followed the old reactive, negative pattern with several confusing Council meetings over the 120-day decision making period. The aggregate industry followed up with an immediate appeal to the province, where the community risks the old reactive, negative response from LPAT tribunals.

The second Township on the other hand chose a different approach, hiring a consultant[1] who proposed a broadly proactive and positive set of local "municipal" criteria for extractive rezoning that could work with provincial criteria. These criteria were not intended to be legally binding but rather to clarify community intent, thereby facilitating community/industry and provincial goals. The industry response was not different in this case as the Township's different approach for the future was on first introduction, still perceived as reactive and negative. The new approach nevertheless, does in this case set the stage for a potentially very different perception of the community's objection, by the provincial government/LPAT.

During Puslinch Council's August 2021 discussion of an analogous situation regarding the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority (HAC) and its draft Offsetting Policy, one Puslinch Councillor[2] suggested developing similar local "municipal" criteria that could work with provincially dictated "municipal" criteria.

With this in mind, the Mill Creek Stewards propose the following draft criteria be reviewed by Township staff, possibly with the advice of a consultant for objective scientific framing, and then put before the public in some discussion format, with the aim of developing final criteria that reflect our local situation. This "Line" of local municipal criteria could at a minimum:

- Clearly identify for the aggregate industry, local requirements for new pit sites and plans that would ease the passage of rezoning and license approvals.
- Lay out a finite community framework for aggregate disruption both with respect to area and time, minimizing community objections.
- Place the onus on the aggregate industry for self-discipline of its substandard companies relative to their community responsibility records.
- Minimize the time and dollars invested on both sides pre-arbitration/LPAT
- Ensure a pre-existing, i.e. proactive reference framework for any subsequent arbitration/LPAT case (a deficiency noted on multiple occasions by OMB/LPAT boards[3])
- Demonstrate to LPAT tribunals that the local community is acting positively, i.e. willing to accept its provincial responsibilities when appropriately framed by local criteria.
- Maximize the potential for a long-term, stable municipal revenue stream.
- Maximize the potential for a long-term, stable industry aggregate stream.
- Introduce fairness.



* Based on 16 pits, defined as closed in Puslinch: 14 surrendered, 2 reallocated.

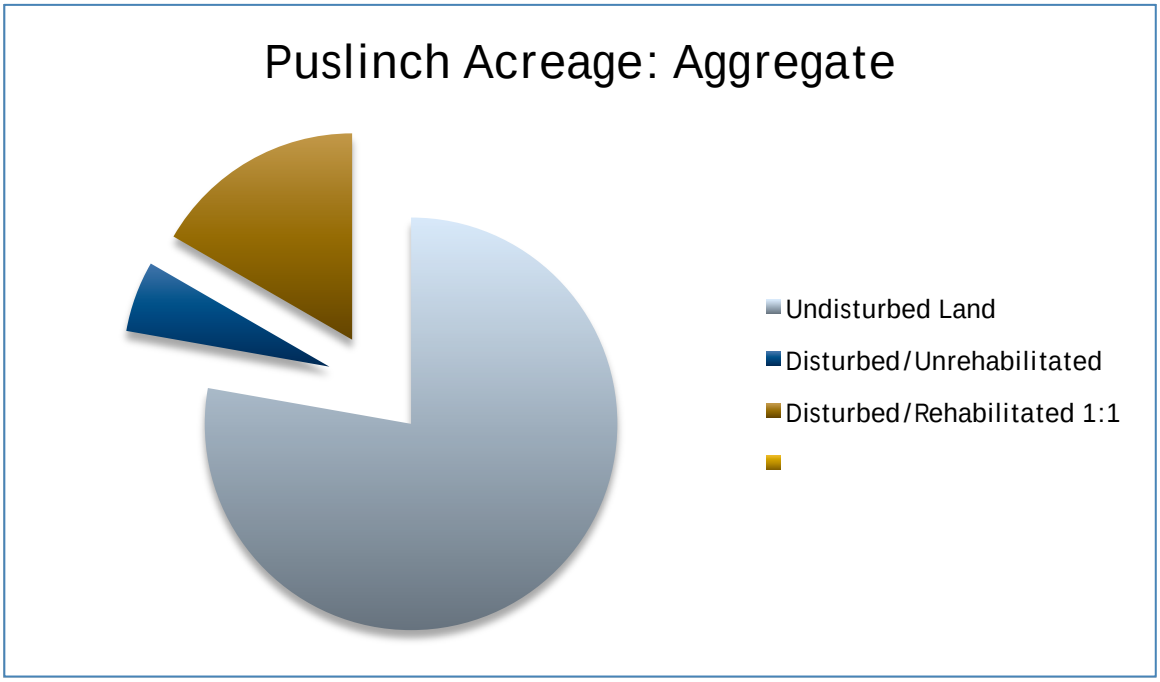
Draft Municipal Criteria for Puslinch Township

The Mill Creek Stewards propose the following numbers based, objective criteria with the objective of fairness under three broad headings: Land Planning, Revenue and Community Structure.

A: Fairness in Land Planning

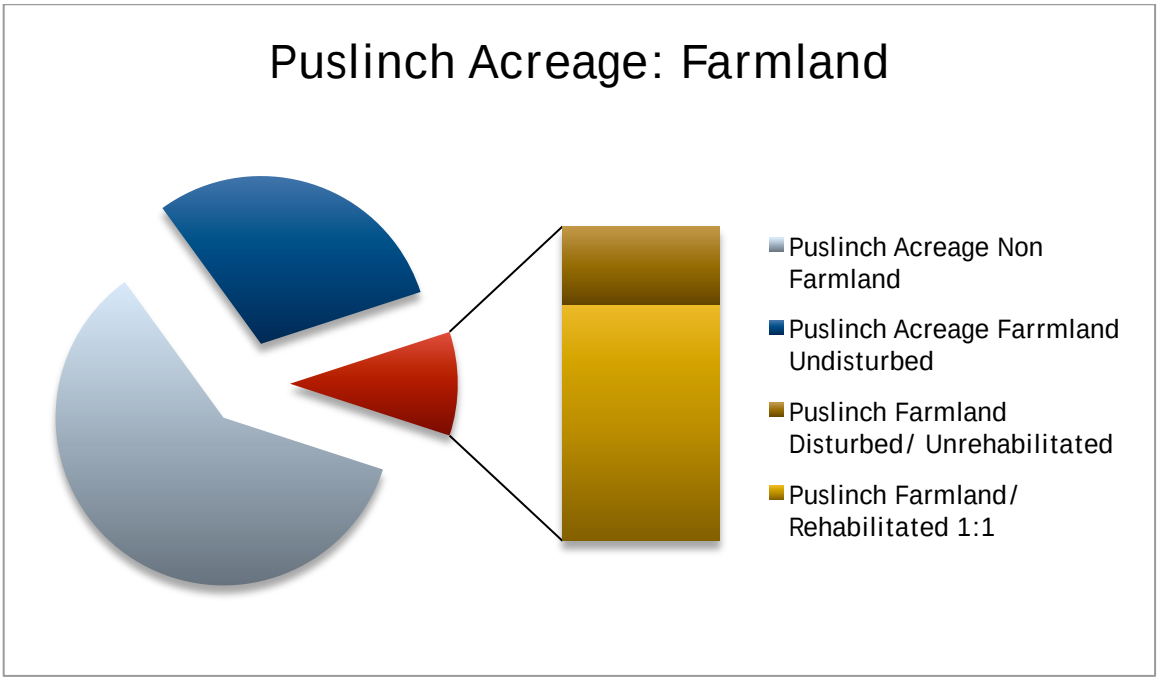
1: (i) Maximum acreage available for non-rehabilitated aggregate extraction at any given time, including active, inactive and surrendered but non-rehabilitated.	2,750 acres (5% of Puslinch)
(ii) Maximum acreage available for extraction on a progressively rehabilitated 1:1 acre basis, that is one "positive community legacy" rehabilitated acre for each newly disturbed acre.	13,250 acres (25% of Puslinch)
Total: Maximum cumulative Puslinch acreage available for aggregate extraction*, including active, inactive, surrendered-unrehabilitated and surrendered-rehabilitated.	16, 000 acres (30% of Puslinch)

* This maximum cumulative acreage would allow the aggregate industry access to all primary gravel deposits plus significant access to secondary deposits. Access could however be limited with respect to total area by Criteria 2: Farmland, and with respect to time by Criteria 9: Progressive Rehabilitation/ Positive Legacy.



2: (i) Maximum Puslinch farmland acreage available at any given time, for extraction without rehabilitation to "positive community legacy" farmland, i.e. same class or improved.	1,000 acres (5% of Puslinch farmland)
(ii) Subsequent Puslinch farmland acreage available for extraction on a progressively rehabilitated 1:1 acre basis, that is one "positive community legacy" rehabilitated acre for each newly disturbed acre.	4,000 acres (20% of Puslinch farmland)
Total: Maximum cumulative Puslinch farmland acreage available for aggregate extraction regardless of rehabilitation status.	5,000 acres (25% of Puslinch farmland)

*Overlap of aggregate acreage with prime farmland acreage is presently 48% in Puslinch Township (2100 acres)[4]. This reflects the important role of gravel in effective soil layering, hence good crop growth, i.e. prime farmland.
Five thousand acres of Puslinch farmland for aggregate extraction reflects a majority of the primary gravel deposits that overlap with farmland in the Township, which is more than fair to the aggregate industry, given research clearly demonstrates that disturbed farmland remains disturbed for the long-term if not permanently, despite rehabilitation efforts, i.e. this prime farmland is permanently lost to the community[6].

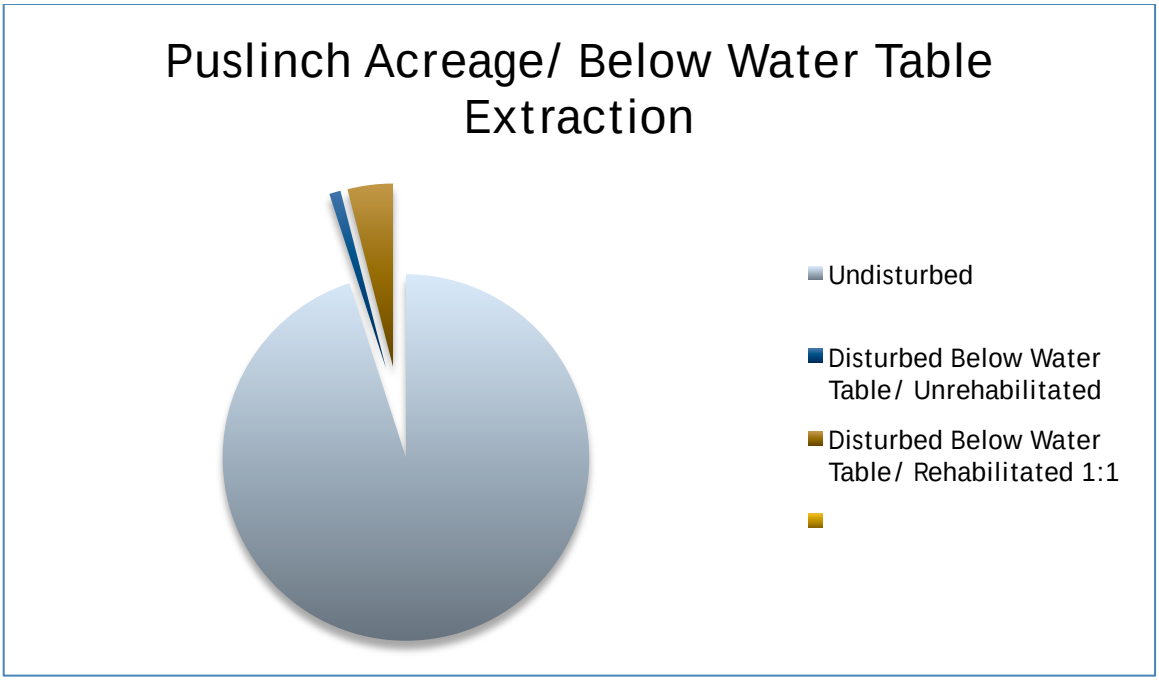


3:(i) Maximum cumulative acreage for "below water table" aggregate extraction at any given time, without "positive community legacy" rehabilitation*.	530 acres (1% of Puslinch)
(ii) Subsequent acreage available for "below water table" aggregate extraction on a progressively rehabilitated 1:1 acre basis, that is one "positive community legacy" rehabilitated acre for each newly disturbed acre.	2,070 acres (4% of Puslinch)
Total: Maximum cumulative Puslinch acreage available for "below water table" aggregate extraction regardless of rehabilitation ** ***.	2,600 acres (5% of Puslinch)

*Maximal cumulative acreage for "below water table" extraction without rehabilitation reflects the loss of this percentage of land as working land in whatever capacity, accompanied by cumulative risk to the community's water resource and loss of municipal revenue.

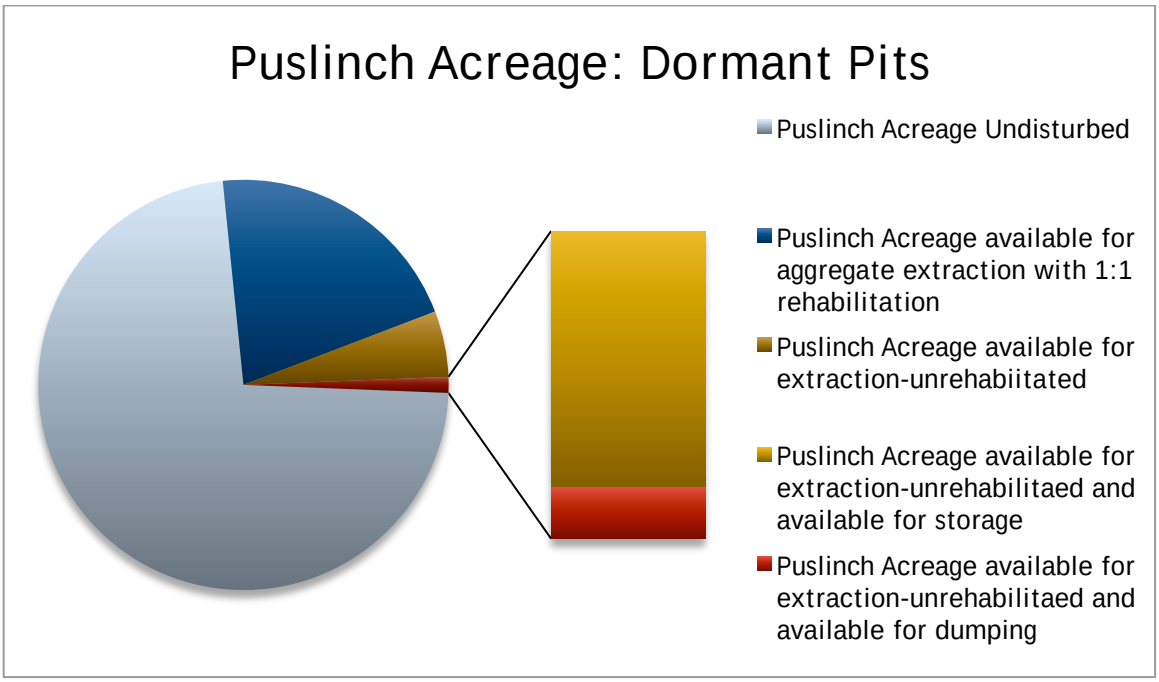
** This value allows for the existing 1800 acres of "below water table" acreage in Puslinch, leaving 800 acres available for future licensing or a maximum of eight sites, see below (depending on the number of existing but undeveloped licenses for "below water table", unknown to the MCS).

*** Maximal acreage for future "below water table" aggregate extraction within any single 1000-acre parcel of surrounding Puslinch land is 100 acres. Extracted area is considered as centred in the 1000 acres, therefore requiring a minimum separation of 700 m between "below water table" sites.



4: Maximum Puslinch acreage available for non-rehabilitated aggregate extraction including active, inactive and surrendered-unrehabilitated (See 1).	2,750 acres (5% of Puslinch)
(a) Maximum Puslinch acreage available for dormant pits* at any given time.	500 acres (1%)
a(i) Maximum dormant pit acreage* available for storage** ***.	250 acres (0.5%)
a(ii) Maximum dormant pit acreage available for dumping***.	100 acres (0.2%)

*Small acreage reflects the need to encourage timely extraction, hence rehabilitation hence positive community legacy. This isn't just land sitting dormant waiting to be excavated, but land already disturbed, paying little in taxes, requiring little legal rehabilitation and providing no benefit to the community.
**Dormant pit acreage for storage or dumping reflects total pit acreage, not just the pit land space used for storage or dumping.
***Small acreage amount reflects what the aggregate industry defines as a transitory need, therefore quickly available for reuse.



B: Fairness in Revenue

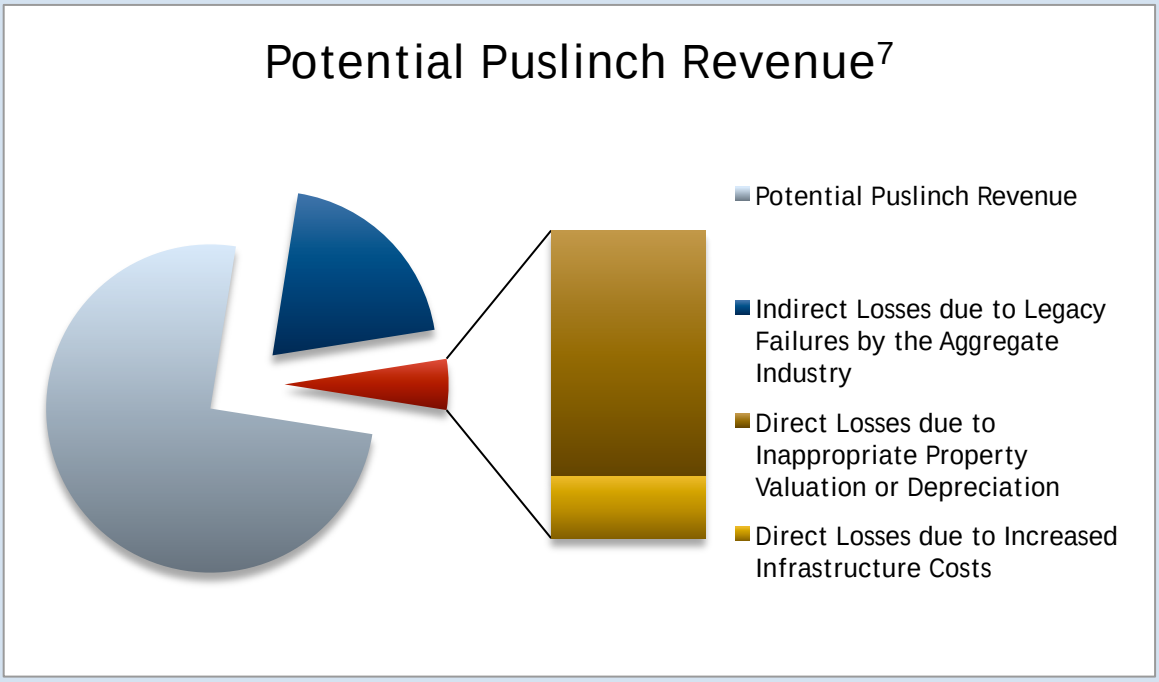
5: That applications for extractive rezoning ensure successful rezoning of a given property will ensure annual property taxes for the rezoned area i) reflect a fair average of surrounding property taxes and ii) not result in a decrease in property tax revenue for that property post-extraction, relative to pre-aggregate purchase.

6: That applications for extractive rezoning ensure fair payment for annual road repair/ replacement costs for Township roads (100% for roads incorporated in hauling routes, 5% for all other Township roads): payments to be based on the previous year's percentage of each company's annual tonnage from the Township relative to total industry tonnage from the Township.

7: That applications for extractive rezoning ensure costs for rehabilitation* and mitigation of long-term extraction associated problems of rezoned property are covered by the industry, through i) enforcement of progressive rehabilitation and ii) re-establishment of a rehabilitation/mitigation security deposit program to be supervised by the province.

*Rehabilitation is defined as reconstruction of a property in a manner that provides the community with a Positve Community Legacy (see Community Structure).

*In turn, if enabling a "Positive Community Legacy" required the industry to forgo full extraction with respect to area, depth or duration, Township net revenues in excess of pre-extractive use could be considered for balanced sharing with the aggregate industry for a fixed period reflecting industry revenue left in the ground.



C: Fairness in Community Structure

9: That applications for extractive rezoning acknowledge the definition of "Progressive Rehabilitation"* and the Township's requirement for successful staged completion of that rehabilitation based on the further definition of "Positive Community Legacy (PCL)**," with respect to criteria 1, 2,and 3 Land Planning.

* Progressive Rehabilitation: Rehabilitation that begins after no more than 10% of a pit's licensed area has been fully extracted or 20% disturbed, with subsequent PCL rehabilitation of one acre for every acre newly disturbed.
**Positive Community Legacy: Rehabilitation standards that ensure a community is left with financial, environmental, or structural gain relative to pre-extraction; a gain that is also compatible with the community's land use planning.

10: That applications for extractive rezoning i) acknowledge that site plans approved at time of licensing, are fixed with respect to increased area, depth or duration of extraction, unless changes are municipally approved and ii) include fixed pre and post extraction land use. Fixed land use is essential for stable community planning both with respect to land use and revenue stream and reflects fair pre and post-application planning on the part of the industry.

11: That applications for extractive rezoning recognize a two-way compliance with Ontario's Land Use Guidelines: requiring Industrial Use meets the same criteria as Sensitive Use, i.e. with respect to area of influence (AOI), minimum separation distance (MSD) and demonstration of need.

12: That applications for extractive rezoning* prioritize the protection of green-space including wetlands and both surface and subsurface water. Prioritization should require demonstration of aggregate need and no viable alternative aggregate source. Water protection for any sites approved should include a monthly monitoring program requiring threshold exceedances, regardless of cause, be proactively mitigated by immediate cessation of excavation until water levels/flow normalizes.

*This applies to all rezoning applications, not just "below water table", as surface and subsurface water flows operate independently of water table levels.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we would like to note that numbers of pages in this presentation does not reflect importance. Community Structure, Revenue and Land Planning are not only equally important but inextricably tied together. One for all and all for one!

In that vein, as the OSSGA's executive director stated in our opening paragraph, there may be "headwinds" blowing in 2022 but the Mill Creek Stewards believe they are just one component of the winds of progress. The Mill Creek Stewards believe that those winds need not be negative "headwinds" for the aggregate industry. We believe with a little adjustment in industry sail and direction, those winds can support the health and prosperity of both the aggregate industry and their communities.

References

1) Consultant's Report: Dorfman. June 2021. Ramara Township.
2) Puslinch Council meeting minutes. August 2021
3) Ontario Municipal Board decisions. 2000-2015.
4) McMaster University Prime Farmland Study. 2019 (S9)
5) Province of Ontario: Gravel/ Bedrock Distribution Map; Puslinch Township. (S19)
6) Farmers Union: EOR Submission re Aggregate Resources Act changes, 2020. (S9)
7) Wellington County/ Puslinch Township Budget Analysis.
8) Shell Oil: Globe and Mail 2021/ Failing Wells: Ontario Farmer 2021 (S11)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Coalition demands moratorium on all new gravel mining approvals in Ontario
Ontario NDP and Ontario Green Party pledge support

Hundreds of people attended a historic meeting online last night to launch the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition. Coalition co-chairs Sarah Harmer and Graham Flint announced the demand for a moratorium on all new gravel mining approvals in Ontario. The moratorium statement calls upon the Ontario government to impose an immediate moratorium on all new gravel mining approvals (including interim orders and site plan amendments for mining below the water table or that increase licensed tonnages).

Sarah Harmer narrated this video, an evocative manifesto declaring 'we're in too deep'. The coalition's first initiative is the Demand A Moratorium Now! (DAMN!) campaign and the first call to action is for people to sign the DAMN! petition.

Sandy Shaw, NDP environment critic, and Mike Schreiner, Green Party of Ontario leader pledged their parties' support for a pause on all new gravel mining approvals. Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette announced he will bring a resolution to the February 7th meeting of Council and he expects unanimous support for a moratorium.

> In a passionate speech to an audience of people from across Ontario Mike Schreiner said "The Ontario Greens strongly support a moratorium on new gravel mining permits. We can't continue to destroy the farmland that feeds us and threaten the water that sustains us. Ontario desperately needs stronger regulations of gravel mining to protect people, communities and the places we love."
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> Sandy Shaw, NDP environment critic said "We all deserve a government that acts to protect our environment. Thousands of Ontarians are rightfully worried that aggregate operations can substantially impact local water systems, wildlife, natural habitats, and farmland. I share concerns that the current process does not do enough to protect local communities and the environment. I support the call for a temporary moratorium on all new gravel mining applications as an important first step in creating a new path forward for aggregate mining in Ontario that prioritizes community and environmental wellbeing".
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> ''The protection of the environment and the impact of mining activities on our ecosystem should always be considered" stated Lucille Collard, MPP for Ottawa-Vanier, Liberal critic for the environment. "Proper oversight can guarantee that resource extraction is done responsibly with an environmental lens and is limited to what is necessary.''

1200 people sent rsvp's to the event and organizers estimate more than 800 people joined the meeting from communities all across Ontario.

Sarah Harmer, Coalition co-chair told people at the meeting "Over the last three decades we've seen, on average, over 5,000 acres of new lands licensed for gravel mining in Ontario each year". The singer-songwriter and long-time defender of the Niagara Escarpment added, "That's almost 7000 football fields licensed *every* year, and all of this without honouring **treaties** with Indigenous Nations and **obligations** prescribed in the Canadian Constitution and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)".

"Gravel mining is not a benign activity" said Graham Flint Coalition co-chair, and former president of Gravel Watch Ontario. "It destroys the existing natural environment and damages local communities. Communities across Ontario have waged, and are waging, numerous David and Goliath type battles to protect their families, homes, and communities" said the former president of Gravel Watch Ontario. "It is time to join together and demand that the destruction and injustice associated with gravel mining comes to an end".

The provincial government has authorized annual extraction limits of over 13 times the amount of gravel actually used in Ontario each year. Mike Balkwill, campaign director of the Water Watchers said "Gravel mining is the number one threat to groundwater in Ontario."

Additional speakers at the event included Courtney Skye of Protect the Tract; Tim Gray, Environmental Defence; Katie Krelove, Wilderness Committee; Vi Bui, Council of Canadians; environmental lawyer David Donnelly.

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ENDORSE THE GRAVEL MINING MORATORIUM TODAY

A NEW PATH TO A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

January 2022

WHEREAS gravel mining destroys environments and creates community hazards; and

WHEREAS more highways, urban sprawl and uncontrolled resource extraction contributes to the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS resource extraction began with violent dispossession of Indigenous peoples from their lands and waters, and continues today without Indigenous Nations consent, counter to international Human Rights conventions; and

WHEREAS Canadian jurisdictions and entities must honour treaties with Indigenous Nations and obligations prescribed in the Canadian Constitution (Section 35), and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP); and

WHEREAS the Ontario government has a responsibility to protect homes, communities and the natural environment for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government is also responsible to prevent greater climate chaos;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontario government must take the following urgent actions:

1. Impose an immediate moratorium on all new gravel mining approvals (including interim orders and site plan amendments for mining below the water table or that increase licensed tonnages).

2. Create an independent panel to conduct broad consultations involving Indigenous Nations, municipalities, affected communities, industry, and independent experts and scientists.

3. Chart a new path forward for gravel mining which:
   - Prevents greater climate chaos
   - Protects groundwater and farmland
   - Increases the weight of local perspectives in land use planning
   - Ensures long term supplies of a finite resource
   - Honours treaties with Indigenous Nations and obligations as prescribed in the Canadian Constitution and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

RECOMMENDED AREAS OF CONSULTATION AND INQUIRY

- Determine the total amount of licenced supply in Ontario's 5000+ pits and quarries.
- Propose criteria and processes for determining and demonstrating the need for new gravel mining sites.
- Define limits on 'virgin' aggregate extraction, and targets for aggregate reprocessing in order to ensure sustainable management of the finite gravel resources in Ontario.
- Propose revisions to application procedures which fully honour Indigenous Nations' treaty rights with the Province.
- Recommend updated policies and restrictions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences.
- Propose methods which increase the weight given to municipalities and communities voices in gravel mining decisions.
- Recommend approaches to ensure that gravel mining sites are not allowed to transform themselves in significant ways after initial approval. This would include changes to progressive or final rehabilitation plans.
- Recommend an appropriate levy for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full social and environmental costs of its extraction.
- Recommend approaches to gravel mining oversight to ensure full compliance with all regulations and licence conditions.

TAPMO Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario

TAPMO Committee Meeting Minutes

ROMA Conference

January 23, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Present:	James Seeley, Chair	Mayor	Puslinch
	Sandra Easton, Vice-Chair	Mayor	Lincoln
	Dave Barton	Mayor	Uxbridge
	Sue Foxton	Mayor	North Dumfries
	Jim Hegadorn	Deputy-Mayor	Loyalist Township
	Margaret McCreery	Councillor	North Dumfries
	Marcus Ryan	Mayor	Zorra Township
	Kelly Elliott	Deputy Mayor	Thames Centre
	Bryan Lewis	Councillor	Halton Hills
	Brian Milne	Deputy Mayor	Southgate
	Rick Maloney	Councillor/Deputy Mayor	Bracebridge
	Allan Thompson	Mayor	Caledon
	Johanna Downey	Councillor	Caledon
	Christina Early	Councillor	Caledon
	Don MacLeod	CAO	Zorra
	Alison Warwick	Mayor	Thames Centre
	Nathan Hyde	CAO	Erin
	Allan Alls	Mayor	Erin
	John Brennan	Councillor	Erin
	Mark Evely	Coordinator, Corporate Services	Caledon
	Rod Rolleman	Councillor	North Dumfries
	Marianne Meed Ward	Mayor	Burlington
	Guy Gardhouse	Mayor	East Garafraxa
	Erik Acs	Planner	Niagara
	Ted Smith	Councillor/Deputy Mayor	Brock
	Mark Early	CAO	Mono
	Mike Schreiner	MPP	Guelph
	Andrew Veale	Councillor	Kawartha Lakes
	Pat Dunn	Councillor	Kawartha Lakes

Staff:	Susan Aram	Deputy Treasurer	Wellington
	Kim Courts	Deputy Clerk	Wellington
	Ken DeHart	County Treasurer	Wellington
Also Present:	Cynthia Kuehl	Partner	Lerners LLP
	Greg Webb	Senior Consultant	MTAG

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1. Call to Order

At 10:00 am, Chair Seeley called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

2. Delegation:

2.1 Cynthia Kuehl, Partner, Lerners LLP

Moved by: Mayor Dave Barton
Seconded by: Mayor Allan Alls

That the Wellington County Gravel Pit Appeals verbal update provided by Cynthia Kuehl, Partner, Lerners LLP be received for information.

Carried

3. Municipal Tax Advisory Group (MTAG) Paralegal Professional Corp Briefing Notes

3.1 Update #1 - November 2021

Moved by: Mayor Guy Gardhouse
Seconded by: Vice-Chair Easton

That the MTAG Briefing Note - Update #1 – November 2021 be received for information.

Carried

3.2 Update #2 - January 2022

Moved by: Mayor Guy Gardhouse
Seconded by: Vice-Chair Easton

That the MTAG Paralegal Professional Corp Briefing Note - Update #2 – January 2022 presented by Greg Webb, Senior Consultant, MTAG Paralegal Professional Corp be received for information.

Carried

4. Minutes for Approval

4.1 January 6, 2022

Moved by: Mayor Sue Foxton
Seconded by: Mayor Marcus Ryan

That the minutes of the January 6, 2022 TAPMO Executive Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

5. TAPMO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
Seconded by: Mayor Marcus Ryan

That the TAPMO Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2021, October 21, 2021 and November 18, 2021 be received for information.

Carried

6. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference - August 14-17, 2022 - TAPMO Request for Delegation Meeting

Moved by: Mayor Sue Foxton
Seconded by: Chair Seeley

That staff be directed to submit requests to delegate on behalf of TAPMO with the following Ministries at the AMO Conference being held in Ottawa, ON, August 14-17, 2022:

Ministry of Finance (Topic is MPAC)
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests; and

That the CAOs be directed to provide the briefs to Ministers.

Carried

7. Executive Committee Vacant Positions

Chair Seeley asked if there were any nominations from the Northern and Central Districts for the vacant TAPMO Executive Committee positions.

Councillor Pat Dunn, City of Kawartha Lakes nominated Andrew Veale, Councillor, City of Kawartha Lakes as the Central District Representative.

Councillor Veale accepted the nomination. Chair Seeley called for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

Moved by: Mayor Sue Foxton
Seconded by: Councillor Pat Dunn

That Andrew Veale, Councillor, City of Kawartha Lakes be the Central District Representative on the TAPMO Executive Committee, for the remainder of the 2020-2022 term.

Carried

There were no representatives from the Northern District in attendance.

8. Adjournment

At 11:48 am, the Chair adjourned the meeting until February 11, 2022.

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James Seeley - Chair TAPMO Executive Committee

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To: Chair and Members of the TAPMO Executive Committee

From: Kim Courts, Deputy Clerk, County of Wellington

Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Subject: Proposed TAPMO Website

Background

The TAPMO Executive Committee passed the following resolution at the January 6, 2022 meeting:

> That staff be directed to research the costs involved in creating a TAPMO website, independent of a host municipality, and report back to the February 11, 2022 meeting.

Staff have conducted research into Wordpress, a website creation builder, and have requested quotations from two professional web design organizations with municipal experience – Upanup and Sussex Strategy Group. The task being to build upon the foundation of the TAPMO page currently hosted on the County of Wellington website TAPMO - Wellington County - Wellington County, and developing a proper web presence for TAPMO.

Some of the main website requirements include:

Ease of transferability from one municipality to another
User friendly
Cost effective
Value of services
Technical structure and functionality that will meet the future needs of the organization
Technical support

WordPress

WordPress is a widely used content management system that assists in building and hosting websites. WordPress is quite easy to use and has many flexible template designs, however the initial workload would be an intense and time consuming process to set up, design and implement the site. Transferring the website and permissions to a new municipality each term, while ensuring training is provided would also be an equally intense and time consuming process. While WordPress itself can be free, Premium and Business packages range from $10-$33 a month. There are a number of factors that will add to the increased cost, which include:

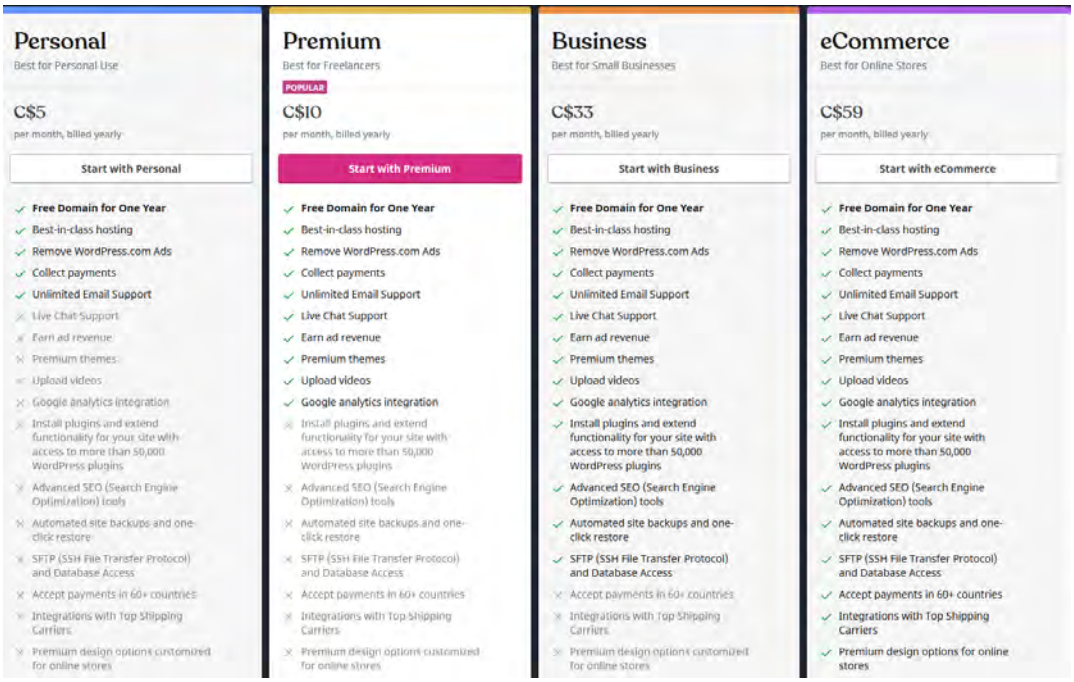
Domain name
Web Hosting
Theme/Templates (determines website appearance)
Plugins (add-ons that add more features to website)
Site Security
Technical Support

Some features of the three types of WordPress hosting are:

Shared Hosting – website shares a server with many other sites, economical, vulnerable to issues with other websites that are part of the same server

Dedicated Hosting – leasing an entire server for website, slightly expensive, more flexibility and control over hosting functions

Managed Hosting – companies dedicated to Wordpress sites, expensive, configured for the WordPress platform, receives automatic upgrades, dedicated technical support



Upanup

Upanup is a Canadian website designer company that builds their solutions on the Drupal content management system. Their developers have been working with Drupal for over 25 years and many Canadian municipalities have used Upanup to lead the design and implementation of their websites, manage permissions and provide training when needed.

Platform services include:

- ✓ Security updates with zero-downtime, safe-install procedure (typically 6+ times per year)
- ✓ Bug (technical error) fixes to the site
- ✓ ReCAPTCHA maintenance of webforms, for protection against spam bots
- ✓ Support for user role management, including password resets and new site editors setup (up to 10 times a year included)
- ✓ Support for content changes to normally static content areas such as address in footer (up to twice per year included)
- ✓ Ongoing platform improvements
- ✓ Online help guide to assist site editors with step-by-step instructions for content management of site
- ✓ Industry-leading, Canadian-based third-party hosting infrastructure via AWS
- ✓ Daily snapshot backups to Upanup's protected servers, ensuring continuity in case of compromise
- ✓ Maintenance, ongoing optimization and security of web server hardware, software and databases
- ✓ 24/7 monitoring of site uptime, proactive response and reporting on any disruptions

Fees

The associated budget requirements for the CiviKit website platform are as follows:

- Setup fee = $4,750
- Platform services fees (start at launch) = $250 per month upon site delivery
- **= $7,750 for the new website and first year of services (then $3,000/year ongoing)**

Sussex Strategy Group

The Sussex Strategy Group is a large Canadian firm that specializes in offering services to all levels of government. Their services include micro-targeted advertising, list-building, online persuasion, website development and content development.

Component	Cost
Site Design & Development - Development of Basic Brand, including logo, color palette and fonts*. - Development and design of front-end interface, including development of homepage, who we are section, members/resources section, contact us page and simple "Blog" section & templates. - Development of back-end infrastructure to support front-end user experience, including development of member and resource uploads + blog backend + and contact us form submissions. - Integrate and setup all standard web tracking and reporting infrastructure to support communications goals, measurement and reporting. - Provide two (2) hours of training + five (5) hours of post-project support, including domain setup and hosting support.	**$7,875**
Subtotal	**$7,875 + HST**

Attachments:

Upanup Submission
Sussex Strategy Group Submission

Recommendation

That the Proposed TAPMO Website report be received for information.

Sincerely,

Kim Courts
Deputy Clerk

TAPMO | Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario

To: Chair and Members of the TAPMO Executive Committee

From: Kim Courts, Deputy Clerk, County of Wellington

Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Subject: Proposed TAPMO Logo Designs

Background

The County of Wellington Communications Team has designed four logos for the Executive Committee to consider. All components of the logos are original designs and each represents a very different approach, from being very clean and simple type, to more artistic and layered imagery.

It is important to note that these logos are not stock photos. For future trademarking purposes, all components are required to be original.

Once the committee has reviewed and selected a logo, the Graphic Designer can further finesse and advise on how best to incorporate into website and other applications.

Recommendation

That the Proposed TAPMO Logo Designs report be received for information.

Sincerely,

Kim Courts
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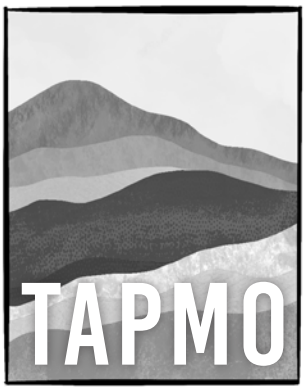

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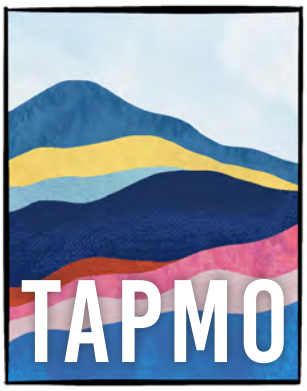

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TAPMO

MEMORANDUM

To: Member Municipalities

Re: **Item 3.1 TAPMO AGM Agenda**
Establishing a Workplan August 2021 to January 2022

Date: August 15th, 2021

The workplan laid out below was adopted at the TAPMO AGM in August 2020. The intent of the workplan was to focus the time, effort and accountability of reporting back to the Member Municipalities of TAPMO.

The suggested Workplan for TAPMO through to January 2022 is as follows:

A. Provincial

1. Continued meetings and liaison with the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry, and specifically the Minister's Office, with the objective of raising the profile of TAPMO and advocating for programs, policies and/or regulations that are responsive to the needs and perspective of area Municipalities. Where applicable, other Provincial Ministries would be included in the meetings / liaison.

2. Support the work underway in Wellington County as it pertains to the methodology to be deployed for the assessment valuation of aggregate sites. A fair and equitable assessment program to be developed.

B. OSSGA

1. Continued meetings and liaison with the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA), with the objective of raising the profile of TAPMO and advocating for programs, policies and/or regulations that are responsive to the needs and perspective of area Municipalities. Where possible, promote opportunities for joint submissions, programs, case studies,

C. Initiatives / Programs

1. MNRF representation at the Planning stage of aggregate applications and more effectively interface the parallel processes of the review / approval of Licenses under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and the *Planning Act* applications

associated with Official Plan Amendments / Zoning By-law Amendments. Seamless integration of Provincial and Local Municipal functions is the intent.

2. Working in consultation with the OSSGA and the Ministry, develop streamlined process for the approval / expansion of aggregate applications occurring above the water table.

3. Develop a mutually (TAPMO, OSSGA and Municipality) agreed upon set of 'experts' to prepare technical studies (ie: traffic, noise & dust, environmental, hydrogeology & hydrology, etc) and avoid the need for duplicating 'peer' review studies. The objective is to focus time and effort on the preparation of complete studies and avoid additional costs and time delays. The Municipality and the aggregate applicant would agree on Terms of Reference for the studies which would then establish the work plan / scope of work and analysis to be completed by the selected consultant.

4. Establish a more robust process that provides a consistent interpretation of:

   i) what triggers an amendment to an approved License / Site Plan;

   ii) clarification of what constitutes a major vs minor amendment to a License / Site Plan and associated Notice provisions;

   iii) how to identify and regulate haul routes; capital road improvements to haul routes; and, the issue of haul routes on or adjacent to Municipal boundaries that may affect two or more Municipalities

5. A review and analysis of any further adjustments to the aggregate levy that are transferred to Municipalities on a per tonne basis from aggregate operators.

6. The ability for Local Municipal by-law enforcement officers to regulate/enforce Provincial laws or conditions on Licenses with respect to aggregate operations, haul routes, etc. Identify Municipalities that may be interested in participating in this pilot project and then make a submission to the Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry.

7. A review, utilizing municipal staff resources, to assess land use policy options for end of use aggregate sites where extraction below the water table operations were permitted. The objective of this review and analysis is to identify broader land use opportunities to grow the assessment base in recognition that agricultural opportunities are likely not practical on properties where below the water table extraction occurred.

Revised: August 18th, 2019

TOP AGGREGATE PRODUCING MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO

TERMS OF REFERENCE

ARTICLE I Definitions

1.1 **Aggregate Industry or Aggregates** shall encompass the broad spectrum of producers in the Stone, Sand and Gravel commodities**.**

1.2 **Associate Member Municipality** means a member of Council of any municipality in the Province of Ontario that is not a Member Municipality

1.3 **Member** means the Mayor of a Member Municipality or a member of Council appointed by Resolution of their Council.

1.4 **Member Municipality** shall mean a lower tier and/or single tier municipality in Ontario that has paid its annual financial commitment to TAPMO and is deemed to be a member in good standing.

1.5 **TAPMO** shall mean the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities in Ontario**.**

ARTICLE II Purpose

2.1 TAPMO is committed to working with the Ontario Government, Municipalities and the Aggregate Industry to achieve a collaborative process in terms of the approval and/or expansion of licensed sites, and, in the continued safe, community respectful and environmentally sustainable operation of aggregate production.

2.2 TAPMO believes that local municipalities have a vital role to play in ensuring a sustainable aggregate industry for Ontario and, as a Provincial Association representing aggregate rich communities. TAPMO members seek to develop long-term best practices and constructive, sustainable solutions that will ultimately benefit all stakeholders.

2.3 Working with its partners, TAPMO will develop practical, long-term initiatives, solutions and actions to promote and protect the sustainability of aggregate

production in Ontario while being mindful of the well-being of Member Municipalities.

2.4 Working with its partners, TAPMO will encourage and promote efforts to assess and quantify the cumulative social, environmental and health impacts of multiple sites within an aggregate producing area in the short, medium and long term periods. The promotion of activities shall include, , but not limited to: quarrying below the water table, infrastructure maintenance and repair, dust and noise assessment, traffic, baseflow contributions to area watercourses and environmentally sensitive features, haul routes and progressive site rehabilitation practices.

Article III Strategic Goals

3.1 Monitoring & Participation – TAPMO will monitor Federal, Provincial and other regulatory agencies, boards and commissions as well as industry associations to determine, assess and respond to initiatives which may impact upon its Member Municipalities as it relates to the aggregate industry.

3.2 Advocacy – TAPMO will vigorously advocate for change to aggregate policies, legislative initiatives, programs or industry plans which impact upon the economic, social and /or cultural well-being of its Member Municipalities.

3.3 Communication – TAPMO will work to ensure timely and accurate communications with its membership, and where appropriate, the Council of its Member Municipalities.

3.4 Awareness – TAPMO will work to foster awareness of issues of concerns to its membership with Federal and Provincial decision-makers, leaders of industry associations, and others who may be operating in or have jurisdiction in TAPMO communities associated with the production of aggregates.

3.5 Sharing Best Practices – Members of TAPMO will research, assess and recommend, where appropriate, best practices for the benefit of the Member Municipalities as it pertains to aggregate production.

Article IV Membership

4.1 On an annual basis TAPMO shall establish an Operating Budget and by Resolution adopted by the Member Municipalities the annual levy to be paid to TAPMO will be established. A Member Municipality in good standing shall be current within that calendar year in terms of its annual payment to TAPMO.

4.2 Only a Member is eligible to vote on any Resolution or Motion introduced at a TAPMO meeting.

4.3 Only a Member Municipality can introduce an item for New & Other Business or the consideration of a Resolution / Motion at a meeting.

Article V Officers and Meetings

5.1 Elections for the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee shall be held at an advertised meeting of TAPMO as a listed Agenda item. Nominations for each of the positions shall be made at the advertised meeting and the candidates will be afforded an opportunity to make a brief statement before the vote is called.

5.2 The election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee shall be administered by the Secretary-Treasurer of TAPMO.

5.3 Voting for the position of the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Executive Committee shall be completed by a ballot with each Member Municipality being afforded one vote. The majority vote through the ballot process shall determine the Chair, Vice-Chair and Executive Committee.

5.4 In the event of a tied ballot for one or more of the positions, the following run-off process shall be implemented:

i) If there are three or more candidates vying for a position, only the top two candidates will advance forward. A repeat of a ballot election will immediately take place to determine the winner;

ii) If there are two candidates tied vying for the position, the Secretary-Treasurer will flip a coin with the winner declared as a result of the coin toss.

5.5 Chair – The Chair of TAPMO will be elected from among the Members. The term of Office shall be for a two year period to be identified at the time of the vote. The Chair shall be responsible to:

i) convene over meetings of TAPMO, including Executive Committee meetings;

ii) Act as the principal liaison with the Federal and Provincial Governments and the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association;

iii) Provide direction and input in the development of TAPMO and Executive Committee Meeting Agenda(s);

iv) Provide correspondence and updates to Member Municipalities on matters of interest to keep the membership current on trends, issues or matters associated with the aggregate industry;

v) Implement actions arising from TAPMO meetings that have been adopted by the Member Municipalities.

5.6 Vice-Chair – the Vice-Chair of TAPMO will be elected from among the Members. The term of Office shall be for a two year period to be identified at the time of the vote. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume all responsibilities of the Chair.

5.7 The election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall take place every two (2) years at the TAPMO Annual General Meeting or in the event of a Municipal Election and the Chair and Vice-Chair not being re-elected, at the earliest possible advertised meeting of TAPMO.

5.8 The Secretary Treasurer of TAPMO shall be the Chief Administrative Officer and/ or the Chief Financial Officer of the Member Municipality of the Chair. The Secretary Treasurer will be responsible for the administrative activities of TAPMO including setting and preparing meeting agendas, recording minutes, resolutions and decisions of TAPMO and implementing any direction approved by TAPMO.

Article VI Executive Committee

6.1 The general affairs of TAPMO shall be managed by the Executive Committee. The roles and actions of the Executive Committee shall be in a manner consistent with these Terms of Reference and to the Resolutions as adopted by the Member Municipalities,

6.2 The Executive Committee must communicate with TAPMO members in regards to exercising the powers and actions of the organization.

6.3 All members of the Executive Committee shall be from Member Municipalities of TAPMO. Directors elected to the Executive Committee shall serve a two year term.

6.4 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of five (5) Directors but not more than seven (7) Directors and the Chair and Vice Chair.

6.5 The Directors of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the Member Municipalities at an advertised TAPMO Meeting as follows:

i) There will be one (1) Director elected representing the Districts comprised of Eastern, Central, Northern, Southwest, and, Greater Toronto Hamilton Area / Niagara. The Director must be from a Member Municipality in the identified District and more accurately defined as per Attachment No. 1 to these Terms of Reference;

ii) Two Directors elected at-large

6.6 Should a position on the Executive Committee become vacant, the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy and that person shall hold office for the balance of the term. This individual shall be eligible for re-election when the term is over.

6.7 The office of an Executive Committee member shall become vacant if a member:

i) Resigns;

ii) Becomes unfit and/or is incapable of acting as such;

iii) Ceases to be a Member Municipality of TAPMO;

iv) Is removed by the Executive Committee by a resolution adopted by a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) of its members;

v) Misses 3 consecutive meetings without a Resolution from the Executive Committee granting an extension.

6.7 Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the Chair on not less than ten (10) days notice to members of the Committee

6.8 Quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the members of the Committee.

6.9 Whenever possible, meetings of the Executive Committee shall be by conference call or by videoconference. The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of three times a calendar year.

6.10 The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible to provide administrative support and coordination to the Executive Committee.

Article VII Annual Meetings

7.1 Whenever possible, the Meetings of TAPMO shall be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA).

7.2 The Annual General Meeting of TAPMO shall be coincident with the AMO Meeting with the exception of the year of Municipal Elections. On the year immediately following the convening of the Municipal Elections, the Annual General Meeting will be held at the ROMA Conference.

7. 3 TAPMO Meetings shall be convened by the Chair on not less than twenty-one (21) days' notice to all Member Municipalities. The notice shall state the date, time and place of the meeting and, in broad terms, the business to be transacted at the meeting through a published Agenda

7.4 The business of an Annual General Meeting shall include:

i) The presentation and adoption of the Annual Report of the Chair.

ii) The consideration of the Annual Financial Statement for the preceding calendar year.

iii) The election of members to serve on the Executive Committee for the following year (if applicable).

iv) Other matters as may be considered appropriate.

7.5 All voting at the TAPMO Meetings shall be by show of hands except for the election of members of the Executive Committee, Chair and Vice-Chair which shall be by ballot.

Article VIII Financial Matters

8.1 Membership fees will be established in each calendar year at the Annual General Meeting.

8.2 The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be responsible for authorizing payment of expenditures incurred.

8.3 Any expense that is not associated with the hosting of a meeting shall be authorized by the TAPMO Executive on a project by project basis and funded as determined by the Member Municipalities of TAPMO.

8.4 The Chair shall be responsible for monitoring and reporting on the expenditures occurred.

8.5 Signing Authority – The Member Municipality of the Chair shall be responsible for establishing a bank account and shall have financial signing authority upon receiving the necessary approvals.

8.6 The TAPMO financial year shall be the calendar year.

8.7 The Secretary Treasurer shall prepare an Annual Financial Statement for each financial year. The Annual Financial Statement shall include a statement of income and expenditures.

8.8 No portion of the income of TAPMO shall be paid to any person / business, Member Municipality, any member of TAPMO or the Executive Committee except:

i) Reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to the organization;

ii) Reimbursement of actual costs or expenses reasonably incurred on behalf of the organization;

iii) Recovery of the direct overhead (not including wages) for the administration by the Municipality that co-ordinates TAPMO deliverables

8.9 The Executive Committee shall recommend to the Member Municipalities the required annual membership fees.

Article IX Amendment of the Terms of Reference

9.1 These Terms of Reference may be amended by a Resolution adopted by a minimum of 2/3 of the Members present at any TAPMO Meeting.

9.2 At least twenty-one (21) days' notice prior to the TAPMO Meeting stating the nature of the Resolution being proposed to amend the Terms of Reference must be given to all Member Municipalities.

9.3 The Terms of Reference should be reviewed by the Executive Committee every three (3) years to ensure that they continue to represent the key interests and objectives of TAPMO.

ATTACHMENT No. 1

DIRECTORS – COMPOSITION OF THE DISTRICTS

Listed below are the municipalities (Counties, Regions or Districts) that make up the five regions from which one (1) Director shall represent.

Eastern District

Hastings
Renfrew
Lennox and Addington
Prince Edward
Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Frontenac
Lanark
Leeds and Grenville
Ottawa
Prescott and Russel

Southwest District

Essex
Lambton
Elgin
Haldimand
Oxford
Perth
Wellington
Grey
Chatham-Kent
Middlesex
Norfolk
Brant
Waterloo
Huron
Bruce

Greater Toronto Hamilton Area / Niagara District

Durham
Peel
Hamilton
York
Halton
Niagara

Central District

Dufferin
Kawartha Lakes
Peterborough
Muskoka
Simcoe
Northumberland
Haliburton

Northern District

Nipissing
Manitoulin
Sudbury
Cochrane
Rainy River
Parry Sound
Timiskaming
Algoma
Thunder Bay
Kenora

-----Original Message-----
From: wellingtoncounty@esolutionsgroup.ca <wellingtoncounty@esolutionsgroup.ca> On Behalf Of Erik Acs
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 3:31 PM
To: tapmo <tapmo@wellington.ca>
Subject: Niagara Region Official Plan - Aggregate Policies

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you know the contents to be safe.

Hello,
I'm a Planner with Niagara Region. We're currently developing a new Regional Official Plan, which includes updated policies on aggregates. The Region has a number of large quarry operations, those operators as well as OSSGA have been involved in reviewing and commenting on our draft policies.

We were wondering if TAPMO had the capacity to do a review of our draft policy set?

If its easier to discuss via a virtual or telephone meeting, we would certainly be interested in discussing this further.

Sincerely,

Erik Acs

From: Ogilvie, Andrew (NDMNRF) <Andrew.Ogilvie@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 9:24:18 AM
To: jseeley@puslinch.ca <jseeley@puslinch.ca>
Cc: sfoxton@northdumfries.ca <sfoxton@northdumfries.ca>; Curlew, Cathy (NDMNRF) <Cathy.Curlew@ontario.ca>; Dove, Darlene (NDMNRF) <Darlene.Dove@ontario.ca>
Subject: Technical Briefing on Excess Soil Posting

Hello Mayor Seeley,

We recently sent to you the attached notice regarding the ministry's proposed regulatory changes for the beneficial reuse of excess soil at pits and quarries in Ontario.

We would like to offer a briefing session for you and other executive members of TAPMO. We are interested in discussing our proposal with you with special attention to the potential for interference with municipal processes for managing fill sites.

Below are some suggested meeting dates for your consideration.
Thursday February 10th – 10:00 – 11:30 am
Monday February 14th – 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Wednesday February 16th – 2:00 – 3:30 pm
Monday February 21st – 10:00 – 11:30 am.

I apologize for the short notice but we are interested in speaking with your group before the comment period closes for our posting on February 24th.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Andrew Ogilvie

A/ Manager, Resources Development Section
Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry

Resources Planning and Development
Policy Branch
Policy Division
300 Water Street
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

Ministère du Développement du Nord, des Mines, des Richesses Naturelles et des Forêts

Direction des politiques de planification et d'exploitation des ressources
Division de l'élaboration des politiques
300, rue Water
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7

Ontario

Subject: Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act

Dear Ontario Heads of Council and Clerks,

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry recognizes the critical role Ontario's municipalities play in the lives of Ontarians. We value our strong collaborative partnership with municipalities and the associations that represent their interests.

I am writing to inform you, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing regulatory changes under the *Aggregate Resources Act*. These changes will harmonize with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' new provincial requirements under the *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA) for soil that is moved during construction activities to another site for a beneficial reuse (i.e., excess soil). Ontario Regulation 406/19, and Rules for Soil Management and Excess Soil Quality Standards include risk-based quality standards for the safe reuse of excess soil.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

A complete summary of the proposed regulatory changes can be found on the Environmental Registry at the following address: www.ero.ontario.ca
Then search for notice: 019-4801

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)
2. By email to aggregates@ontario.ca, or
3. By mail to:

   Resources Development Section
   Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
   300 Water Street, 2nd Floor South
   Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

If you have any questions you can contact Darryl Mitchell at (705) 313-2154.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes,
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch