



**Dufferin Aggregates Milton Quarry
Community Advisory Panel (CAP)
Meeting Minutes**

Event:	Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Milton Quarry
Date & Time:	Wednesday December 2, 2020 -7:02- 8:42 PM
Place:	Zoom
Chair:	Morgan Murphy, Smithcom Limited
Participants:	<u>CAP Members:</u> Walter Heyden, Dufferin Aggregates, Site Manager, Milton Quarry Scott McCammon, Milton Chamber of Commerce Nancy Mott, Niagara Escarpment Commission Colin Best, Town of Milton Councilor Bryan Lewis, Halton Hills Councilor Stephen Ng Qui Sang, Neighbour Ted Brown, Halton Hills Councilor Kristina Tesser Derksen, Town of Milton Councilor Shelly Varley, Neighbour Tina-Marie Fava, Dufferin Aggregates, Milton Quarry Kevin Mitchell, CRH Canada Group Inc. Mohamed Mousa, CRH Canada Group Inc. Lisa Grbinicek, Niagara Escarpment Commission
Minutes:	Emily Lopez, Smithcom Limited
Regrets:	Jessie Spasov, Dufferin Aggregates, Sustainable Development Coordinator Letty Stevenson, Dufferin Aggregates, Milton Quarry Nancy Tilt, Bruce Trail Anissa McAlpine, Planner, Niagara Escarpment Commission Janice Vancso, Neighbour

Minutes

New members Lisa Grbinicek and Tina-Marie Fava are introduced.

Morgan asks members to review and approve the previous meeting minutes of May 8, 2019.

Stephen – Action item to connect with Walter on “Butternut Tree Project” was not completed.

Walter – Agrees to connect with Stephen offline to discuss the “Butternut Tree Project.”

Kevin- Confirms to take discussion offline and shares some background information and learnings regarding the project.

ACTION ITEM- Finalize Butternut Tree Project discussion.

Nancy- Do you now have an agreement with MECP?

Kevin- All regulation that was originally filed with MNRF was recently moved over to MECP.

Stephen- Have you had success?

Kevin- Shares challenges with trees but confirmed overall success.

Bryan- Asks for the status of an action item from previous meeting regarding informing the community about our work and endangered species.

Kevin- Shares updates on species at risk on site at Milton; the Jefferson Salamander and Butternut Trees, Bank Swallows, and Eastern Meadowlarks. All appropriate registrations are in place for the species that require them, and a Jefferson Salamander monitoring program is in place. No comprehensive document exists at this time. Discussed the participation on TVO show “Striking Balance” TVO show.

Bryan- The committee should have access to appropriate documentation.

Kevin- We have all documentation and specific details can be given if requested.

Morgan- Suggests that a high-level overview of work be created and shared with all CAP members. (1 page)

Walter- Suggests brochures be distributed to the public.

Nancy - Suggests sharing link to “Striking Balance” with the public.

ACTION ITEM- Members of the CAP have access to brochures and link to video to share if requested.

Morgan asks Walter to give an update on remaining action items from the last meeting.

Walter- Confirms that James Snow Parkway has been completed since the last meeting and is now open.

Water- Shares Bruce Trail Maps (on screen.) Highlighted areas which are currently closed due to lack of cooperation from hikers during blasting operations.

Morgan asks for any further questions. Motion to approve the minutes requested.

Scott- Approves motion.

Ted- Seconds the motion.

May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes approved.

Walter- Presents “Milton Quarry 2020 Operations” update

Highlights areas of extraction, no production in the North Quarry in 2020.

Reduce Operation Impacts:

- Active enforcement program by 3rd party paid by Dufferin
- Meetings with HPS, Town of Milton and Halton Hills
- Trucker Safety Inspection with MTO and HPS

Blasting:

- 5 external blast monitors- 2 on RR25, 6th line, 15sr, Townline
- 2 internal monitors
- Utilize most modern electronic blasting technologies

Water management system:

- Annual ecological assessments
- Active water injection
- Co-ordinate with Conservation Halton on management of the DFA Milton reservoir.

The presentation updates continue.

Shares 2020 Site Prep, areas of extraction. Extraction in the West cell is completely finished. Blasted from February to November 2020. Shipping hours were 5AM to 5PM, Monday to Friday, with Saturdays on demand.

DFA community activity was reduced due to COVID-19. DFA employees planted trees and cleaned up the sixth line for Earth Day. Open Door/ Open Hour was cancelled. Darling Home activity was shifted to financial support only as many events were cancelled.

Walter- Opens the floor to questions about Milton operations.

Scott- Were extraction operations affected by the pandemic?

Walter- From March to May, there were PPE and staffing shortages, and operations were scaled back. The market and demand recovered in May. We are now seeing some drop off in the market, likely weather related.

Morgan- Were there any COVID outbreaks?

Walter- None in our 350 employees or any Dufferin area facilities. We do have exhaustive screening protocols in place to reduce risk.

Bryan- Mentions that Dufferin are working to keep truckers away from Dublin Line from 4AM-5AM. Are there any blasting monitors at private residences?

Walter- All five blasting monitors are located at private residences, which allow extractions. Blast readings are available if the homeowners are interested. Three have requested readings on ground vibration and air compression.

Walter- Confirms there is active enforcement in place on Dublin Line to deter trucks, as well as NTO spot checks and safety checks.

Mohamed presents the Acton Quarry Transition.

Mohamed- Dufferin Aggregates- Acton Quarry Transition presented.

No production in 2020. Shipping occurred in July and August and was then shut down again. Site remains in a care and control situation and is attended daily.

Mohamed- Shares transition plan to Acton and new development at Milton. Expects that operation in Milton will resume for 2-3 years, and then transition to Acton. It is not company intent to operate both quarries simultaneously.

Morgan opens the floor to questions

Bryan- Asks for clarification on operations plan in Acton.

Mohamed- Company intent is to go back to Acton once reserves in Milton are depleted.

Walter- Opens the floor to questions regarding traffic enforcement.

Traffic Enforcement:

- Program remains in place for 2020
- Covers Milton and Acton (when it was open)
- 3rd party firm engaged
- Progressive discipline system in place for offenders

Nancy- Why would you pursue the extension which will require the usually planning approvals and lengthy process, instead of going back to Acton, which has all its approvals?

Mohamed- At Acton we have an old plan, dating back from 1950s and 60s, which isn't efficient in operating large volumes. Our intent is to demolish this existing plant and refurbish it and want to utilize some of the components from Milton into Acton. Explains that license extension would allow for efficiency.

Walter- Asks Kevin if he would like to comment.

Kevin- Agrees with Mohamed and stated that it is essential to replace water aggregates once they have depleted.

Walter- Opens the floor to questions. Kevin to show presentation.

Kevin- Presents “Milton Quarry Presentation”, includes arial map of all land owned by Milton Quarry and highlights extractions sites.

Kevin- Presents “Proposed Milton Quarry East Extension,” explains map and legend. Explains proposed water management system and states that all water level data has been collected, with ecology work done by a third party. Archeology work and consultation with First Nations groups has been completed, area has been reseeded. Formal process has not yet started, update to come.

Morgan- Opens the floor for any questions for Kevin.

ACTION ITEM- Kevin to make maps available to all CAP members, to be included in follow up of the minutes.

Stephen – If you get approval for the proposed extraction area, how many years does this add on to the existing quarry?

Kevin- Three years, however if the approval process takes as long as usual, we would run out of reserves and parts of the plant would be moved to Acton. Once this Milton site was approved, a smaller portable project would happen, which would take 10-12 years as extraction move slower.

Stephen- Will you continue to expand to use up all the foraged land or only the proposed land?

Kevin- The only area we are proposing to extract can be found on the map, outlined in orange. This would be the last area we are looking at for extraction, because beyond that, the areas are heavily wooded and are protected.

Lisa- Clarifies that these areas are protected lands in that they are escarpment natural areas and not eligible for an application for an amendment.

Morgan asks for any other questions or comments for Kevin.

Stephen- When and how will community be notified?

Kevin- Those in the area would be sent a notification via newsletter. These areas aren’t owned by any private individuals where they would need to be notified. As well, it would be posted on the website and in the community newspaper.

Stephen- Can I share this with other neighbours?

Kevin- Yes, if they have questions, they can reach out to us. At this point, plans are preliminary, and we have not filed a formal application.

Morgan introduced the next agenda item, a brief discussion surrounding neighbour relations.

Walter- Overall, we have a good relationship with our neighbors. We are in contact with them continuously and work to answer their concerns. There is one neighbour in particular who is quite challenging and has become unprofessional. Site managers, Kevin and I continue to work with and share information with this individual.

Kevin- We have spoken with this neighbour regarding blasting and noise concerns. We will continue to work with him moving forward. Generally, we do not get many complaints and when we do, we try and address them quickly.

Bryan- Comments further on strident disposition of this neighbour. Asks that informing the individual that we raised his concerns at this meeting be put on as an **Agenda item**.

Walter- Asks Kevin for any further comment.

Kevin- Thanks those who have kept communication with this individual.

Stephen- Thanks Walter for his communication but agreed that neighbours are concerned with blasts.

Bryan- Stated that Stephen voices his concerns professionally.

Question and Answer/Open Discussion

Morgan opens the floor to general questions.

Kristina- Have residents called Dufferin with general quarry application questions and are they confusing Reed road quarry projects as work being done by Dufferin?

Walter- Redirects to Kevin

Kevin- We have received some calls looking for general information on quarry operations.

Kristina- Offers to help answer any questions.

ACTION ITEM- Standing item to be added to the Agenda regarding Quarry Application Update Status.

Bryan- Suggests removing participants who have not been regularly attending meetings and seek out other attendees.

Walter- Agrees to refresh list of attendees.

ACTION ITEM- Refresh list of attendees. Add Terms of Reference as a follow up.

Nancy- Suggests that we look into inviting members for a new organization, *Sustainable Milton*, of which she is a member.

Walter- Offers his contact information.

Bryan- Highlights that these meetings are intended for area resident only.

ACTION ITEM- Circulate recent terms of reference. Any decision to welcome a new attendee will be made as a group.

Stephen- Should I wait before suggesting application to CAP to my neighbours?

Kevin- Suggests they send application forms.

Colin- Suggests the CAP consider welcoming members from organization, *Milton Heights*, who will be affected by the extension. Suggests bringing a regional public works employee to the next meeting.

Walter- Agrees that Dufferin areas would like to see that update. Do we need to vote on this?

ACTION ITEM- Provide update on the traffic circle.

Stephen- Colin, are you talking about the interchange on the 401?

Colin- Yes, they are looking complete the project in 2023.

Morgan confirms that action items and minutes will be circulated. Suggests March or April for our next virtual meeting.

Walter- Suggests March 3rd as a tentative date.

Morgan-The next meeting will be held virtually March 3, 2021. Requests motion to adjourn.

Scott- Motion to adjourn.