

Bulletin #10 September 2012

Due to a more demanding September than usual, the bi-monthly REDC Bulletin is a little late this month.

Proposals for the McCormick farm, 17736 Heart Lake Road, Caledon Village

The original McCormick Pit Proposal ran out of time and expired in March 2012. At REDC's request the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) asked Blueland Farms to remove from the property, signage which posted the licence application notice that was no longer valid. At the time Blueland Farms indicated to MNR its interest in submitting a new proposal in June or July 2012. **So far this has not occurred.**



On July 12th Blueland consultants had a preconsultation meeting with Town of Caledon's DART [Development Application Review Team] to explore what is needed to satisfy local regulations and to receive feedback on preliminary objectives for the site.

Prior to this first DART meeting, developers submit a required form with preliminary site plans which is widely reviewed internally and externally. At the meeting these reviews are shared with the developer.

If this process goes forward, this DART meeting is the first of a number of meetings with the Town, Region

and other authorities for amendments to their regulations.

In the absence of a licence application to MNR, plans were discussed on July 12th that differ in a number of respects from the licence application of 2010-2012.

WHAT'S NEW? WHAT'S THE SAME?

- Licence application for 100 Acres: Same
- New consultants: Skelton, Brumwell and Associates
- Haulage route along Heart Lake Road and Charleston Road: Same
- Below the water table mining: Same
- New: Developer proposes to extract 53 acres (*at present? subject to amendments?*)
- New: Developer proposes to preserve 29 acres of existing woodland and wetland
- New: Additional development of on site Concrete batching factory being explored
- New: Additional development of on site Asphalt recycling factory being explored.

Community members had 45 days to respond to the original application for aggregate extraction. With the possibility of cement batching and also asphalt recycling factories on site, REDC is in the process of clarifying who are the licencing and oversight agencies for these additional operations.

Ward 1 Councillors have agreed to pursue the following REDC requests:

- ***Can arrangements be made to post notices of a new proposal in all 3 newspapers that local citizens receive rather than the minimum one local paper required by regulation?***
- ***Will the expanded notification area in which letters are sent to impacted residents continue?*** During the period of the first proposal, Ward 1 Councillors had arranged for an extensive notification process beyond the minimum mandated by regulation.

Caledon citizens can ask the planning department to put you on this Town notification list.

Brampton Brick Proposal to modify Rehabilitation Plans at the Cheltenham Site

On August 14th Council heard a proposal from Brampton Brick to modify its rehabilitation plans at the Cheltenham site. Councillor Beffort reported that Council voted to ask the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), which has jurisdiction in this matter, to postpone its decision for 6 months to allow the residents to have full input into this decision.

The original and **approved** plan for rehabilitation called for the creation of a wetland. The new proposal calls for fill to be brought into the site instead. It goes without saying that the proposal is for "clean" fill trucked in from various sites. Councillor Paterak reports that Brampton Brick has proposed funding a Town staff person to work on site inspecting fill and supervising its placement.

There is a great demand for areas that will accept fill. Trucked-in-fill is big business. Supporters in Erin have been monitoring this situation in their Town and point to increased truck traffic throughout both our regions especially along Hwys 10 and 124 (Charleston Rd.). From long experience, many Erin citizens have strong reservations on what constitutes "clean" fill among other issues. They report that each truck load brought in is worth anywhere from 50 up to hundreds of dollars to the recipient, depending on the source of the material.

Broad Powers of Entry under the Clean Water Act

Ontario's Clean Water Act [2006, Section 47(6)] requires municipalities to appoint a Risk Management Official and Inspectors to implement key provisions of **Source Protection Plans** once they are approved by the Minister of Environment. This July, Mark Schiller was confirmed as RMO for Peel Region and its lower tier municipalities. Under the Act, RMOs and RMIs have significant powers to enter properties where there is reason to believe that threats to municipal water supplies may exist and to address such risks when confirmed.

These new powers may offer some comfort that any threats to municipal water supplies will be detected sooner rather than later. The proposed Source Protection Plan for Caledon is found at www.ctcswp.ca and is available for comment until October 8th.

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