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The Honourable Donna Cansfield  
Minister of Natural Resources  
6630-99 Wellesley Street West  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Madam Minister:

City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, approved the following motion respecting "Security Deposits for Pit/quarry Rehabilitation":

Whereas in 1997 – 1998 the security deposits that were to guarantee rehabilitation of aggregate pits and quarries were liquidated;

And Whereas the bulk of these funds, \$48 million, was handed back to the operators of these pits and quarries;

And Whereas this liquidation removed much of the incentive for pits/quarries to be rehabilitated;

And Whereas although progressive and final rehabilitation is required by the Aggregate Resources Act, only about half of disturbed lands in pits and quarries is being rehabilitated;

And Whereas this liquidation was done by The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) at the order of the Ministry of Natural Resources;

And Whereas that Corporation TOARC is completely owned by the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (OSSGA);

And Whereas Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association is registered as a lobbyist with the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario;

And Whereas in July 2006, MNR promised to examine in detail, within 2 years, the merits of a rehabilitation incentive system, including the re-introduction of the former rehabilitation security deposit system.

**Therefore Be It Resolved:**

That the Council of the City of Hamilton recommend the following to the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources with the goal of improving the status of rehabilitation in the City of Hamilton and across the Province of Ontario:

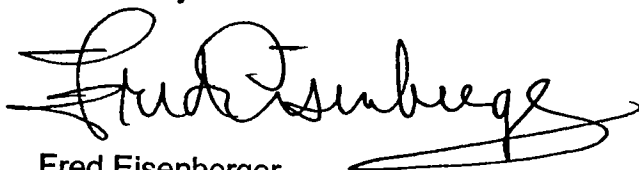
- (a) A review of the role of security deposits for pit/quarry rehabilitation;
- (b) Re-instatement of those security deposits;
- (c) A review of the role of OSSGA and TOARC in regard to rehabilitation and security deposits toward determining if this role has been in the public good and has been effective for promoting rehabilitation.

Should you have any questions with respect to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Harnum, Senior Director, Water and Wastewater, Public Works Division, at (905)546-2424 Ext. 4483, or by e-mail at [jhamnum@hamilton.ca](mailto:jhamnum@hamilton.ca).

I would request that any correspondence relating to this issue contain the Reference No. indicated on the previous page.

Your consideration of Council's request is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly



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c.c. Scott Stewart, General Manager, Public Works