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OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW – CONFORMITY EXERCISE STATUTORY PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Pursuant to Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, the Corporation of the Town of Milton is hereby inviting members of the public to attend the following statutory public open house in relation to the Official Plan Review Conformity Exercise:

Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Place: Milton Room, Milton Town Hall
150 Mary Street, Milton

Time: Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. – Presentation at 7:15 p.m.

Purpose and Effect: The purpose of the open house is to present and receive comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Town of Milton's Official Plan. Changes to the Official Plan are necessary to implement the requirements of the Planning Act and other Provincial legislation, to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (2005) and to conform to:

- The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- The Greenbelt Plan
- The Niagara Escarpment Plan
- The Parkway Belt West Plan
- The Region of Halton Official Plan (Sustainable Halton – ROPA's 37 & 38).

The proposed amendment will affect lands Town wide; therefore, no key map has been provided.

This is an opportunity to hear about the proposed policy and mapping changes, review displays, ask questions and share comments with Town staff before and after the formal presentation at 7:15 p.m.

Draft Official Plan Amendment Available For Review: Copies of the draft Official Plan policies and mapping to be discussed at this open house are available for review in the Planning & Development Department, Town Hall East (2nd Floor), 150 Mary Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Milton Public Library (Main Branch - 45 Bruce Street and Beatty Branch – 945 Fourth Line) or online at <http://www.milton.ca/townhall/projects/opr.htm>

Appeals: If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Milton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted:

- a) the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Regional Municipality of Halton to the Ontario Municipal Board; and,
- b) the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Notification: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the Town Clerk at the Town of Milton, Executive Services Department, 150 Mary Street, Milton, Ontario L9T 5Z6.

Written Submissions: Members of the public who wish to participate in these undertakings and require notification of future public meetings or other matters related to the Official Plan Review should contact the undersigned. Written submissions relating to the draft official plan amendment should be made prior to **May 14, 2010** to the attention of:

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"I hope that other groups will really take from this that sometimes David can slay what appears to be Goliath," he added. "Life isn't even fair at times, but you can't give up just because the last guy didn't win, and you're not always guaranteed to win just because the last guy won. I think what was proven here is that if you don't fight, you never will win, and sometimes you might be surprised and you will."

Lisa Olsen, St Marys' National Director of Public Relations issued a release on April 13 that said, "St Marys learned of the government's decision this morning. We are surprised and disappointed, and believe the government has made a grave error. St Marys expects to conduct business in Ontario within a regulatory framework that is clear and reasonable, and on that basis has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in this Province."

"Our application was making its way through the provincially and municipally mandated processes and we believe that, on its merits, it had a high chance of being ultimately approved."

"Since 2006, we have invested well over \$20 million in demonstrating to regulators that the Flamborough Quarry would be environmentally sound and a net benefit to the community and the province," Olsen continued. "We think that providing high quality aggregate, to fuel the expansion of Ontario's economy, close to market, while creating jobs and investment in Hamilton, was the right thing to do."

"Given the strong economic and social potential of the Flamborough Quarry, and our investment to date, we have no choice but to examine our legal options."

However, McCarthy believes that the only group that could overturn the Ministry's edict would be the Provincial Cabinet – and that, in fact, the decision was made by the same political body.

When Andrea Bourrie, Dufferin Aggregates director of planning and regulatory affairs, was asked whether the provincial decision on the St. Marys application could set a precedent for Dufferin's expansion plans, she said that the rules are different for expansion plans versus plans for starting a brand new operation.

"It's always a little bit concerning to see a land-use planning process not be able to go through its full course, but the difference between our application and the CBM (St Marys) application is that we have an existing site," Bourrie told the Compass. "The CBM application is a Greenfield site, so there are some additional considerations to take into account there."

Like St Marys, the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association was not happy with the Provincial Zoning Order.

"OSSGA is disappointed with this decision," said Terry Waites, Chair of the OSSGA Board of Directors. "The credibility of Ontario's land use approvals process has been undermined. The rigour with which aggregate extraction proposals are currently reviewed ensures that only good applications ultimately get approved. It is unclear to us why the Minister felt the need to interfere with a process that considers, in great detail, the planning, environmental and social issues surrounding each application."

Waites said the St. Mary's proposed quarry offers the opportunity to provide high-quality stone resources to support Ontario's critical infrastructure needs close to the markets in which the resources will be consumed.

Given the province's current focus on being "open for business," the OSSGA "finds (the ministry's) actions (to be) counter-intuitive to the progress of continual improvement and cooperation between the aggregate industry and its various stakeholders. Through its actions this week, the province has sent a clear message that investing in Ontario is uncertain at best.

"OSSGA members remain committed to improving environmental standards, incorporating scientific research and responding to the needs of the communities in which they operate. We remain committed to improving the process of managing Ontario's aggregate resources in a sustainable manner, despite the province's recent decision," Waites added.

However, with the battle done, McCarthy said she can finally relax.

"When I ran again in 2006, I was hoping that would be enough time to stop this application," said McCarthy. "To be honest, it was looking like that might not happen but by this point, there was so much entrenched legislation against the quarry by local councils that whoever replaces me on council would have had the legwork done for them."

"In the end, the Province had to agree that this was the wrong place for a quarry – and they did."

"It would have been a huge failure had we not beaten this."

And Lunau believes that fight should be remembered with more permanence.

"I think there should be a plaque or a marker erected on that site to show our children and our grandchildren the fight that happened there."

Heagle chosen as Burlington Citizen of the Year...

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Heagle will receive his award at the Civic Recognition Awards ceremony held at the Burlington Convention Centre on May 20. Other award categories include Arts Person of the Year; Junior Citizen of the Year; Community Service Award; Environmental Award; and Senior Person of the Year.

The Civic Recognition Awards recognize Burlington residents who make Burlington a better place to work, live or play. For more information about the May 20 event or to buy tickets, call Suzanne Jones at 905-335-7600, ext. 7493 or e-mail jonesuzanne@burlington.ca