



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON**

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

INTRODUCTION DATE: February 28, 2022

SUBJECT: **Moratorium on New Gravel Extraction Licensing Applications**

CONSIDERATION DATE: March 21, 2022

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Best

SECONDED BY: Councillor Tesser Derksen

**WHEREAS** Ontario currently has over 5000 licensed pits and quarries located throughout the Province; and,

**WHEREAS** current Provincial policy allows applications to be submitted without any demonstration of need being required.

**WHEREAS** mineral aggregate pits and quarries have the potential to remove habitat and natural features, and alter the land in a way that cannot be completely restored.

**WHEREAS** pits and quarries have the potential to impact negatively host communities in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic.

**WHEREAS** pits and quarries are permitted to mine below the water table which may require pumping to continue beyond the life of the quarry in perpetuity.

**WHEREAS** the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change.

**WHEREAS** there is a legal obligation for the Province of Ontario, as the Crown, to consult with Indigenous peoples regarding the impacts of quarries on treaty lands and a responsibility to address those impacts.

**WHEREAS** notwithstanding these concerns with the current aggregate application process, there are active mineral aggregate applications in Halton Region that staff will continue to

review for consistency and conformity with the current land use planning policy and regulatory framework, to bring recommendations to Halton Regional Council on the technical merits of these applications.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Mayor write a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, Halton's Members of Provincial Parliament, and the leaders of the opposition parties demanding an immediate temporary moratorium on the approval of all new aggregate license applications pending a broad consultation process including with First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists to chart a new path forward for mineral aggregate extraction in Ontario which:

- Proposes criteria and process for determining the need for new mineral aggregate Licenses;
- Recommends updated policies and restrictions for mineral aggregate extraction below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences;
- Develops new guidelines for reprocessing in order to ensure sustainable aggregate Supplies;
- Recommends a fairer, updated royalty for mineral aggregate extraction that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;
- Provides greater weight to input from municipalities to lessen the potential impacts from the mineral aggregate operation and trucking through their communities; and,
- Proposes revisions to application procedures which respect and honour the Treaty rights of Indigenous Communities and Peoples and the Crown's duty to consult.

**AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Clerk circulate this resolution to the Councils of the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the conservation authorities in Halton Region, and the local municipalities for their information.