

May 2, 2022

**SENT VIA EMAIL – [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)**

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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**Re: Moratorium on New Aggregate Operations**

Please be advised that, at its regular meeting of Council held April 19, 2022, the Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa endorsed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that The Council of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa endorse the following resolution regarding a moratorium on new aggregate operations:

WHEREAS Ontario currently has over 5000 licensed pits and quarries located throughout the province that are able to meet the expected near term needs of Ontario's construction industry;

AND WHEREAS applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply;

AND WHEREAS gravel pits and quarries are destructive of natural environments and habitats;

AND WHEREAS pits and quarries have negative social impacts on host communities in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic;

AND WHEREAS pits and quarries have property assessments that well below their true market value due to the exploitation of tax loopholes, requiring residents and businesses to subsidize their operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Ontario government be requested to impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel mining applications pending a broad consultation with municipalities, independent experts and scientists to chart a new path forward for gravel mining in Ontario which:

- Eliminates unfair property tax loopholes and assesses the properties at their true market value;
- Recommends a fair levy for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;
- Proposes criteria and processes for determining the need for new gravel licences;
- Recommends updated policies and restrictions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences;
- Develops new guidelines for reprocessing in order to ensure sustainable aggregate supplies;
- Provides greater weight to the input by local municipalities to lessen the social impacts from mining operation and trucking through their communities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the leaders of all Provincial Parties, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Honourable Ted Arnott MPP, AMO, Small Urban GTHA Mayors.

Please accept this for your information and any necessary action.

Sincerely,



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