



### **Bulletin #13, March 2013**

#### **The McCormick Pit - Blueland Farms proceeds with Town OP Amendments**

Three years after first declaring its plans to develop an aggregate mine at the McCormick Farm on Heart Lake Road, Blueland Farms has at last begun to pursue amendments to Caledon's Town Plan in earnest.

On February 28th, the last day set aside for the first phase of the DART submissions process, Blueland consultants, Skelton, Brumwell and Associates, delivered several boxes of data, documents, and proposal options to the offices of

Caledon's Development Application Review Team (DART) in support of amendments to Caledon's OP - amendments which could facilitate the developer's pursuit of an aggregate licence from the Ministry of Natural Resources. The aggregate recycling operation under discussion last summer will not be part of the new proposals although a number of alternate options may be on offer. Town Planners now have 30 days to determine if these documents are sufficient for the process to go forward.

If documentation is sufficient the amendment process will begin.

#### **What to expect next**

- Once again supporting Blueland documentation will be circulated by DART to appropriate Town departments and other agencies for review and comment.
- A sign will be posted on the property by the Town to inform the Caledon community that the developer is seeking amendments to the OP.
- A notice will be posted by the developer in the local paper.
- The Town will notify residents in the immediate impact area. Residents will be glad to hear that the expanded notice area that was instituted for the 2010 licence application (expired 2012) remains in place.
- Copies of the proposal for amendments will be available to the community for study and review at location(s) to be announced.

*If you do not access local newspapers, Councillor Beffort circulates regular Town Page information to residents at their request.*

## **Looking forward**

As reported in January: so far Blueland Farms has not reapplied to MNR for an aggregate licence. Unlike the situation in early 2010 the proponent is approaching other agencies first for amendments to their regulations. Of course this can change at any time and REDC continues to monitor the situation.

REDC anticipates that hydrogeology data and its interpretation will play a significant role in the various future hearings if things play out as expected. We expect that the ongoing research project, EMAP, conducted by environmental experts for REDC, will be useful in developing a successful long range strategy.

## **Update on infilling**

Bulletin subscribers regularly share their interest in infilling issues.

Infilling or trucking in fill has become a lucrative tool in managing Southern Ontario development. In recent years more and more aggregate companies have asked for amendments to their licences to allow variation to pit rehabilitation other than what had been agreed to in their original licence agreements. Many residents are concerned about the quality of fill and related water quality issues, air quality, traffic control, increased truck volume, and the monitoring of safe practices.



The Township of Zorra adjacent to Ingersoll Ontario is one of the many communities being pressured to accept fill for quarries and pits that are no longer actively mined. The landfill being proposed by the Walker Environmental Group for a mined-out portion of a quarry owned by Carmeuse Lime is reportedly planned as Canada's 4th largest landfill.

[OPAL Alliance, Oxford People Against the Landfill](#), along with partners Oxford Greenwatch, Gravel Watch Ontario, and the Oxford Coalition for Social Justice are a few of the groups working to stop the Walker industries landfill. The review process is available on the [Joint Township website specific to this issue](#).

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