



**Dufferin Aggregates Acton Quarry  
Community Advisory Panel (CAP)  
Meeting Minutes**

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<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday October 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 – 7pm - 8:30pm	
<b>Location:</b>	Acton Quarry Office, 12791 Churchill Road, Acton	
<b>Chair:</b>	Joanne Kearney	Smithcom Limited
<b>Participants:</b>	Norm Elliott	Local Neighbour
	Monica Gunn	Local Neighbour
	Doris Treleaven	POWER
	Paul Vanhanen	Bruce Trail Conservancy
	Enzo Bertucci	Dufferin Aggregates
	Rigoberto Ceballos	Dufferin Aggregates
<b>Minutes:</b>	Morgan Murphy	Smithcom Limited
<b>Regrets:</b>	Ron Heller	
<b>Member Stepping down:</b>	Norm Young (via email October 19 <sup>th</sup> )	

**Minutes**

Joanne Kearney brought the meeting to order by prompting the CAP to review the minutes. CAP members reviewed and approved the May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes. Doris Treleaven motioned to approve the minutes and Paul Vanhanen seconded the motion.

**Acton Quarry Update:**

Rigoberto discussed how the season was slower after the PanAm games. He anticipates a regular maintenance shut down and a full closure of the plant by the end of December. Minus the poor weather, he commented on the successful September Open House, which included 250 people. Councilor Bryan Lewis was in attendance. Finally, he commented on the CRH Group transition and reported that it has been seamless and smooth with members of the CRH Group visiting the site since August 1st.

Question: Will the same employees be working here?

Rigoberto commented that CRH Group plans to leave the operation running as is, including its employees. CRH does not seem keen on making operational changes. Existing plant operators will continue to run the site. He commented that when CRH Group purchased Dufferin, this specific industry was new to them in Canada. They were pleased with what they saw and wanted to maintain the operations. Dufferin is an asset they gain that they did not have before.

Question: What was the goal with the open house?

Rigoberto commented that the goal of the open house was to open the doors of the Acton Quarry to the community and have a chance to tour the facility as well as learn about the Quarry through educational displays.

Enzo commented that it was an opportunity to look inside a quarry and to see the operation on a bus tour. Guests toured areas that have been extracted, rehabilitated, where the Quarry holds water, and the processing plant. Displays were featured including an exhibit by quality control. Earth Rangers also had a booth and brought animals for kids. Also popular with kids included viewing all the trucks and playing in the sandbox. Enzo explained that breakfast was served to the guests and prizes are given out.

**Acton Quarry – Extension Update:** Enzo Bertucci

Acton Quarry was established in early 1900s and has been an important contributor to the local economy for more than 100 years.

2001: Dufferin purchases Acton Quarry and background studies commenced

2006: Agency/Public consultation began and is on-going

2009: Formal applications submitted

2012: Significant revisions to application

2014/15: Extensive progress made resolving concerns

- Revised footprint accepted by MNR
- Revised Mitigation/Rehabilitation Plans, Site Plans, AMP, EEP
- Developing: Legal Agreements and Financial Assurance

He explained that many recent quarry applications in Southern Ontario have been rejected through the approval process; three quarries in the areas surrounding the GTA are currently going through the approval process.

Acton's extension application was endorsed by the Agencies this past summer.

The Acton Quarry extension application is in the public interest and includes numerous aspects that will benefit the community, environment and water resources. It bridges the gap between the former operation and the new operation.

Concern re: Glen Lawson Road.

Enzo commented that the road is quite dangerous, no stops, all yields. Acton is looking at this road with an environmental assessment. Enzo provided comments regarding alternatives, costs,

approval process with Niagara Escarpment Commission and the town/counties. Aggregate Trucks don't use the road (use 22<sup>nd</sup> side road or 4<sup>th</sup> road).

Enzo commented that Phase 4 is seeking to be approved as well as 5/6W, 5E. The extraction area equates to 38 million tons of aggregate over 20 years once approved.

Question: What is the length of a rehabilitation project?

Enzo speaks about the rehabilitation plan including working with the town re: trails. Lands will be conveyed to public ownership including a water management system that will benefit CH and CVC watershed.

Question: Have any Milton quarry lands been approved for rehabilitation?

Enzo commented on the rehabilitation fund and discussed the Milton land approval process. On top of planning approvals there are a number of legal agreements, securities and insurance to have this done.

Approval schedule and timing to complete:

- CVC Approval Dec. 2014
- Conservation Halton Board Approval Feb 26<sup>th</sup>/15
- NEC Commission enforces positive staff report Mar 19<sup>th</sup>/15
- Final staff reports decided by Town and Region Councils June/July 2015
- Board referral section 3 filing October 2015
- Pre-hearings meetings begin Jan/Feb 2016 planned
- Joint Board Hearing Begins June/July 2016 planned
- License Approval Dec 2016 planned
- **Obtaining a Pre-Hearing and Full Hearing date finalized will have the largest impact on schedule moving forward Jan-Dec 2016**

Enzo commented that Acton has a strong case for approval.

(Any formal objection will be on file. Only opposition members of the public that have registered a rejection are allowed to participate in the joint board hearing.)

Question: What court are the hearings in?

Enzo explains it is a Joint Board made up from the Ontario Municipal Board and the Environmental Tribunal, and comments on their right to overrule or accept any lower decision (lots on the status of quarry applications in questions.)

**CRH Canada Group Inc. Presentation:** Enzo Bertucci

Holcim merged with LaFarge worldwide and had to divest a number of assets and thus, sold Holcim Canada to CRH. There were a number of companies that stood up to bid. The Irish based company CRH purchased Lafarge and Holcim worldwide disposal assets for approximately \$7 billion.

CRH is the product of a merger of two big Irish companies, Irish Cement and Roadstone.

CRH is known as “Old Castle” in the US; CRH’s existing operations in Canada is “PermaCon.”

CRH employs over 76,000 people globally, has 3,300 locations and represents (EUR) 1.6 billion in EBITDA.

CRH operates in a way that they let newly acquired companies keep their local name and brand. Enzo explains that the major change is solely a name change (Dufferin Aggregates, A division of CRH Canada Group Inc.) and thus, a very seamless transition so far.

Holcim values translate well into CRH values in terms of the importance of health and safety. CRH wants to see growth, continue to purchase assets, and to find good opportunities to go out and innovative ways to run the business. It made sense for Canada to use the CRH name.

CRH is very diverse in project materials in the US including aggregates, asphalt, ready-mix, paving and construction and now will add cement. CRH has building projects in APG, pre-cast, building envelope and distribution (roofing, siding, interior products).

Enzo concludes by reaffirming that the change at this time is a name change: *“Dufferin Aggregates, A Division of CRH Canada Group Inc.”*

Presentation ends. Joanne Kearney asks if there are any questions or further comments.

Enzo notes that his email has changed: [enzo.bertucci@ca.crh.com](mailto:enzo.bertucci@ca.crh.com) (he still has access to his former email)

Enzo proceeded to explain that it is always a bit nerveing with a sale. CRH had no operations in Canada and in talking with us they liked what they saw. There’s always a concern when a merger is discussed about jobs and cuts. However they don’t have any other operations like ours in Canada. They don’t have employees with the same skills as ours. Employee morals were good based on that. Enzo continued to explain that we have had lots of meetings with CRH and that CRH is very interested to see what Acton is doing. Acton was huge on their radar particularly with the site going to be approved as well as the fact that it is a huge resource for the future.

Question: Who do I contact about the trail on the former Lafarge property?

Enzo explains that his contact at the LaFarge trail should likely have remained the same.

### **General Open Forum:**

Question: Is the quarry business as usual these days?

Enzo explains that it has been particularly busy since the approval last summer. Acton is working on other operations re: site plan approvals, environmental work, and a monitoring program. Enzo comments that he has spoken with the town and their commission with recreation and land use

and presented a Phase 1 Plan. Acton has the full endorsement from the council and mayor for the 2016 planning process. He will present some of this at the next CAP meeting.

Question: Any update on the pond?

Enzo is happy to report that the pond doing really well.

Question: When will you stop production?

Rigoberto comments that he is looking to stop production mid-November. Maintenance work will begin after that into December and carry during winter of 2016. The plant will start sometime in April.

Question: Can you explain how the hearing in January will operate?

Enzo comments that the pre-hearing in January is not open to public. Any items need to be submitted to the judge to then be presented at the pre-hearing if approved by the judge. (If a concern was made during the application process, it is valid part of the approval hearing. New concerns cannot be introduced). Enzo discusses quarry non-approvals. If the judge warrants a full hearing, this will be open to the public. Enzo will circulate the hearing dates when he finds out. The full hearing will either take place at town hall, a hotel or a local centre in Halton Region.

**Agenda for next time: March/April**

- 1) Update on the approval process
- 2) Guest speaker: Halton Hills commissioner on recreational land use plan
- 3) Reminders: Guest and attendance policy

Joanne Kearney brought the meeting to a close.

Meeting adjourned