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To:	Chair and Members Planning & Economic Development Committee		
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Re:	Status Report #2 on Proposed Lowndes Holdings Corp. Quarry, 11th Concession Road East, Official Plan Amendment Application OPA-04-17 and Zoning Application ZAC-04-89 (PD04244(b)) (Ward 15)		

Council Direction:

Not Applicable.

Information:

This is further to a Status Report of April 19, 2005 to the Planning and Economic Development Committee. Since that time, the following progress has been made in the review of this proposal:

- In June, 2005, the proponent, Lowndes Holdings Corp., provided the necessary funding security for the City's peer reviews. These peer reviews include: the City's Aggregate Planning Advisor; Hydrogeological Consultant; Natural Heritage (Environmental) consultant; Traffic Safety and Highway Engineering Consultant; and Noise Consultant.
- On June 22, 2005, City staff met with the Combined Aggregate Review Team (CART) members comprised of representatives from City Departments, Agencies and stakeholder adjacent municipal staff. At this meeting, City staff outlined the proposal and indicated that a further meeting would be scheduled subsequent to the City's receipt of the initial peer reviews.
- During the Summer of 2005, several site visits were conducted by the City's peer reviewers as part of their technical reviews.
- In July of 2005, the proponent submitted a three part Hydrogeological Report in support of their proposal. These reports/appendices, containing 629 pages, were

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posted on the City's website on July 27, 2005, and were added to the tasks to be completed by the City's Hydrogeological peer reviewer.

- During the summer and fall of 2005, City staff, in conjunction with Region of Halton, Town of Milton and City of Burlington, met to develop a Terms of Reference (T of R) for an overall Transportation Study for the area. Transportation is one of the major components of consideration for this development proposal and its related truck traffic. The proponent will be required to complete this Transportation Study upon finalization of the T of R for the study.
- During October and November of 2005, City staff met with both the proponent Lowndes and representatives of the residents group Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE) to discuss the ongoing progress of the City's review of the proposal and anticipated future steps.

NEXT STEPS

The following are the next major steps that City staff will undertake in the review and consideration of the Lowndes development proposal.

- Circulate the initial results of the peer reviews to CART for review, which will be completed in November 2005. Schedule the next CART meeting for January 2006, to obtain feedback from CART. By January 2006, post on the City's website the completed peer reviews for public review.
- Finalize the Terms of Reference for the overall transportation study with surrounding stakeholder municipalities (Region of Halton, Town of Milton, City of Burlington) that the proponent will be required to undertake at their cost and be reviewed as part of the consideration of the quarry application.
- By the spring of 2006, staff should be in a position to schedule a Public Information Meeting to provide all stakeholders (residents, landowner/proponent, agencies, adjacent municipalities etc.) an overview of the City's Peer Review results and to present CART's comments on the proposal.
- Subsequent to the Spring 2006 Public Information Meeting, staff will report back to the Planning and Economic Development Committee with a further Information Report on the status of this development proposal.

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