



# The Corporation of the TOWN OF MILTON

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Report to: Chair & Members of the Administration & Planning Standing Committee

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Subject: INITIAL CIRCULATION BY THE CITY OF HAMILTON – LOWNDES QUARRY PROPOSAL – PART OF LOTS 1-3, CONCESSION 11, FORMERLY FLAMBOROUGH – CITY OF HAMILTON

**RECOMMENDATION: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Staff is in receipt of a Preliminary Circulation from the City of Hamilton with respect to applications made to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law of the City of Hamilton to permit extraction on Part of Lots 1-3, Concession 11, formerly Flamborough. This circulation and a copy of the application form are attached to this report as Appendix 1.

This application is supported by various documents and studies also provided in the circulation. This information is presently under review by staff.

The City of Hamilton is retaining the services of a consultant to assist in the review and co-ordination of the applications. Terms of reference for this work are nearing completion and consultant selection is expected soon. Town staff has already indicated, as has the Region of Halton and Conservation Halton, a desire to be involved in any committees involved in the review of this application. It is anticipated that the first meetings will be scheduled upon consultant selection.

## **REPORT**

### **Background**

Lowndes Holdings Corp. has purchased 154 ha (380 acres) on the 11<sup>th</sup> Concession of the former geographic Township of East Flamborough, now in the City of Hamilton. They propose to excavate approximately 62% of this area or 96 ha (238 acres) above



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and below water table and report that the dolostone deposit on this site is up to 40 m thick.

The quarry is proposed to proceed in 4 phases as outlined on the Operational Plan attached to this report. It should be noted that the operational access to this quarry is located on Milborough Line. The applicant's consultant has identified various haul routes depending upon destination and these include routes through the Town of Milton. Up to 573 trucks per day are anticipated.

## **Discussion**

There are three major issues of concern to the Town of Milton. These include traffic impact, hydrogeological impacts from dewatering of the Amabel Aquifer and any downstream impacts on natural systems as a result of the proposal.

In a letter dated October 21, 2004, the Region of Halton advised the City of Hamilton that a detailed traffic impact analysis would be required if the haul route is proposed through the Region of Halton to examine the impacts of the additional traffic on the full length of the haul route.

In addition, it is noted that the Amabel Dolostone is considered a significant recharge area and is considered hydrogeologically sensitive on adjacent lands in Halton.

Conservation Halton, in a letter dated October 27, 2004 has noted that the subject lands are traversed by Mountsberg Creek and Flamborough Creek which are tributaries of Bronte Creek. In addition, it is noted that a large portion of the property lies within the Mountsberg Wetlands and Wildlife Centre ESA and the Carlisle North Forests ESA, which contain the provincially significant Lower Mountsberg Creek Wetland Complex.

Conservation Halton staff have indicated an objection to the proposed applications as premature as the environmental issues have not been adequately addressed in the documentation provided.

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## **Financial Impact**

Costs related to staff time expended in the review of the applications and attendance at technical review meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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