

Coming up in the Next Issue

The next issue of our community newsletter will feature information about water, including possible impacts on well water and details about our proposed pumping test. We will also provide information about our proposed Ground Water Recirculation system which is designed to mitigate any impacts from quarry dewatering.

Our next newsletter will be delivered in early 2008.

The Public Event #3 workshop will be held on:

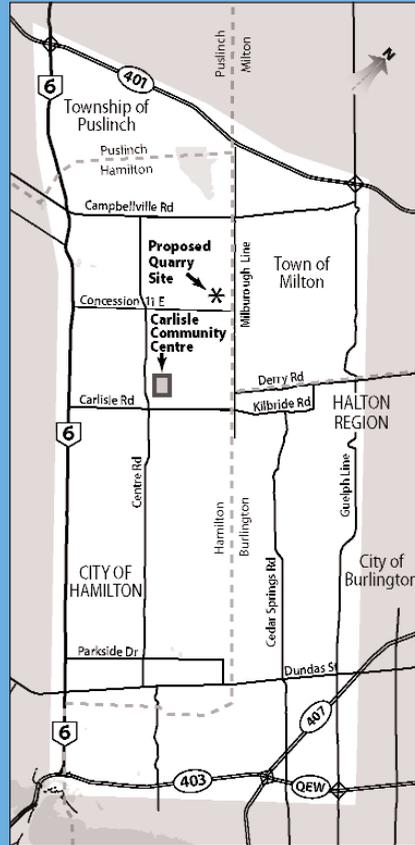
Date: January 9, 2008

Workshop: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Carlisle Community Centre
1496 Carlisle Road,
Carlisle, ON L0R 1H2

RSVP: By January 4, 2008

Map of Haul Route Study Area and
Location of Public Event #3
(Carlisle Community Centre)



About St Marys Cement

St Marys Cement Group is a leading manufacturer of cement and related construction products in Canada and the United States. For more than 90 years, we have contributed to the growth and prosperity of Ontario through countless engineering, civic and residential building projects. St Marys operates two cement plants in Ontario, including one in St. Marys and one in Bowmanville. We also operate more than 40 ready-mix concrete plants and 22 aggregate pits and quarries across the province.

We want to hear from you...

If you have any questions about St Marys Cement Group or about the proposed quarry project, please get in touch with us. If someone you know did not receive this newsletter and would like to, please let us know and we will add them to our distribution list.

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Flamborough Quarry

Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the seventh edition of the St Marys Flamborough Quarry Community Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community members who joined us at the second Public Information Centre (PIC #2) on November 29th, at the Carlisle Golf and Country Club. We appreciate all of your concerns and suggestions related to the Haul Route Study. St Marys is committed to working with the community throughout the Haul Route Study and we encourage you to continue to provide your questions and comments. Our consultants will be continuing their work on the Haul Route study as set out in the Terms of Reference prepared by the City of Hamilton's CART team.

Several community members expressed concern at PIC #2 that St Marys is acting prematurely to determine and select alternative haul routes. It is our understanding that the results of the Haul Route Study will inform the municipality's decision on our planning applications. We agree that this is only one aspect of our proposal and we recognize that the City's review of our application requires a thorough consideration of many other facets. While the current public consultation is focused on the Haul Route Study, the City and the CART team are reviewing the application in its entirety and will be seeking public input as an integral part of the planning process.

We recognize that there are a number of other important issues which are of concern to the community. For example, many people have indicated their concerns about possible groundwater impacts and, although it is not a requirement of the City's process, St Marys will be hosting information sessions with a focus on water in the near future. More information regarding water concerns will be provided to the community in the new year.

We hope to see many of you at the Public Event #3 which will be held on January 9th at the Carlisle Community Centre. This event is structured as an interactive workshop designed to allow the public an opportunity to provide input on the alternative haul routes, the evaluation criteria, the relative importance of the criteria, and the evaluation approach.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Public Event, I encourage you to contact us through our community info line at 1-866-602-0080 (toll-free) or email us at communityinfo@stmarysrbm.com.

Lastly, I wish you and your family a happy holiday season and all the best for 2008.

Sincerely,

John Moroz, MSc., P.Eng., MBA
Vice-President, St Marys CBM

A look at the CART Haul Route Study Process

The Terms of Reference for the Haul Route Study outline the process, including the requirements for public consultation. Each of the four Public Information Centres (PICs) is intended to provide an opportunity for community consultation at specific stages in the study, as set out in the following chart.

	Purpose	Timeline
Public Information Centre #1	To introduce the project, to identify how the public would like to be involved and to identify initial public concerns and issues.	Held June 21 st , 2007
Public Information Centre #2	To present the draft alternative routes and the evaluation approach.	Held November 29 th , 2007
Public Event #3	A public workshop that allows the opportunity to provide input on the alternative haul routes, evaluation criteria, the relative importance of the criteria and the evaluation approach.	January 9 th , 2008
Public Information Centre #4	To present the draft results of the comparative evaluation/effects assessment.	March/April 2008

A look back at Public Information Centre #2

PIC #2 was held on Thursday, November 29th at the Carlisle Golf and Country Club. More than 300 people were in attendance for the formal presentation and question and answer session. The comments and feedback received at PIC #2 have been recorded and are being considered as we move forward with the study.

It was clear at PIC #2 that community members are concerned about several key areas of the haul route study. One of these issues was related to our trucking policy and how we will ensure truck drivers adhere to designated haul routes. Other issues included impact of trucking on the rural character of the local roads, costs of road upgrades and effect on property values. There will be an opportunity at Public Event # 3 to discuss these concerns in more detail.

What to Expect at Public Event #3

Public Event #3 is structured as an interactive workshop designed to give the public an opportunity to provide input on the alternative haul routes, evaluation criteria, the relative importance of the criteria, and the evaluation approach.

This event will differ from the past two PICs as there will be no display boards or a formal question and answer session. Instead, community members will work in discussion groups of 8-10 per table with a moderator.

The moderators will guide community members through a workbook to help evaluate the haul route evaluation criteria and suggest additional criteria and indicators. Participants will also be guided through an exercise to help determine the relative importance of the criteria and their respective indicators.

The community will engage in discussions on the proposed haul route alternatives and will have the opportunity to provide feedback and suggest other potential haul routes. The results of the workshop will be used to assist in the selection of the preferred haul route(s).

Public consultation is important and helps enhance the Haul Route Study. We want to ensure that everyone with an interest in this study has the opportunity to attend Public Event #3. If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please RSVP by January 4th, 2008 to ensure the appropriate supply of workbooks and materials are available.

You can RSVP through the St Marys community phone line at 1.866.602.0080, or by email at communityinfo@stmarysrbm.com.

Aggregate Resources Act Process

In addition to the land use planning approvals required from the City of Hamilton (zoning and official plan amendments), the proposed quarry must meet the requirements of the provincial Aggregate Resources Act (ARA).

The applications for planning approvals were submitted in September 2004 and the City's comprehensive review of these applications is ongoing. St Marys is preparing an application for a class 'A' license under the Aggregate Resources Act and this application will be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources in 2008. There will be a formal opportunity for all members of the community to provide comments on all aspects of the proposal once the ARA application is submitted and deemed to be complete. The provincial agency review of the ARA application is expected to take up to two years.