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BRAMPTON CITY COUNCIL.

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DATE: September 26,2012

Subject:

Norval Quarry Re-zoning & Aggregate Licence Application

STATUS REPORT

Ward 6

Contact:

David Waters, Manager, Land Use Policy

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Overview:

- This report provides an update on the Re-zoning application submitted in December 2008 by Brampton Brick for the development of a shale quarry, and a related Aggregate Resource Act (ARA) License application that is before the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).
- In response to the City's initial peer review findings, Brampton Brick submitted additional technical information in May 2012. The City is presently engaged in a second round of peer reviews to assess the new information submitted by Brampton Brick.
- At a forthcoming open house, the City will present the findings from the second round of peer reviews and the on-going social impact review before reporting to Council with a Recommendation Report early next year.
- The two year period for Brampton Brick to complete the ARA License process concludes on November 4, 2012. Before the conclusion of the two year period, Brampton Brick must submit final documents to the MNR which will include a list of outstanding objections that have not been resolved.
- The City has received Brampton Brick's Notice of Objector response and has 20 days to respond to the applicant and MNR. The 20 day period ends on October 1, 2012.
- The response sets out 10 issues that are intended to demonstrate how Brampton Brick will resolve objections.
- The City is reconfirming its objection to the License application because staff is of the opinion the responses from Brampton Brick do not contain sufficient detail to satisfy the concerns raised in the first round of peer reviews.
- In addition, as the second round of peer reviews are not complete, staff is not yet in a position to form a comprehensive opinion regarding the Brampton Brick response.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. THAT the report from David Waters, Manager, Land Use Policy, dated September 7, 2012 to the City Council meeting of September 26, 2012, re: Status Report: Norval Quarry Re-zoning Application & Aggregate Licence Application, Ward 6 (File: C06W12.002) and attachments be received;
- 2. THAT staff be directed to reconfirm, in writing, to the Ministry of Natural Resources, the City of Brampton's objection to Brampton Brick's Aggregate Resources Act License application,
- 3. THAT staff be directed to schedule a public open house to present the revised Norval Quarry proposal and the findings of the second round of peer reviews and the social impact review;
- 4. THAT Brampton Brick continue to work with City staff and its peer review consultants to resolve substantive concerns raised in the initial round of peer reviews to be addressed to the satisfaction of Council;
- 5. THAT staff be authorized to respond to the Brampton Brick Notice of Objector Response with appropriate recommendations and that Brampton Brick continue to work with the public agencies on outstanding substantive issues; and,
- 6. THAT the City Clerk forward a copy of this Staff report and Council resolution to the Ministry of Natural Resources, Region of Halton, Town of Halton Hills, Region of Peel, Credit Valley Conservation Area and Brampton Brick, and those area residents and stakeholders who have contacted the City of Brampton to express an interest in the proposed Norval shale quarry.

BACKGROUND:

Since the last report on this matter in June 2011, the City held a public open house in October 2011 that sought input from the public and stakeholders on the proposed shale quarry. The public open house also presented the results of the initial round of peer reviews. The minutes of the October 2011 public open house are attached hereto as Appendix A.

The peer review findings identified a number of gaps and raised a number of questions about the technical studies prepared by Brampton Brick. The proposed shale quarry application was therefore considered incomplete and unacceptable by the majority of the City's peer reviewers.

In May 2012, Brampton Brick responded to the peer review findings by submitting additional information in the form of technical addendums and responses. Accordingly, the City has initiated a second round of peer reviews to assess whether the additional information will satisfy the concerns raised in the initial peer review. The results of the second peer reviews will, in part, contribute to a staff recommendation on the Re-zoning application.

The purposes of this report are to:

- Provide an update on the status of the Brampton Brick Re-zoning and ARA Licence applications;
- Summarize the input received at the October 2011 public open house and seek direction to schedule another public open house to release the findings of the second round of peer reviews;
- Reconfirm the City's objection to the Brampton Brick ARA License application that is before the MNR as the second round of peer reviews are not complete and staff does not have substantive evidence to form an opinion on the Brampton Brick response letter; and,
- Advise on next steps.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Proposal

Brampton Brick (The Applicant) submitted a planning application in December 2008 to rezone 34.9 hectares (97 acres) on the east side of Winston Churchill Boulevard, north of Old Pine Crest Road (see Figure 1). The proposal is to permit the extraction of shale and related uses. The existing land use around the proposed shale quarry is predominantly rural and agricultural, with a small community of estate residential dwellings to the south of the subject lands, fronting Old Pine Crest Road. In support of its proposal, Brampton Brick provided a Planning Report (2008) and a Site Plan Report (2010) which contained detail on specific technical disciplines such as, natural heritage, hydrogeology, visual impact, noise, traffic, soils, cultural heritage and archaeology.

In June 2011, the City retained consultants to undertake a peer review of all the technical materials provided by Brampton Brick. The City's peer reviewers found inconsistent approaches and assumptions in several of the technical reports prepared by Brampton Brick's consultants, resulting in most of the peer reviewers concluding that the technical reports are incomplete and not acceptable.

In response to the City's initial peer review findings, Brampton Brick submitted additional information in May 2012, in the form of technical addendums and responses. In turn, the City is currently assessing these submissions through

a second peer review process and will communicate the findings to the public at another open house, to be held later in the year.

Status of the Re-Zoning Application

In January 2011, Brampton Brick appealed the Re-zoning application to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) pursuant to Section 34(11) of the Planning Act. The initial pre-hearing conference has not been scheduled. The City is no longer the approval authority because the OMB will determine the outcome of the Re-zoning application. Notwithstanding the appeal, City staff continues to process the Re-zoning application and will prepare a Recommendation Report. The Re-zoning process can take place while the Licence application is under review. However, the appropriate Zoning must be in force before a Licence can be issued by the MNR.

Based on the findings of the second round of peer reviews, the social impact review and agency, public and stakeholder submissions, staff will comprehensively assess the Brampton Brick proposal against relevant planning policy and prepare a Recommendation Report for the consideration of Council.

Status of the ARA Licence Application

Brampton Brick submitted an application for an Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) Licence to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on August 12, 2010. During the ARA objection period, City of Brampton filed an objection on the grounds that the subject site was not zoned for the proposed quarry use and there were outstanding concerns related to land use planning, transportation, natural environment, hydrogeology, surficial soil, visual, noise, cultural and social impact, as determined by the initial peer review exercise.

Brampton Brick has two years (until November 4, 2012) to submit the complete documentation of notices, consultation, attempts to resolve objections, letters from the objectors, and withdrawal letters to the MNR. Thus, Brampton Brick is required, in accordance with the ARA Licence process, to attempt to resolve the objections received during the public notification period.

During the ARA objection period, the City filed an objection to the Brampton Brick Licence application (see Appendix B). The City is presently engaged in peer reviewing the new technical material from Brampton Brick. The second round of peer review findings will assess whether earlier concerns have been addressed. The results of the second peer reviews, along with the forthcoming social impact review and consideration of all public and agency input, will inform the staff recommendation to Council on the Re-zoning application.

The Applicant (Brampton Brick) has now released the Notice of Objector Response. Included is this Notice is the applicant's documentation of attempts to resolve objections and their recommendations for resolving objections. This Notice was received by the City on September 6, 2012 and is attached hereto as Appendix C.

In accordance with Section 4.3.3.2 of the Provincial Standards under the ARA Act, the City must respond to the Applicant and the MNR within 20 days of receiving the Notice of Objector Response or it is deemed that the Objector no longer has an objection. The response must be delivered to Brampton Brick and the MNR in writing by personal delivery or registered mail. The 20 day period ends on October 1, 2012.

The Notice of Objector Response sets out 10 issues that are intended to demonstrate how Brampton Brick will resolve objections. The response is general in nature and does not contain specific recommendations to resolve the City's objections. Thus staff continues not to be satisfied with the Applicant's attempt to resolve the outstanding issues.

In addition, the City is also concerned that the Applicant has not submitted an Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) as part of the licence application for the quarry operation. The AMP is a key document to understand how Brampton Brick proposes to monitor and address the potential effects of the proposed quarry, particularly with respect to the ground and surface water regimes.

A review of the AMP will be essential to understand the approach proposed by the Applicant as it relates to environmental and enforcement issues and other related matters. The City does not have this information at the moment and have been advised by the Applicant that an AMP will be submitted later this year.

Therefore, staff is recommending to Council that the City reconfirm its objection to the License application. Staff is of the initial opinion the responses are not substantive enough to satisfy the concerns raised in the first round of peer reviews. As the second round of peer reviews are not complete, staff do not have a sufficient basis on which to form a comprehensive opinion regarding the Brampton Brick response.

Brampton Brick must submit competed documents (notices, consultation, attempts to resolve objections, letters from the objectors and withdrawal letters) to the MNR by November 4, 2012. The MNR has thirty days upon receipt of the required documentation to either:

 Recommend that the Minister of Natural Resources issue or refuse to issue an Aggregate Licence; or, Refer the matter to the OMB to make a final decision on both, the Licence and Re-zoning applications concurrently.

If the complete documentation is not submitted to MNR within the two year period, then the Brampton Brick's Licence application is deemed to be withdrawn.

Social Impact Review

In March 2011, the City retained Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited (HSAL) to undertake an independent social impact review (SIR). The purpose of undertaking this study is to better understand the impacts the proposal shale quarry could have on the surrounding community. All materials submitted by Brampton Brick as part of the planning and ARA applications, including Brampton Brick's socio-economic impact assessment, the new technical material received in May 2012, and the initial and second round of peer reviews, will be considered in the final SIR.

Public Consultation

Planning staff continue to engage the City's BARC (Brampton Aggregate Review Committee) and BAART (Brampton Agency Aggregate Review Team) at major junctures in the process. For the second round of peer reviews currently underway and administered by the City, the Region of Peel and the Town of Halton Hills have agreed to cost share, in part, for three of the peer reviews (Natural Environment, Hydrogeology/Hydrology and Transportation). All final peer review reports will be shared publicly, to the mutual benefit of all stakeholders.

Planning staff continues to keep the general public, area residents and stakeholders apprised of key developments and information concerning the proposal. Stakeholder updates are released as required and relevant information is posted regularly on the City's project website (http://www.brampton.ca/en/Business/planning-development/projects-studies/Pages/Norval-Quarry-Re-Zoning.aspx).

Region of Peel

Region staff reported to Peel Council on December 8, 2011 with an update of the Norval Quarry proposal. A copy of the Peel report is attached hereto as Appendix D.

In addition to describing Region's approach to reviewing the proposal, the report advises that the Region has retained a lawyer and an environmental consultant to assist them with the forthcoming OMB proceedings and to review matters related to the natural environment, respectively, from a Regional perspective.

NEXT STEPS

The second round of peer reviews is underway to assess the new materials received from Brampton Brick. Once the second peer review findings are available, the City will finalize the social impact review and present these materials to the public at an open house before the end of the year. As informed by the peer review findings, the social impact review and input from agencies, the public and stakeholders, staff will comprehensively review the application against relevant policies and prepare a Recommendation Report for Council consideration.

Next steps in the City's process include:

- Reconfirm the City's objection to Brampton Brick's ARA Licence application;
- Release the results of the peer reviews to the public at another open house;
- Finalize the review of the re-zoning planning application based on the results of the peer reviews, the social impact review, public consultation, any stakeholder submissions and agency comments; and,
- Report back to Council with a Recommendation Report on Brampton Brick's Re-zoning application in the new year.

CONCLUSION

This report provides an update on the re-zoning and ARA License applications by Brampton Brick for the proposed Norval Quarry. Staff is engaged in the second round of peer reviews. When the final results of the peer review and the social impact review are completed, staff will hold another open house to release the findings and seek feedback from the public and stakeholders.

The City is reconfirming its objection to the License application because staff is of the initial opinion the responses are not substantive enough to satisfy the concerns raised in the first round of peer reviews. As the second round of peer reviews is not complete, staff does not yet have a sufficient basis on which form a comprehensive opinion regarding the Brampton Brick response.

Based on the findings of the second round of peer reviews, the social impact review and any agency, public and stakeholder submissions, staff will comprehensively assess the proposal and present a Recommendation Report to Council in the New Year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Original Signed By

Original Signed By

Henrik Zbogar, MCIP, RPP (Acting) Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management John B. Colbett, MCIP, RPP Commissioner, Planning, Design and Development

Authored by: Natasha D'Souza/David Waters

Attachments:

Appendix A - Meeting Minutes of the Oct 17, 2011 Open House

Appendix B - December 17, 2010 City of Brampton objection letter to MNR

Appendix C - Brampton Brick's Notice of Objector Response

Appendix D - Region of Peel Report

Appendix A Meeting Minutes of the Oct 17, 2011 Open House

Norval Quarry Re-zoning Application Public Open House Peel Regional Police Association Meeting Hall City File# C06W12.002

Notes of Public Meeting Held at: 10675 Mississauga Road, Brampton on October 17, 2011

Council Members Present:

City Councillor J. Hutton – Wards 2 and 6 Regional Councillor P. Palleschi - Wards 2 and 6

Halton Hill Councillor Brian Lewis - Ward 2 Halton Hills Councillor Joan Robson - Ward 2

Staff Present: Planning, Design and Development Department

Adrian Smith, Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management

N. D'Souza, Policy Planner L. Bisset, Counsel, Davis LLP

M. Dorfman, Aggregate Advisor, Mark L. Dorfman, Planner Inc.

Following a one hour open house period, A. Smith presented a status of the City review of the Application. Brampton Brick (Applicant) also provided an overview of their rezoning application. The following public submissions were heard at the question and answer period, during the presentation portion of the open house:

Water

- Impact on groundwater is the major concern.
- Concern that the wells will dry up as a result of the proposed quarry.
- The proposed 30 metre excavation represents a very deep hole in the ground, which would deplete groundwater supply area wells and pools. The Brampton Brick proposal does not explain where the extracted groundwater would go.
- Residents will be forced to spend thousands to drill for more water.
- The area is not an appropriate location for the quarry. Improper modeling technique used. Need verifiable results. Brampton Brick has not had adequate discussion of the proposal with the area residents.
- Need more study and consideration for families who may be affected.
- Will residents be provided with piped water? Who will pay for this?
- Some wells in the area are already known to experience dry spells.
- Shale is where the water is. The Credit River supports underground aquifers.

Natural Environment

• The studies presented by Brampton Brick have not addressed the significance of the Butternut Trees on the subject lands that are identified by the Province as a protected

species. The Greenbelt should be protected for use as parkland and not for aggregate extraction.

- We have such a small amount of Greenbelt in Brampton, that should be protected.
- About 80 acres of Greenbelt would be ruined.

Transportation

- Concerned about the impact of increased truck traffic (30 round trips) on Winston Churchill Blvd arising from the proposed quarry and safety issues (concern about more accidents occurring). Winston Churchill Blvd is not presently designed to support that level of traffic do we need an overpass/ underpass for railroad tracks?
- The proposal does not make sense from a traffic and safety point of view someone will be killed. There is a steep hill which poses a potentially dangerous transportation challenge.
- There was a serious motorcycle accident because the rider was speeding. Now, will be adding more truck traffic and impacts, plus driving downhill.
- An elementary school attended by 2,500 students is located near the entrance to the proposed quarry. The school will be impacted by traffic and safety concerns.
- The traffic impact will extend to areas north of Mayfield Rd.

Social Impacts

- People who have lived in the area for many years would have their lifestyle disrupted and their property values will go down. People need their homes as part of their retirement.
- The area from Norval to Mayfield Rd is residential. The proposal is not compatible
 with the character of this residential area. The proposal would put a Quarry on our
 doorstep.
- Moved here for quiet, enjoyable area.

Ted Harlson (Freedom Party)

 The proposed Quarry makes sense – visionary and economic activity. The proposal is an opportunity to take leadership and raise the standard of living. Let us not set up arbitrary measures and roadblocks for a normal, uncontroversial clay quarry which has no negatives attached. Brampton cannot have a future based on utopian environmentalism.

Regional Councillor Paul Palleschi:

- People need to do their homework. The Quarry is not an appropriate use. The Province protects shale for 10 years in NW Brampton.
- The Applicant committed to meetings with individual neighbours but many people have not had any contact with Brampton Brick.

Halton Hills Ward 2 Councillors Brian Lewis/Joan Joan Robson

• The country roads, rural landscape and the greenbelt would be destroyed by this proposal. The berms will hide everything.

• The City did a great job in having the consultant's studies peer reviewed. Very pleased with City's position on the proposal. But, if Brampton Brick is fixing their reports, it tells me that they didn't do a good enough job.

Planning staff advised that feedback from the public, any technical response from Brampton Brick will be considered in a recommendation report to City Council. Additionally, the recommendation report will consider an evaluation of the re-zoning application with current planning policy (such as, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Greenbelt Plan, the Region of Peel and Brampton Official Plans).

Presentation materials from the Open House are posted on the project webpage: http://www.brampton.ca/en/Business/planning-development/projects-studies/Pages/Norval-Quarry-Re-Zoning.aspx

Appendix B
December 17, 2010 City of Brampton objection letter to MNR

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Planning, Design and Development

Norval Quarry C06W12.002

December 17, 2010

MNR Aurora District Office 50 Bloomington Road West Aurora, Ontario L4G 3G8

Brampton Brick Limited 225 Wanless Drive Brampton, Ontario L7A 1E9

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Brampton Brick's Aggregate Licence Application (Norval Quarry)

(East side of Winston Churchill Boulevard, north of Old Pine Crest Road, in the

City of Brampton)

Ministry Reference Number: MNR INST 78/10

EBR Registry Number: 011-1911

The purpose of this letter is to file an objection to the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the *Aggregate Resources Act* Licence Application (the Licence) submitted by Brampton Brick. A copy of the City of Brampton Council resolution respecting the Licence and associated staff report are enclosed with this letter.

The City of Brampton objects to the Licence for the following reasons:

The existing Brampton Zoning By-law prohibits a quarry on the subject property;

There are outstanding issues regarding planning, natural environment, transportation, visual, cultural heritage, soil, hydrogeology, noise, air quality, archaeology, and social impacts related to the proposed quarry operation;

The cross-disciplinary impacts across technical areas have not been properly evaluated and are being considered through the City peer review process;

Brampton Brick's natural heritage technical report identifies ten vegetation communities. Some key ecological features and natural heritage features identified include eleven Butternut trees (which are classified as endangered tree species), watercourses and provincially protected wetlands. The City is concerned that the ecological and terrestrial environment will be adversely impacted by the proposed quarry;

The technical reports included with the Licence materials update many of the technical reports included in its zoning application. City peer reviews of the updated technical reports are underway. These peer reviews may identify omissions in the reports that should be

considered as part of a comprehensive review of the proposed quarry proposal. The peer review conclusions are expected in early 2011;

Planning Staff is also concerned with the land use impacts, including social impacts to the community. The City is in the process of determining how it can best evaluate social impacts of the quarry proposal on the community.

For future reference, the City's contact person respecting this objection letter and the zoning application is Natasha D'Souza, Policy Planner, at (905) 874-3861.

Original Signed By

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Commissioner, Planning Design & Development

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Councillor Palleschi
Councillor Hutton
Members of BARC
Members of BAART

Appendix C Brampton Brick's Notice of Objector Response



Notice of Objector Response Aggregate Resources Act

6 September 2012

John B. Corbett, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner
Planning, Design and Development Department
City of Brampton
2 Wellington St. West
Brampton, Ontario L6Y 4R2

RE: BRAMPTON BRICK LIMITED, APPLICATION FOR A CATEGORY 2 LICENCE Part of West Half Lot 5 Concession 6 WHS, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy City of Brampton, Region of Peel

Further to your objection of December 17, 2010 regarding this licence application under the Aggregate Resources Act, Brampton Brick Limited offers the attached further information to address your objections/concerns.

As per Section 4.3.3.2 of the Provincial Standards under the Act, please be advised that after review of this additional information you, the objector, have 20 days from receipt of this letter, i.e. October 1, 2012, to respond to the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Applicant at the addresses shown below, with recommendations that may resolve the objections.

These recommendations must be delivered personally or by registered mail within the abovenoted 20-day period or it will be deemed that there is no longer a valid objection.

Yours very truly, BRAMPTON BRICK LIMITED

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Brad Cobbledick, Technical Director

Brampton Brick Limited 225 Wanless Drive Brampton, Ontario, L7A 1E9 Ministry of Natural Resources Aurora District 50 Bloomington Road Aurora, Ontario, L4G 0L8



September 6, 2012

Registered Mail

Mr. John B. Corbett, MCIP, RPP
Commissioner
Planning, Design and Development Department
City of Brampton
2 Wellington St. West
Brampton, Ontario L6Y 4R2

RE: BRAMPTON BRICK LIMITED, APPLICATION FOR A CATEGORY 2 LICENCE Part West Half Lot 5, Con. 6 WHS, Geographic Township of Chingacousy City of Brampton, Region of Peel

Dear Mr. Corbett:

We have communicated with City officials, on a regular basis, since our Client initiated the background studies for its December 2008 *Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment.*, in August 2007. The Complete Application Package for our Client's August 2010 *Application For A Licence* was provided more than 90 days prior to the end of the 45 day notification period, under the *Aggregate Resources Act.* Your peer review reports were received in June 2011 and our consultants responses were provided in mid-May 2012. To date, no response to our May 2011 Socio-Economic Impact Analysis has been received.

Our Client participated in the City's Open House, last October 17th. We have diligently responded to all requests for information, attended meetings of the Planning, Design & Development Committee and attempted to foster discussion between our consultants and your peer reviewers. Despite these ongoing efforts, our Client has been unable to completely address the issues set out in your objection dated December 17, 2010.

The ARA *Notification and Consultation Standards* provide that our Client must complete the documentation of its attempts to resolve objections by November 2012. Consequently, we have attached the prescribed *Notice of Objector Response* and *Responses To Accompany 20 Day Notice*. These responses address specific issues raised by other objectors. They demonstrate our Client's diligent attempts to resolve the objections received in December 2010.

Yours very truly,

LONG ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS INC.

R. J. Long, P. Eng., RPP

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Brampton Brick Limited NORVAL QUARRY APPLICATION

RESPONSES TO ACCOMPANY 20 DAY NOTICE

1. Not Zoned For A Quarry

Pit and quarry zoning is customarily processed when specific site development plans have been prepared. Rezoning must conform to Provincial Policy Plans and Official Plans. The property is identified as a High Priority Mineral Aggregate Resource Area, in the Region of Peel Official Plan and designated Shale Resources in the Brampton Official Plan. The Applicant filed an application for rezoning with the City of Brampton in December 2008. The City deemed the application to be complete on January 6, 2009.

During 2000-2002, the City, its consultants and interested agency and industry representatives participated in a North West Brampton Shale Resources Review. The objective of this review was to determine which areas, within the 1,370 ha Norval Shale Deposit were most acceptable for shale quarry development. The short list of remaining areas was limited to approximately 180 ha, between Winston Churchill Boulevard and Mississauga Road. Brampton Brick's proposed 9.35 ha quarry excavation area was included on the City's Figure 9 "Remaining Resource Areas", July 2002.

2. Greenbelt Plan

The 34.9 ha (86 ac) site is designated Protected Countryside in the Greenbelt Plan, 2005, with a Natural Heritage System overlay. New quarries are explicitly permitted.

Ontario's Greenbelt Plan, 2005 imposes land use controls over a significant part of the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including a small area in northwest Brampton. The importance of mineral aggregates is recognized in Subsection 4.3.2.2: "Aggregates, in particular, provide significant building materials for our communities and infrastructure, and the availability of aggregates close to market is important both for economic and environmental reasons".

Greenbelt Plan policies for quarries emphasize rehabilitation to a state of equal or greater ecological value. Aquatic areas are to be rehabilitated to aquatic enhancement, to improve existing key natural heritage systems. At least 35% of the non-aquatic lands are to be: "rehabilitated to forest cover, which shall be representative of the natural ecosystem in that particular setting or ecodistrict", while maintaining, restoring or improving the connectivity of key natural heritage features.

The attached Site Plan Drawing 5, Final Rehabilitation Plan, provides for more than 45% forest cover on non-aquatic quarry lands. This includes vegetation protection and enhancement zones to maintain and protect the Credit River tributary valley, the onsite Provincially significant wetland and increase onsite forest cover.

3. Need For Brick and Shale

Ontario's clay brick industry operates 6 plants and 5 quarries, representing a capital investment in excess of \$200 million. Current production capacity exceeds 600 million clay brick per year. The industry employs more than 300 persons, pays substantial local, provincial and federal taxes and generates significant markets for goods and services within their host communities.

Shale of the Queenston Formation, the primary raw material for clay brick, has been deemed Provincially significant by the Ontario Geological Survey. The clay brick industry utilizes about 1.5 million tonnes of shale per year. This is less than 1% of Ontario's total annual aggregate consumption. During the past 20 years, three quarries in Burlington, Milton and Streetsville have become depleted and closed. Based upon 20 years at 1.5 million tonnes annually, more than 30 million tonnes of Queenston Shale will have been utilized. Only one new licence, the Tansley Quarry in the City of Burlington, was issued in 2007. The Tansley Quarry is expected to yield approximately 12 million tonnes. Consequently, reserves of Queenston Shale have become substantially depleted since 1992.

4. Private Water Supplies

Brampton Brick's water resources consultants, in consultation with government agencies, have concluded that some local wells, completed in the Queenston Shale, could be affected by quarry operations over the long term. The Company has developed a water supply guarantee, which provides for immediate response to any complaints of private well impacts. The Company will provide an immediate supply of water and an inspection of the water system components, to attempt to identify the cause of the problem.

The Company will also provide a no-fault guarantee. This guarantees any neighbour, who thinks his well has been affected by the quarry, a complete cistern system and a continuous supply of trucked water, until municipal water servicing can be provided. Brampton Brick will not commence excavation of the Queenston shale until it is assured that municipal water service can be provided to the surrounding neighbours within 5 years.

5. Natural Environment

The natural environment of the site and vicinity has been assessed and monitored since late 2007. The plans which accompanied Brampton Brick's August 2010 Application For a Licence were reviewed with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Credit Valley Conservation and natural environment consultants retained by the Region of Peel and the City of Brampton. Responses to these agency comments were delivered on May 16, 2012. These Peer Review Responses are available at the City of Brampton.

The current recommendations for site development include expanded monitoring programs and Adaptive Water and Vegetation Management Plans. As illustrated on the Final Rehabilitation Plan and Vegetation Management Plan drawings, the width of the valley forest will be increased by 60 metres and the ecological pond area will include buffer and shallow, littoral zones. This will improve the connectivity and diversity of the natural heritage system.

6. Credit River

The proposed Norval Quarry is not expected to adversely affect the quantity or quality of flow in the Credit River. The onsite Credit River tributary will continue to be managed as a warm water fishery with continuous monitoring of flows and water quality to forecast and mitigate any adverse effects caused by the proposed quarry development. Storage ponds and an effluent cooling system will enable augmentation of streamflows during dry weather and other low flow periods.

7. Haul Route

As indicated in Brampton Brick's application, its maximum annual production is expected to generate up to 30 truck loads of shale daily, representing a total of 60 truck trips per 10 hour day. Brampton Brick does not intend to operate the Norval Quarry until Winston Churchill Boulevard has been reconstructed to a truck route standard, by the Regions of Peel and Halton. This reconstruction is currently scheduled for 2015. The reconstructed road will be approximately 4.5 m wider, with 3.75 m travel lanes and 2.5 m wide paved shoulders. Regrading will substantially improve visibility. When Winston Churchill Boulevard has been reconstructed, shale can be transported north to Mayfield Road, then east to Highway 10 and south, on the existing shale truck route to the Brampton Brick plant.

The forecast quarry traffic increase, at up to 3 loads per hour, will be minimal on designated major regional arterial roads. The associated traffic noise increase is rated "acoustically insignificant".

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8. Property Value Protection

Brampton Brick has developed a Property Value Guarantee Agreement, for neighbours in close proximity to the quarry. This agreement provides that, for the first 5 years of quarry operation, any of the eligible neighbours may elect to sell their property and relocate. In that event, Brampton Brick has agreed to assume any shortfall between the sale price and fair market value. Fair market value will be determined from the appraisals of similar, rural properties which are not influenced by a quarry.

9. Cultural Heritage

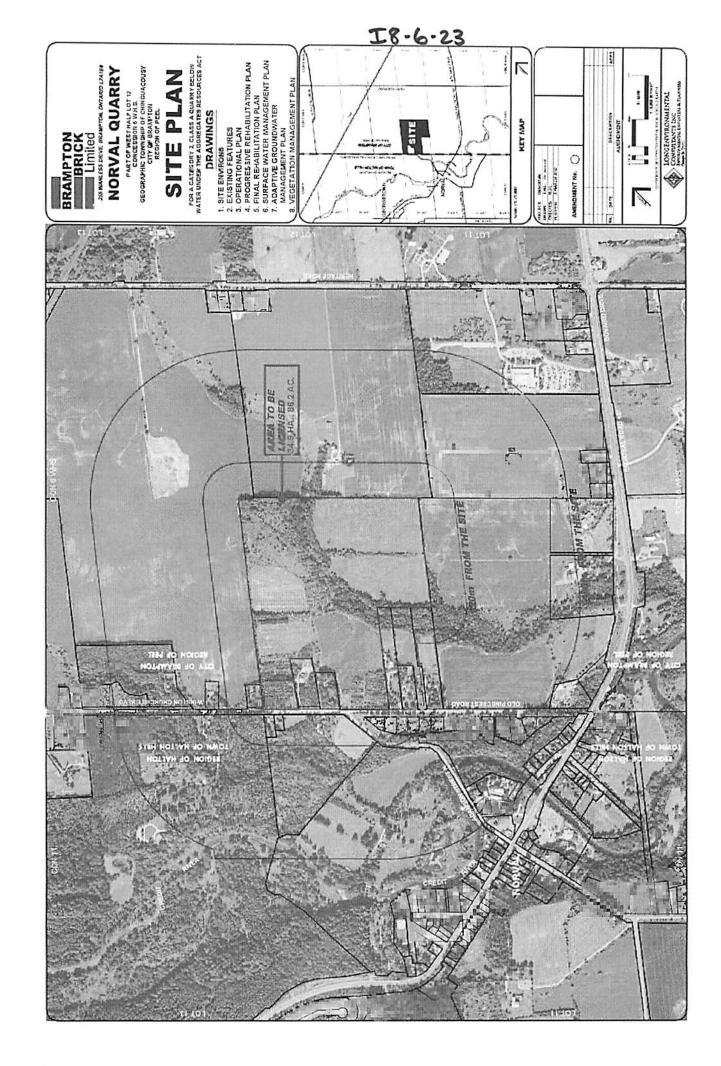
The November 2008 Cultural Heritage Study and the July 2010 Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment have been updated, in consultation with the City's peer reviewers and heritage staff. Additional field work was completed and the update was delivered in May 2012. It is concluded that the proposed quarry, with the recommended landscaping and screening, will not lead to undue adverse affects upon the cultural landscape or cultural heritage features in the vicinity.

10. Air Quality, Noise & Visual Assessments

The City of Brampton peer reviewers have substantially accepted the analyses of Brampton Brick's air quality consultants. Minor issues have been resolved through the recent Peer Review Response. Air quality will meet and exceed Provincial regulations.

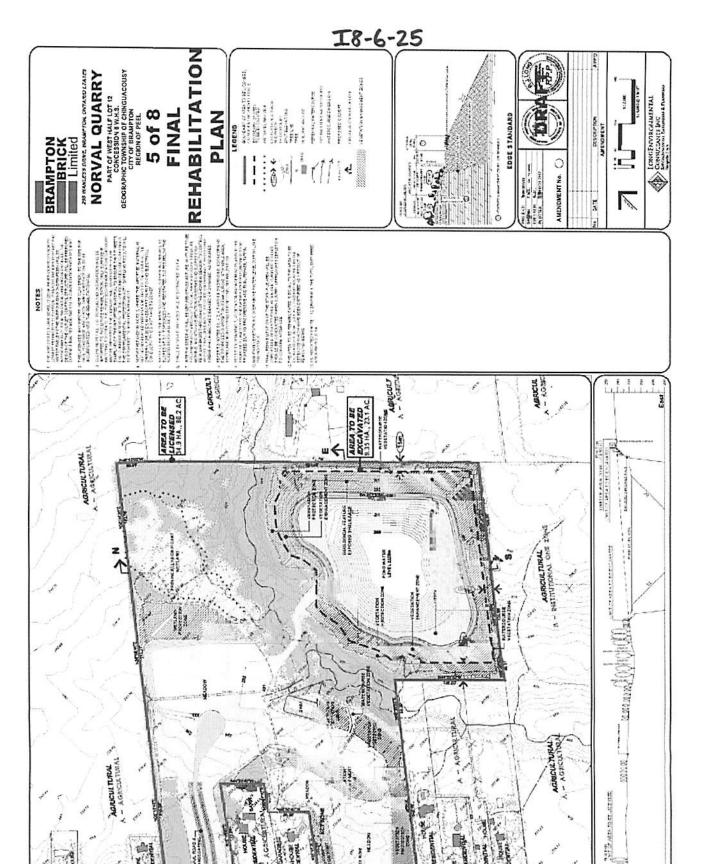
Brampton Brick's noise control study has been updated to address peer review comments. It is expected that the consensus opinion will confirm that Ministry of the Environment standards will be satisfied.

Our visual assessment consultant's May 2011 Peer Review Response sets out significantly enhanced standards for landscape management, including berm screening, both in the local and open landscape context. These standards were verified under both summer and winter conditions. Site Plan Drawing 8 is the Vegetation Management Plan.



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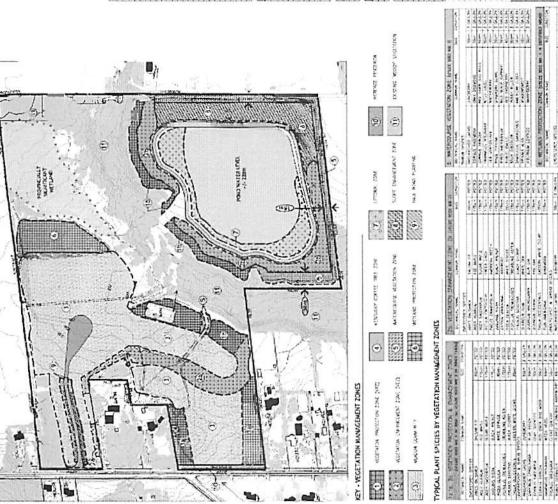
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Appendix D Region of Peel Report



REPORT Meeting Date: December 8, 2011 Regional Council

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October 31, 2011

REPORT TITLE: UPDATE ON BRAMPTON BRICK'S NORVAL QUARRY PROPOSAL IN

THE CITY OF BRAMPTON, WARD 6

FROM:

Dan Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works

OBJECTIVE

To provide an update on the status of the Norval Quarry proposal and the approach being undertaken by Regional staff and the City of Brampton.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Brampton Brick Limited has filed a rezoning application with the City of Brampton. as well as a licence application to the Ministry of Natural Resources under the Aggregate Resources Act to support the use of the subject lands as a shale quarry.
- The rezoning application was appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board in January 2011. No proceedings have been scheduled to date.
- The City of Brampton has made public its peer review studies of the technical reports submitted by the applicant and held a public meeting on October 17, 2011.
- Regional staff is undertaking its review of the technical submissions and peer review studies and has retained the services of Mr. Stephen Garrod for legal advice and Mr. Mirek Sharp (North-South Environmental) on matters related to the natural environment.
- Regional staff is scoping its review to appropriate matters of Regional interest to add value where Regional leadership is warranted.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

Brampton Brick Limited (BBL) is proposing the development of a shale quarry (Norval Quarry) and related uses on a 34.9 hectare (86 acre) site located in the area of Old Pine Crest Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard, in the vicinity of Norval. See Appendix I for a location map.

The Region has not taken a formal position on the proposal at this time because the proponents' studies are being reviewed by staff and are also under peer review.

BBL has made two applications to support the proposed quarry, including a:

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a) Rezoning Application

BBL submitted a rezoning application to the City of Brampton on December 9, 2008. Staff provided details on this rezoning application to Regional Council at its meeting held on April 23, 2009 in a report dated March 19, 2009 (Resolution 2009-433). The applicant has appealed Brampton's non-decision on the rezoning application to the Ontario Municipal Board. No pre-hearing conferences have been scheduled to date.

b) Aggregate Resources Act Application

In August 2010, BBL submitted an application to the Ministry of Natural Resources for a Licence under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA). In November 2010, staff filed a Letter of Objection to Ministry of Natural Resources on Brampton Brick's Aggregate Resources Act Licence application. This was reported to Regional Council at its meeting held on January 27, 2011 in a report dated January 4, 2011 (Resolution 2011-62).

Peel's objection letter is based on conformity of the proposal to the Regional Official Plan, consistency with the Provincial Policy Statement, and its impact on the following: hydrogeology; natural environmental features and functions; transportation and traffic; and financial securities and costs. The City of Brampton's Letter of Objection is also based on similar concerns.

2. City of Brampton Peer Review Studies

In support of its applications, BBL has prepared a series of technical reports. In July 2011, the City of Brampton made public a series of peer review reports to allow the public an opportunity to review the materials and provide comments in advance of a public meeting the City held on October 17, 2011. The City initiated and funded peer review studies address matters related to hydrogeology, the natural environment, transportation, visual impact, soils, noise, cultural heritage, air quality, and archaeology. Based on comments made at the recent public meeting, Brampton staff intends to take a Recommendation Report on the rezoning application to its Council in the first quarter of 2012.

3. Role of the Region of Peel

The Region of Peel is a commenting agency on rezoning application. On the ARA application, as noted above, Peel is an objector on a technical basis to ensure that key regional issues are addressed to our satisfaction. Staff is currently undertaking its review of the technical studies, peer review information, and applicable planning policies.

In undertaking this review, staff is being guided by the Provincial Policy Statement, the Provincial Greenbelt Plan, and the Region of Peel Official Plan. Specific policies within the Region of Peel Official Plan reinforce the roles and responsibilities of the Region and Area Municipalities by providing Regional leadership where value is added and by clearly assigning certain roles to the Area Municipalities.

To date, consistent with Regional roles and responsibilities, staff is focusing its planning and technical review on five main issues:

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- Conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement, the Provincial Greenbelt Plan, and the Region of Peel Official Plan – to ensure that the relevant planning policies are fully considered;
- Hydrogeology and related engineering design issues to ensure the protection of groundwater and surface water, including natural features and functions and drinking water supplies;
- o Natural Environment features and functions to ensure the protection of natural components of the Regional Greenlands System;
- o Transportation and Traffic issues to ensure impacts on road safety and the Regional road network are appropriately considered, including full cost recovery from the applicant of any upgrades and/or increased costs should the guarry be approved.
- o Enforcement, Financial Securities and Cost implications to the Region to ensure that issues of enforcement are appropriately addressed and that the taxpayers of the Region of Peel do not bear the burden of short term or long term costs or risks associated with any of the above issues relating to the proposed quarry.

Mr. Stephen Garrod has been retained provide to represent the Region at the OMB. To assist in its review of matters related to the natural environmental, staff has retained the services of North-South Environmental (principally Mr. Mirek Sharp). Mr. Sharp has completed an initial review of the technical submissions related to the natural environment.

The review of the other matters of Regional interest has been led by in-house staff. Staff will be providing formal comments directly to the applicant and remains open to working with the applicant to resolve matters of regional interest. In addition, formal staff comments will be posted on the Region's website to make them open and transparent to the public.

The City of Brampton has requested the other member municipalities that comprise the Brampton and Agency Aggregate Review Team (being Peel Region, Halton, Region and the Town of Halton Hills) to make a financial contribution towards continuing towards peer review fees. Staff has had a preliminary discussion with the City of Brampton regarding this request and will advise Council as to the outcome of these discussions.

CONCLUSION

Staff will continue to work closely with the City of Brampton and other plan review agencies to provide input on the Norval Quarry proposal. Staff will continue to inform Regional Council of the status of the rezoning and ARA licence applications of Brampton Brick at key milestones and in advance of Ontario Municipal Board proceedings, which remain unscheduled to date.

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Dan Labrecque

Commissioner of Public Works

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APPENDIX I
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