

PROJECT BACKGROUND (July 17, 2010)

- These lands are designated in the City's Official Plan as Greenbelt and are part of the North West Brampton Policy Area. The Special Policy Area, mandated by the province, permits shale extraction to occur, subject to ensuring that environmental and community impacts are minimized.
- The Provincial Greenbelt Plan permits extraction of shale. Approval of mineral extraction is subject to a comprehensive re-zoning (City of Brampton) and licensing process (Aggregate Resources Act – Ministry of Natural Resources). This process includes rigorous evaluation and assessment, including multi-agency plan review.
- In accordance with the Planning Act, the application was deemed complete on January 6, 2009. The City's Planning Department sent a notice of the complete application to those persons required by the legislation (i.e. the applicant). This notice advised the applicant that a complete application submission does not constitute support of the application or indicate that the material contained in the supporting documentation will be acceptable, and that through the processing of this application, additional documentation may be required.
- Brampton Brick submitted the application for an Aggregate Licence, under the Aggregate Resources Act, to the MNR on August 12, 2010. The ARA Licence application package was deemed complete by MNR on Sept 2, 2010. Brampton Brick the 45-day notification and consultation period on November 4, 2010, which includes a mandatory notification period.
- To assist in assessing the planning application and supporting materials, Mark Dorfman was retained as the City's expert Aggregate Advisor in December 2009.
- The City has established an Aggregate Review Committee (ARC) and a Brampton Aggregate Agency Review Team, (BAART) to share information and co-ordinate the complex decision making process that will be required to deal with this proposal.
- In support of the proposed quarry, 10 technical studies have been submitted with the rezoning application, including studies on Planning, Natural Environment, Ground Water, Soils, Cultural Heritage, Traffic, Noise and Air Quality. The City may ask for additional material/information throughout the evaluation of the application. To evaluate these technical studies, the City is undertaking a peer review exercise.