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To:

Subject: Fwd: Bacher Construction Aggregate Permit application

Hi

Please find attached the Notice of Completion for a Category B Project Evaluation with respect to the expansion of the pit on McClintock Rd. This Notice of Completion denotes that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry have concluded that Bacher Construction has met all requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment Process for the proposed pit expansion, and that Bacher Construction has addressed all concerns raised to the extent possible.

Sincerely

David Villard

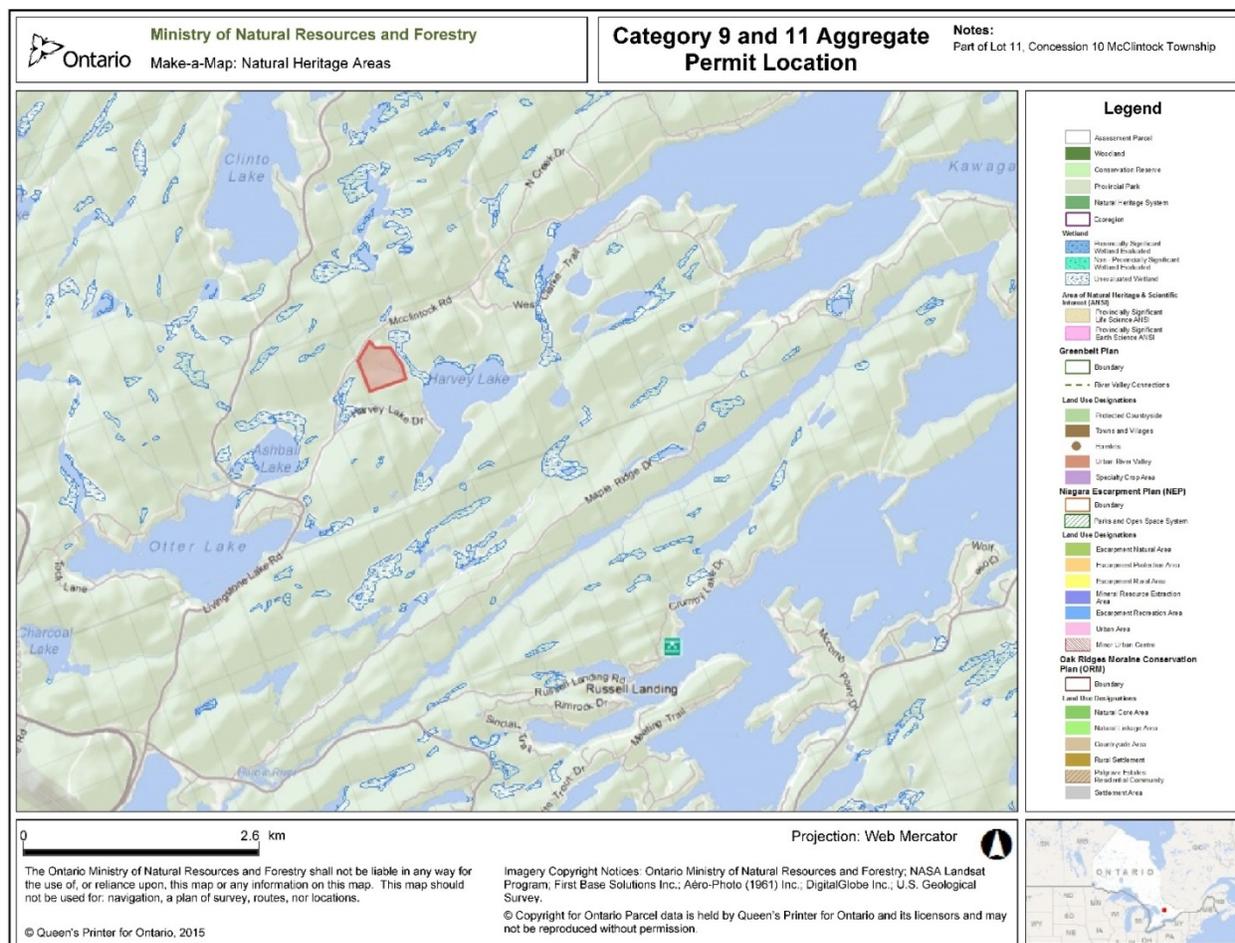
Notice of Completion for a Category B Project Evaluation

Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects

MNR has completed a project evaluation for a proposed pit and quarry on Crown land.

Project Description

The site is located on part of Lot 11 and 12, Concession 2 in the Geographic Township of McClintock, Township of Algonquin Highlands in the County of Haliburton. The NAD 87 coordinates for the northernmost point of the proposed permit are: 668401 E and 5018182 N.



An application was submitted under the Aggregate Resources Act to obtain a permit to extract both unconsolidated and consolidated material from Crown land. As per the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Provincial Standards, the permit would be classified as a Category 9 & 11 Aggregate Permit. If issued, the permit would be restricted to a pit and quarry operation, which is allowed to extract aggregate material from above the established groundwater table. The objective of this application is to obtain a permit that will provide a localized and competitive source of quality aggregate, in particular crushed rock, to service the area mainly east of Dorset but also the immediate Dorset area.

The proposed permit area is 16.10 hectares with extraction of sand, gravel and rock from an area of 13.5 hectares in size. Extraction would take place more than two meters above the water table

for the rock and more than one- and one-half meters above the water table for the surficial material. The annual maximum tonnage proposed is 75,000 tonnes. The project will also involve removing all trees within five meters of all working faces and the construction of an entrance road, processing and marshaling area, as well as, the implementation of the mitigation/avoidance measures outlined on the site plan. A public notice was previously issued on (July 4, 2017).

Project Timing This site could operate 12 months of the year although it is not expected to operate during the winter months. The hours of operation at this site will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, except for blasting which will be from 8 am to 6 pm. There will be no blasting on the site beginning the third weekend in June until after the Labor Day weekend in September of each year. A response to emergencies is not limited to the hours of operation shown on the site plan. Hauling – Trucks will also be allowed to haul between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Site clearing can only occur between Sept 1 and April 30 (due to the breeding season for migratory birds), unless the area is field checked by a biologist and his/her conclusions accepted by MNRF.

Project Duration The permit will operate until surrendered or revoked and could operate for up to 60 or more years depending on the demand for aggregate in the area and the reserves on the site.

Project Rehabilitation There will be ongoing progressive rehabilitation during the life of the permit and the final rehabilitation that is specified on the site plan must be accepted by MNRF before the permit can be surrendered.

All outstanding issues brought forward in the environmental assessment process have been addressed to the extent possible.

The main mitigation, and enhancement actions that have been committed to and/or addressed concerns include:

- A surface/groundwater monitoring program and a storm water management plan will be developed before operations commence on the site.
- The yearly tonnage limit has been reduced from 285,000 tonnes per year (tpa) to 75,000 tpa
- With the reduction to 75000 tonnes per years there will be far fewer trucks using the municipal roads than originally proposed. An e-mail from the Township on Oct. 13 2017, Stated: ... *AND THAT Council hereby concurs with the recommendation in the said report and rescinds the request for Bacher Construction Ltd. to undertake a Pavement Design Review for this project given the substantial reduction in the extraction limit from 285,000 tonnes/year to 75,000 tonnes/year.*
- The hours of operation have been reduced from 24 hours per day, 7 days a week to those outlined in Project Timing above.
- The total area of the Permit has been reduced from 21.85 Hectares to 16.1 hectares by moving the south boundary further away from the landowners.
- There will be no drilling/blasting on the site from beginning the third weekend in June until after the Labor Day weekend in September of each year. Originally it was proposed blasting could occur year round.
- Blanding's Turtle avoidance has been adjusted after review by specialists at the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and will conform to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks guidelines.
- A decision was made to use a more environmentally friendly explosive than previously

indicated.

- All mitigations recommended in the Blast Impact Analysis and Noise Impact Analysis will be implemented.

The Category B project evaluation and consultation process was carried out in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for the MNRF Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects (Class EA) and it identified no significant adverse effects.

Where there are outstanding concerns regarding potential environmental impacts of the project that are not resolved in discussion with the MNRF, concerned parties have an opportunity to request the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to issue a Part II Order, requiring the project be subject to an individual environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. More information on this process, including the form that must be used and where the request should be sent, can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order>. Requests must be received by the Minister within the 30-day comment period, which expires on August 16, 2019 and copied at the same time to the MNRF at the address below.

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To inspect the project file during regular office hours or to submit comments, please contact Jeff Schosser. For further information on the project, please contact Jeff Schosser or David Villard.

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If at the end of this notice period the MNRF considers that there are no significant concerns, the MNRF may permit the implementation of the undertaking without further public notice.

Comments and personal information regarding this Aggregate Permit proposal are collected under the authority of the *Aggregate Resources Act* to assist in making decisions and to determine

further public consultation needs relating to the project. Comments and opinions which do not constitute personal information, as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among the MNRF and John Bacher Construction Ltd. and may be included in study documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained. However, this information may be used by the MNRF to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects.