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A New Gravel Pit will be Opening in Brant

County of Brant, ON - On January 28, 2020, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal approved St. Marys Cement to license the Olszowka pit located on Bishopsgate Road near Burford.

“This has been a long process for the County of Brant,” said Mayor David Bailey. “The previous and current Councils have worked very hard to listen to the concerns of the community and diligently work on behalf of their best interests.”

The pit is located 468 Bishopsgate Road and 473 Bishopsgate Road, Burford. The neighbouring properties include areas designated for agricultural lands and natural environment features.

In 2012, St. Marys Cement submitted an application to the County of Brant to operate a new gravel pit. The County requested a number of studies to be completed to evaluate the impact on the environment, traffic, surrounding properties and water sources, to name a few.

In 2017, the Planning Advisory Committee made the recommendation to Council to refuse St. Marys applications due to a number of concerns raised by the public and committee members.

Before Council made their final decision, St. Marys appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal for a non-decision. The timeframe for Council making a decision had passed and St. Marys chose to exercise its appeal rights under the Planning Act.

“Through the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal process, the County and St. Marys have been working to resolve many of the community’s concerns,” said Bailey. “We were successful in achieving a number of concessions such as environmental (including aquifer and natural heritage) protections, noise and dust mitigation, hours of operation and traffic management solutions.”

At the hearing on January 28, 2020, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal delivered the decision to approve St. Marys Cement to license the gravel pit.

It is expected that the gravel pit will be in operation for at least 10 years. The County wanted to ensure that St. Marys would provide for employment opportunities but at the same time, respect and protect the features which make this County a wonderful place.

“When the gravel pit operations are complete, approximately 70% of the area that has been extracted will be rehabilitated back to agriculture fields and the rest will be rehabilitated into lakes, ponds and naturalized areas that could be used for aquaculture and other recreational land uses,” said Bailey.

To learn more visit: www.brant.ca/Q&A.StMarysPit.

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To review LPAT file (PL 171093), please visit: <https://elto.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/e-status/>

Studies and submission documents are located on St. Marys' website at:
http://www.cbmcommunityinfo.com/the_olszowka_project_siteplan.htm