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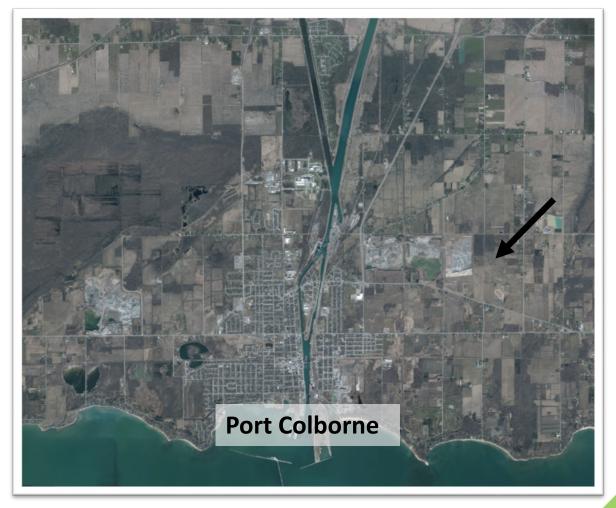
Regional Official Plan Amendment Application No. ROPA-21-0001

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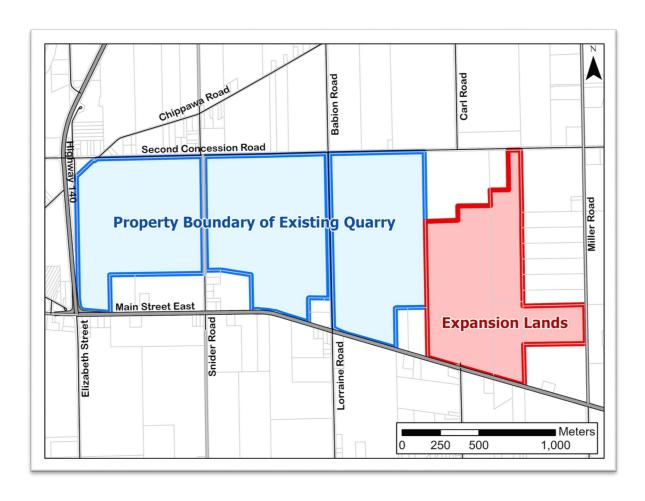
Purpose of the Public Meeting

- To hear and consider public comments related to the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment application
- No recommendation is being made, and no decision of Council is being requested





Regional Official Plan Amendment



Purpose of Application

 To re-designate the lands from Agricultural to Licenced Mineral Aggregate Operation, to allow for the expansion of the existing Port Colborne Quarries operation

Location: City of Port Colborne

 North of Highway 3/Main St. E., south of 2nd Concession, and west of Miller Road



Supporting Information

- Planning Justification
- Agricultural Impact
- Archaeological Assessment
- Cultural Heritage
- Land Use Compatibility
- Noise Impact
- Blasting Impact
- Air Quality Impact
- Financial Impact / Economic Benefits

- Water Resources (surface and groundwater)
- Natural Environment
- Tree Preservation
- Rehabilitation Strategy
- Social Impact
- Visual Impact
- Traffic Impact
- Environmental Site Assessment
- Soil Management Plan

The application, studies, site plans, and other supporting information are available for review:

Port Colborne Quarry Pit 3 Application (https://portcolbornequarries.ca/quarry-expansion-document)



Timeline of ROPA Application

Pre-Consultation Meeting (April 23, 2020)

Application Submitted (March 17, 2021)

Peer Reviews Initiated

Commenting and Resubmissions

Recommendation Report (TBD)



















JART Formed

Application Deemed Completed (July 8, 2021)

Public Open House (Sept 9, 2021)

Statutory Public Meeting (March 8, 2023)



Concurrent Applications

City of Port Colborne

 Applications for a Local Official Plan Amendment and a Zoning By-law Amendment have also been submitted to the City of Port Colborne

Aggregate Resources Act

- An application has also been filed by the applicant for a licence under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA)
- The Province is the approval authority for the ARA Licence – which cannot be granted until the Municipal approvals are in place
- A Joint Agency Review Team (JART) has been formed, and Regional and City Staff are working together to review all the applications concurrently.



Approval Process

 The Region is the approval authority for the Regional Official Plan Amendment

 The Region is the approval authority for the City of Port Colborne Official Plan Amendment

 The City of Port Colborne is the approval authority for the Zoning By-Law Amendment



Summary of Next Steps

- Ongoing collaboration with City staff on review of applications through JART process
- Continue to collect comments from the public and agencies
- Review and address any outstanding issues
- Finalize JART Report with support of Aggregate Advisor
- Prepare a recommendation report to Planning and Economic Development Committee and Council



Thank you for attending this Public Meeting

Questions and comments may be directed to:

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