

Meeting Minutes



Supplementary Aggregate Resources Policy Study - Working Group Meeting # 1 2

Location: Caledon Town Hall, Mayfield-Palgrave Room
6311 Old Church Rd, Caledon East, ON

Date: July 08, 2024

Time: 12:30pm – 4:00pm

In Attendance

Joe Nethery (JN), Glenn Pothier (GP), Neil Morris (NM), Ian Sinclair (IS), Councilor Kiernan (CK), Jane Thompson (JT), David Sylvester (DS), Raida Chowdhury (RC)

Agenda Items

Opening Remarks (12:30 P.M.)

- GP: Indigenous land acknowledgement

Project Status Update (12:35 P.M.)

- JN: Mark is no longer working on the project.
 - SB: This means Joe will be writing policies and making the Policy Options Report.
- CK: Are we informing or collecting?
 - JN: It is a different format overall.
 - CK: People are on holiday; can we use links for people to access it virtually?
 - JN: Yes, there will be a way for people to access virtually.
- DS: I went through version 2, it has deficiencies. We are ready to start writing policies rather than ideas and aspirations, so I hope we can do that today.
 - GP: I would like to focus on policy as well.
- GP: Now is the time to tell Joe what he needs to know.

- IS: Talk about what's good and what needs work. Addressing 2020 PPS and discussing adaptive management.
- NM: Air quality.
- DS: Two phases.
 - JT: We need to have experts in order to make policies.
- JN: I have heard about protection of air quality.
 - Many municipalities have aggregate guidelines. We want that, but it may not be in the way you expect.
- IS: Dust control. Policies minimize the dust and the opportunity for the dust.
 - CK: Ian is on the right track. But who is going to measure particle size?
 - JN: We have the ability, through policies, to set up successful conditions outside of the site.
- Ck: Provincial barriers.
 - DS: Each corner of aggregate the Town has no control over.

Jointly Exploring Policy Directions/Options (12:45 P.M.)

- IS: I have draft policies.
 - JN: I have a question about this statement: "A municipality can legally impose"
 - JT: Like an application process?
 - IS: There is Provincial interest.
- GP: The group doesn't want ideas to disappear.
 - JN: This project doesn't end in September, there will have to be future work to do.
- NM: Going forward, very specific detailed standards are not going to be in OP, we will make reference to already developed standards.
 - JN: The future work needs to be sculpted in a way that is achievable. Who holds Town Council accountable?
- IS: Will Joe be making the draft? When do we see that?
 - JN: There has been a recent change, but it is my first priority.
 - JT: Before July 25th? We should hold off.
- JN: Ian, what would you like to see?
 - IS: Picture example.
- IS: Fuel storage and transport high risk because hydrocarbons don't disappear. The aggregate industry thinks they don't need to meet any standards because they are meeting the site plan.

- CK: Concern of weights and measures of items leaving the sites because I don't think they are being adhered to.
 - JT: Could this be addressed with a Provincial Offence Officer?
 - CK: For everyone you catch, there are 10 more that get away with it. Pit owners are responsible for this. Air quality is a long danger, but this is a short danger. How do we protect our community from this? JN: I want to read chapter 13 and see if the Official Plan doesn't already say that, for myself.
- JT: The Region has gone a long way in mapping water resources. Conservation Authorities can identify where the corridors are. We can identify areas like that and figure out if it is feasible to include them in analysis. This is something we can look at when we draft policy.
- DS: Woodlands application would require woodlands assessment. Woodlands that are great ½ hector in size with a certain biomass would not be subject to mineral aggregates. Reliance on maps for wetlands and wetland complexes must be mapped by experts. Greater than 0.1 hectares would be exempt from extractions. Groundwater recharge areas. Below the water table, cannot be justified and should be prohibited.
- JN: ESGRA is new to me but not new to Ontario. The term originates from Conservation Authorities in Ontario.
 - GP: I first heard that term 5-6 years ago.
- DS: Below water table impacts the well water of local residents. Says they will remedy the problem. Can you include that in aggregate policy?
 - JN: I would have to convince Council that that is good direction.
 - DS: I mean for the guilty party (aggregate industry) to rectify the problem.
 - JN: I haven't seen that before, but it doesn't mean that it can't be done.
- IS: How do you get involved in the policy process? I am so discouraged. There is a major effort to be made on fill. The last few meetings I had to push myself to show up. This is really disappointing.
 - GP: Joe is the process guy.
 - IS: Joe is not the process guy.
 - JN: I am trying hard. The remaining ARCWG members have requested additional time. I have delivered that. Only you can make that decision if that is worthwhile.
 - JT: On the 25th there is a report and you're responsible for it. But it won't be the one with draft policies.
 - JN: Right, it is not the policies themselves.
 - JT: So, will we talk about stuff that goes in the plan?
 - GP: For 25th, you will have a draft set of policies options, some which that will speak to things. They are not final, just the draft.
 - JN: I don't think it's as far as you think it is.

- JN: There are a lot of parameters we are constrained by. We are going to conclude this as strongly as possible.
 - GP: We hope all of you will stay.
 - JT: What can we do to assist you, Joe?
 - JN: I don't think the ARCWG and Mark are far apart on some items. We have loads of good feedback to consider. I would never say to anyone stop contributing content. I am at a point where it's really important to synthesize this in a final report. I'm trying to get more ideas as this week progresses. I am required to get through as many options as possible.
 - GP: How can they help you given the timeframe you have?
- JT: I don't know if Mark ever read my submissions. I would like if you read it, so you know what framework I am looking for.
- IS: This process has been bad faith by the Town. A box chart has been the only sign of acknowledgement.
- JN: The group can be helpful by concluding these discussions.
 - JT: I am more than happy to help with any drafting. I am the person that puts the words on paper.
 - GP: If we get to this draft then we'll all have something we could review.
 - JT: Let's get that draft out and then work on getting the words on the paper.
- DS: One more option, there is an OLT member named Susan. She contacted our group. She suggested to be of assistance to our group.

Closing Remarks (3:25 P.M.)