

Meeting Minutes



Supplementary Aggregate Resources Policy Study - Working Group Meeting #1

Location:	Caledon East Community Complex: Lion's Den (Downstairs) 6215 Old Church Rd, Caledon East, ON
Date:	June 26 th , 2023
Time:	6:30 pm

In Attendance

Councillor Lynn Kiernan (LK), Councillor Christina Early (CE), Mayor Annette Groves (AG), Steven Burke (SB), Jeff Hignett (JH), Mark Dorfman (MD), Mark Head (MH), Marsha Paley (MP), Leigh Mugford (LM), David Sylvester (DS), Cheryl Connors (CC), Jane Thompson (JT), Neil Morris (NM), Martin Bamford (MB), John Emery (JE), Quentin Hanchard (QH)

Agenda Items

1. Land Acknowledgment (JH)
2. Introductions (all)
3. Appointment of Chair
 - Councillor Kiernan appointed Chair for tonight's meeting
4. Terms of Reference and Role of Working Group (SB + JH)
 - Working Group structure of Mayor, local Councillor, Regional Councillor, 6 members of public, Credit Valley Conservation representative, Peel staff, and industry representative
 - Role is to liaise with residents, provide community perspective
 - Emphasis that this is not a decision-making body and not an expert peer review panel
 - This group is not focused on the CBM Quarry application, which is a separate process.

Discussion

- CC asks clarification if Working Group is for liaising with the group itself or with community? SB clarifies this is to liaise with the community
- JT asks how formal discussion needs to be. SB clarifies it's informal, members here to bring your own relevant perspective
- JE unclear on whether 6 residents are sub-group of overall working group, SB clarifies all are full members, one group, no sub-group

- AG: Politicians are present to support and contribute in the background, LK agrees, with some parameters, and is chairing to keep discussion on track. Suggestion MD can set parameters
- CC asks why ToR requested OSSGA staff, but we have a industry representative instead, LK/JH clarify that we asked OSSGA for staff and they decided on a rep (LM works for James Dick Construction, James Dick Construction is a member of OSSGA)
- CC + JT ask why/whether this is appropriate to have OSSGA involved, SB clarifies yes, as we want all sides at the table to discuss policies.
- JE commends Work Plan, requests Zoom/Teams option

5. Joint Discussion Papers

Peel/Caledon Joint Policy Review

- MH presents background on Peel led Joint Review
- Purpose is to provide background research to support reviews of the Region and Town Official Plans and recommend policy direction
- Deliverables are
 1. Aggregate Policy Review Discussion Paper
 2. Aggregate Resources mapping Methodology
 3. Aggregate Resources Transportation Technical Study

Discussion

- LK asks who was consulted, MH responds OSSGA, MNRF, Agri Food, local government. Some interviews, but main goal was analysis, yet still includes relevant info on current regional/local policy framework
- JE points out Transportation Study not signed by engineer, MH responds stamps not required to inform policy, HDR did Transportation Report, Melanie Escher Joint Review. LK clarifies Transportation Study is for us to review, not final.

HPMARA Mapping Methodology

- MH presents methodology and resulting mapping
- Summarizes provincial requirements, Province provides source data for mapping of aggregate deposits and guidance on mapping for Official Plans that most all municipalities follow, documentation available on Town's Aggregate webpage

Discussion

- JE mentions In The Hills article that describes the process of the Rockford Quarry's denial.
- CC – James Dick lobbied for this? Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) treats this as zoning, thinks this is too much aggregate with not enough infrastructure. Mono Mills community not aware of this mapping, now surrounded by HPMARA, hospital on this busy corner of Hwy 9 and Airport Rd will now be next to aggregate, concern about reverse truck beep + crushing rock noise before 7 am, silica dust on homes.
 - MH – HPMARA was mapped to have consistency with Provincial policy, if Region didn't do this analysis Province would do it themselves and results would've been worse. Ontario Geological Survey provided info, we met and grilled them.
- LK – Land use compatibility is huge issue, what was James Dick role? Were they contracted? Pro-active manner? If industry does this, what if we say we don't accept this.
 - MH – They contacted the province with analysis, from resource planning perspective analysis is helpful. If we don't accept, eventually the province is in position to appeal
 - MD – The HPMARA mapping identifies the resource, not land use. Other issues may put constraints on extraction (environmental, social, economic). Caledon has

to defend using evidence, hard science if it get's to OLT – they make decision based on hard evidence, not emotional. The entire HPMARA map is up for discussion, not cast in stone. Next step is to add municipal and community interest to discuss constraints – we're fortunate to have that opportunity, let's take advantage

- JE – elephant in the room is Province mandating housing and 413 – difficult if current policies carried out.
 - MH – Province classifications are in the ARUP – Primary, Secondary, Tertiary. We sourced all references in our report, constraints followed same process and included local, environmental, pre-emptive. Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP) are most restrictive, report appendix itemizes these in detail. Mapped separately in report because they were mapped this way in Caledon Plan – bedrock separated in CHPMARA. Leftover small, isolated fragments removed as not viable to protect for aggregates.
- JT – how was Rockford quarry treated?
 - MH – Likely still identified as HPMARA Bedrock
- JT – Even after Quarry cancelled?
 - MD – Good point – Rockford rejected for social, environmental, mitigation, administration reasons. Caledon will have to decide constraints.
- CC – Did you follow local context?
 - MH – Yes, included elements of local constraints because we knew them from CCRS. Settlement Areas all removed, additional buffers not removed around Settlement Areas, some places do this (Ottawa, Kawartha Lakes)

6. Work Plan (MD)

- Background Review – complete for mid-July
- Draft Recommendations Report– early September
- Recommendations Report – late Sept/early Oct – ICBL ends Oct 13th at midnight
- MD further discusses Background report – emphasizes it's factual, not opinion. Divided into 2 parts:
 1. Context – addresses emotional responses, factual exercise, important to know history of where we've come from, concludes that since WWII Province has taken more and more away from community
 2. Issues – 12 broad issues, arising from context, to discuss. Discussion will form around the policy document. 51 sub-issues for discussion arose from 12 issues. Some self-evident, others more debatable. Need to all agree Provincial interests dominate this, want to balance municipality's needs.

Discussion

- JE – Caledon will have to do all infrastructure now to accommodate 2051 population and jobs
 - MD – Infra needs approvals, Provincial policies, municipal act governs how municipality makes decision. We have power under Planning Act to decide what is in public interest. OLT not where we want to find compromise. We're here to make Caledon Council make tough decision
- JT – How is Caledon going to pay for this, bypasses, etc?
 - MD – That's implementation, we don't know this, but we plan first.
 - AG – Transition team to sort out Peel Region's end. Unknown, a lot of unknowns.
 - MD – We can't plan around speculation
- CC – notes health not looked at here, ore environmental. It's included under social, but not a social issue. Overall, this is very important study for community, not achievable in 3 months
 - LK – this will lead to draft policies, not final.

- SB – ICBL ends Oct 13th, always a chance it extends
- MD – between Aug-Sept we will provide all our input

7. NEXT STEPS

- Next meeting to be held Aug 10th