

Memorandum

Date: November 21st, 2023

To: Members of Council

From: Jeff Hignett, Senior Planner

Subject: Supplementary Aggregate Resources Policy Study Update

HIGHLIGHTS

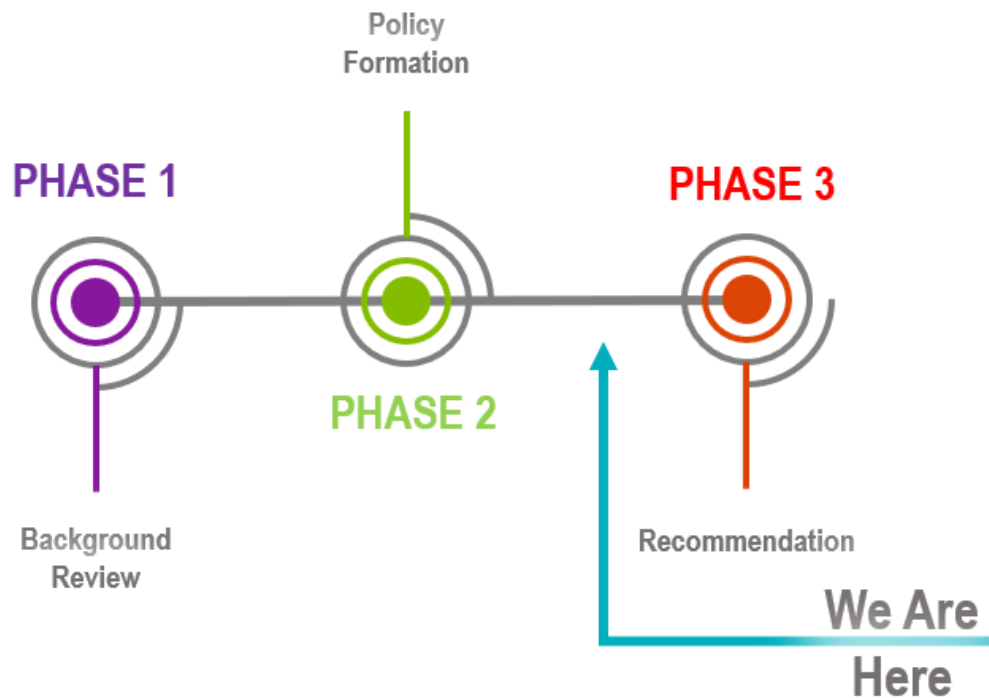
- The Supplementary Aggregate Resources Policy Study is currently in Phase 2b: Policy Formation
- Interim Control By-law 2023-084 was passed to extend by one year the in-place Interim Control By-law that restricts the use of land for the establishment of new gravel pits of quarries, while a study is completed.
- The members of the Aggregate Resource Community Working Group, selected by Planning staff, as directed by Council, have met three times, on June 26th, August 10th and September 25th.
- A Background Report was prepared by Mark Dorfman and shared in advance of the June 26th Working Group Meeting, where it was reviewed and discussed.
- A Project Schedule has been prepared (attached as Schedule A to this report), which will keep the project on track, but will be adjusted as necessary.
- The Working Group will meet 5 or 6 more times and the Study is aiming to be complete by mid-2024.

STATUS UPDATE

Through Report 2022-0448, in October 2022, Council directed staff to initiate a Caledon Supplementary Aggregate Resource Policy Study to analyze the findings of the in progress Joint Aggregate Policy Review (Region/Town) and the Town's recently adopted Rehabilitation Master Plan.

Through Report 2023-0105, in March 2023, Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study, and the Terms of Reference for the Aggregate Resources Community Working Group to be established to provide community perspectives and input to the Study.

In April 2023, Mark Dorfman, an experienced aggregate resources planning consultant was retained through a Request for Quotation process to complete the Study, under the direction of Town Planning staff. Together with Planning staff, Mr. Dorfman has finalized a draft Project Schedule for the Study, which is attached as Schedule A to this report.



Interim Control By-Law to restrict new gravel pits and quarries extended to October 2024

Interim Control By-law 2023-084 is an extension of By-law 2022-075, passed by Town Council on October 18, 2022, in accordance with Section 38(2) of the Planning Act in which Council has the authority to extend the period for which the By-law will be in effect for a total period not exceeding 2 years. The By-law will be in effect until October 18, 2024. This By-law applies to those lands within the Caledon High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Area (CHPMARA) as identified on Schedule L of the Town of Caledon Official Plan, excluding properties zoned MX Extractive Industrial in Zoning By-law 2006-050, within the Town of Caledon.

The Study is currently in Phase 2B: Policy Formation

The Supplementary Aggregate Resources Policy Study is divided into 3 main phases:

1. Background Review
2. Policy Formation
3. Recommendations

Currently the study is in Phase 2: Policy Formation. Progress to date is shown in the graphic below.



Following the Discussion Papers finalized by the Region of Peel, a Background Report was prepared by Mark Dorfman and shared in advance of the August 10th Working Group Meeting

In Spring, 2023 Region of Peel staff finalized several discussion papers as part of the Joint Aggregate Policy Review component of the Region's Official Plan Review, and has provided final draft reports:

- Aggregate Policy Review Discussion Paper
- High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resources Areas: Mapping Methodology
- Aggregate Resources Transportation Technical Study

These reports are being used as input to the Town's study, and were addressed in the Background Report, which was completed by Mark Dorfman in July and shared in advance of the August 10th Working Group meeting. The Background Report was broken into 2 sections:

1. Historic Perspective
2. Facts and Issues Assessment.

The Aggregate Resources Community Working Group has met three times

The Aggregate Resource Community Working Group was created to provide input to the Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study. The Working Group's role is to ensure community perspectives are considered in the review and development of updated Official Plan aggregate policies.

The Working Group's first meeting was held on June 26th, 2023 where the *three Joint Peel-Caledon Discussion Papers*, circulated beforehand, were presented by Peel Region. The Second Working Group Meeting was held on August 10th, 2023. Prior to this meeting Mark Dorfman completed and staff shared the draft *Background Report*, the first key deliverable of the Study. The third Working Group meeting was held on September 25th, 2023. Prior to this meeting Mark Dorfman provided draft *Policy Objectives* for

aggregate policies and an analysis of the High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Area mapping for discussion.

The Working Group will continue to meet regularly leading to the completion of the study by mid-2024

Planning staff and the consultant are planning for 5 or 6 more Working Group meetings (more than the original Study work plan) to ensure meaningful input from the Working Group on the development of Official Plan policies. The meetings will be organized by policy theme area, to ensure all areas are discussed in which the Working Group members wish to provide input. Subsequent meetings will follow every 2-4 weeks. A Final Report will be released, followed by a Public Open House and Public Meeting with the study aiming to be complete by mid-2024, in advance of the expiry of the Interim Control By-Law on October 18, 2024.

Opportunities for public input on the Final Report will be provided at a Public Open House, and at the Public Meeting held with respect to the draft Official Plan Amendment.

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A: Supplementary Aggregate Resources Policy Study – Project Schedule