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# Hillsburgh Pit Extension

## Project Overview



St. Marys has applied to expand its Hillsburgh Pit. This factsheet contains some common questions members of the community may have about our proposal. We are committed to working with the community as we move forward with our application and look forward to speaking with you.

St. Marys' Lakefield Pit after rehabilitation



### What are you proposing?

- An addition of 50 ha to our existing extraction area in Erin. The majority of additional land is currently farmed (Phases 3 & 4). An existing residence and barn is situated on the extension lands (Phase 1)
- A 5.4 ha wooded area will be removed and replaced with 15.5 ha of contiguous woodland
- Annual tonnage limit increase from 750,000 tonnes to 1,000,000 tonnes to respond to larger contracts and service growing market demands
- The processing area and haul routes will remain the same
- No dewatering activities are proposed at the site. Below water extraction is undertaken by using free-draining excavation or drag-line

### What are the benefits to the community?

- Increase tax revenues paid directly to the Town of Erin throughout the pit's life (estimated to be 14 to 20 years)
- St. Marys is also required to pay a fee per tonne extracted to the Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC). TOARC works on behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and a portion of TOARC fees are directed to source municipalities

### What approvals are required?

- County of Wellington Official Plan amendment for Mineral Resources Area overlay and to clarify the woodlot to be removed is not a significant woodlot
- Town of Erin Official Plan to apply the Mineral Aggregate Area overlay
- Town of Erin Zoning By-law amendment to Extractive Industrial (M4)
- Aggregate Resources Act Category 1 (Pit Below Water) Licence extension



**Aerial of St. Marys' Hillsburgh Pit**  
Part Lots 29 and 30, Concession 8  
(Former Geographic Township of Erin)  
Town of Erin, County of Wellington

- Legend**
- Existing Licence (+/- 50 ha)
  - Proposed Licence Extension (+/- 62 ha)

*"The proposed Hillsburgh Pit Extension represents wise resource management, is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement with respect to the protection of mineral aggregate resources and other provincial considerations, and conforms to the Greenbelt Plan and the general intent of policies contained in the County of Wellington Official Plan and the Town of Erin Official Plan."*

MNR, Planning Report and Aggregate Resources Act

### What does the approval process look like?

Our proposal is going through a concurrent approval process under the Planning Act and the Aggregate Resources Act

PLANNING ACT						TOWN AND COUNTY APPROVALS					AGGREGATE RESOURCES ACT						
Applicant (St. Marys) prepares technical reports	St. Marys submits applications to County and Town	Meetings with neighbouring residents	Application deemed complete by Town of Erin and County of Wellington	Municipal review of application	St. Marys address comments received on application	1 Town and County hold a statutory public meeting on applications and Staff makes a recommendation to Town and County Council	2 The County of Wellington Council holds a meeting and votes on the application	3 A 20 day appeal period follows the County's decision	4 Following the County's decision, the Town of Erin Council holds a meeting and votes	5 A 20 day appeal period follows the Town's decision	Applicant (St. Marys) prepares technical reports and holds pre-consultations with MNR Staff	St. Marys submits application	Application deemed complete by MNR	St. Marys completes required notification and circulation of its application (mailer, sign on property, notice in Wellington Advertiser)	Following Town & County review process, St. Marys holds required consultation period on its licence application	St. Marys resolves and addresses issues received during the comment period	MNR makes a decision on the application
2008 to December 2011	December 5, 2011	March / April 2012	March / April 2012	April - July 2012	July - September 2012	Late 2012				Spring 2013	2008 - December 2011	December 2, 2012	March / April 2012	April 2012	Early 2013	Spring 2013	Late Spring 2013



### A closer look at rehabilitation

*St. Marys' Stouffville Pit is an example of the rehabilitation process the Hillsburgh Pit will undergo at the end of its life to return the land to agricultural use. A 15.5 ha area of the lands will be replanted to create a larger and more diversified woodland, specialized wildlife habitat and new pond and wetland areas.*

### Does the proposal comply with current aggregate policy?

- Yes. The Province identifies the Hillsburgh site as an aggregate resource area
- The County Official Plan also protects these areas for aggregate extraction
- Our proposal will use existing infrastructure on the site

### Will the project have an impact on the surrounding area?

- St. Marys has engaged a number of third-party experts to develop technical reports examining our proposal. A key finding of these reports is that no water wells or sensitive aquatic features will be affected by our proposal. The following reports have been submitted to the MNR, County of Wellington and Town of Erin and can be viewed at the County and Town Offices:
  - Planning Report & Aggregate Resources Act Summary Statement (MHBC, December 2011)
  - Hydrogeological Assessment (Cambium Environmental, November 2011)

- Level 2 Natural Environment Report (Stantec, December 2011)
- Noise Impact Assessment (Aeroustics Engineering Ltd., November 2011)
- Traffic Impact & Site Operational Review (Grant A. Bacchus Limited, September 2011)
- Archaeological Assessment, Stages 1 & 2 (Archeologix Inc., July, 2007)

### What will St. Marys do with the Site when the operations are complete?

- As extraction is completed, the Site will be progressively rehabilitated in phases
- The majority of the Site will be rehabilitated back to agricultural uses
- The remaining lands, in conjunction with the existing licence lands, will be rehabilitated to a new pond environment with wetland and woodland areas

- St. Marys has an established track-record rehabilitating former pits and quarries and we have been recognized with dozens of national and international awards for our efforts

### How do I make an official comment on the proposal?

- Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) licence comments may be made in writing, to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) - Guelph District Office
- Planning Act comments may be made in writing to County and Town Staff at any time and written / oral comments to Councils at public meetings
- Public meeting dates are not yet set

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### We want to hear from you...

If you have any questions about the proposed Hillsburgh project, please get in touch with Paul McCorquodale, Lands Manager, at 416- 696-4261 or [communityinfo@stmaryscbm.com](mailto:communityinfo@stmaryscbm.com).

If you would like to send comments to any of the parties involved in the review of our application, you can do so in writing to:

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