

Residents get look at proposed quarry plans

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At the public information session people had a chance to peruse several display boards describing different aspects of the quarry, including the haul route, water resources, noise controls and quarry operations.

The proposed haul route is Winston Churchill Blvd. north to Mayfield Rd., east to Hurontario St., then south to the Brampton Brick plant on Wanless Dr.

Brampton Brick says the quarry will generate 30 truckloads every 10-hour day, with an average increase in the traffic expected to be three truckloads per hour.

The quarry wouldn't open until Winston Churchill Blvd. is upgraded to accommodate truck traffic north of Old Pinecrest Rd. in 2013.

According to the information provided at the session a ground and surface water monitoring program of onsite wells and Credit River tributary was initiated in 2007 and will continue for the life of the quarry.

Monitoring of domestic wells will continue during the life of the quarry. Mitigation measures will be in place to manage effects on surface water features and local wells.

An Adaptive Water Management Plan will be developed to respond to complaints and ensure potable water supplies.

Steps to ensure maintaining key natural heritage features include haul road alignment across the valley, erosion control and rehabilitation and vegetation enhancement and protection zones will reduce the extent of the site disturbed by agriculture and increase forest cover.

Noise control measures the quarry plans to take include restrictions on numbers and types of equipment, noise levels of the equipment, areas of operation, perimeter berming and fencing.

Excavation and stockpiling at the quarry is to occur for about two months each year between June and October. All crushing, grinding, and screening is to be at the brick plant.

According to Brampton Brick noise level predictions for the proposed quarry comply with the government guidelines at all residences in the vicinity.

The increase in haul route traffic noise was determined to be "acoustically insignificant."

Rehabilitation plans for the quarry, that could have a lifespan of approximately 40 years, include a 5.25 hectare pond with surrounding aquatic and terrestrial vegetation and the excavation will be back-filled to enable agricultural rehabilitation.

Transportation of stockpiled shale will be approximately 200 days per year, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Production of shale will be 1,000 tonnes/day, 200,000 tonnes a year equating to 30 loads— 60 trips per day.

The quarry is to expand at a rate of about 3,000 sq. m. or 3/4 acre annually.

According to the information provided Brampton Brick will ensure any adverse effects are monitored and corrective action is taken.

"There are so many overlapping concerns here, and they're all very important," said Janet Kuzniar, a resident of Old Baseline Rd, and president of Norval Pit-STOP Community Organization. "This area is in the centre between two growing urban areas. It's a very rare gem we have here in the Credit River valley of natural heritage functions.

"It's a bigger issue than just people's wells. Water affects everybody downstream. It's part of a system, and every part of that

system is critical."

Kuzniar said she believes the details provided by Brampton Brick is "missing a lot of information."

"I'm not convinced there will be no negative impacts."

"I don't believe a word they say," said Bernhard Scholz, whose Old Pinecrest Rd. property backs onto the quarry.

He has concerns about the truck traffic the quarry will bring and said, "people across from the entrance will have a heck of a time getting in and out of their driveways."

He's also worried about how the quarry will impact his water.

"There's no need to put it in this location," said Kuzniar. "Brick is not essential to our economy. Locating a quarry on this site is not needed when there are so many overlapping constraints."

Halton Hills Ward 2 Councillor Bryan Lewis was at the meeting and said he had concerns about the impact the quarry will have on the neighbouring community.

Recently the council of the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region Planning Committee decided to sent their objections to the Ministry on the basis that the rezoning application is still under review by the City of Brampton.

Objections to the quarry licence application must be sent to Brampton Brick Ltd. 225 Wanless Dr. Brampton, ON, L7A 1E9 and the Aurora District Office, Ministry of Natural Resources, 50 Bloomington Rd. W., Aurora, ON, L4G 3G8 by Dec. 20.

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