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BACKGROUND

Strada Aggregates Inc. (Strada) is undertaking the technical studies required to determine the feasibility of a below the water table aggregate extraction license on previously licensed land located at 437159 4th Line, Melancthon, Ontario (the "Quarry"). These technical studies commenced in 2020. If the studies conclude a quarry could operate without unreasonable adverse environmental effects, Strada may choose to apply for a quarry licence in 2023. If the results of the studies deem the quarry operation environmentally adverse, then Strada has agreed not to file the application.

Strada shall provide adequate and appropriate funding to the Township of Melancthon to pay for municipal-led peer reviews in Hydrogeology, Noise, Air Quality and Blast Vibration. Strada shall welcome the **Community Peer Reviewers (CPR)** input throughout the pre-submission preparation stage and the formal ARA review process.

The CPRs will be provided opportunity for early involvement in the application's development by being involved in the pre-submission phase of the project including being provided with information on data collection, methodology and design. CPR input will be encouraged throughout the pre-submission preparation stage and formal review. These Strada-funded municipal peer reviews are in addition to the Provincial Agencies review of any application.

Should NDACT decide to hire its own consultant, Strada also welcomes that and shall facilitate review with a presentation of data collection, methodology and design for NDACT comment, data sharing and pre-submission review.

This pre-application submission engagement is pivotal to the success and the direction of the Community Engagement Agreement. The purpose of pre-submission engagement is to evaluate the scientific results of the pre-submission studies, the Application studies and help the Community better understand and evaluate any potential Application.

The purpose of this document is to describe the agreed to protocol and processes that shall be put in place to hire the CPRs.

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Hiring

Project Management

In order for the candidates to understand the review project, Strada shall prepare a **Project Overview** which shall outline:

- Project background
- The role of the CPR
- The tasks to be included in each review (**Terms of Reference (TOR)**)
- the reporting expectations
- milestone dates and deliverable expectations

NDACT shall review the Project Overview prior to its final publication.

Strada shall also prepare the TOR which shall include, but is not limited to the following activities:

- Project overview including Site visit
- Gathering of pre-application input and materials
- Review of draft technical studies
- Review of formal application technical studies
- Review of community input, questions, concerns, applicant's responses etc. (from website TBD)
- Meet with Strada and/or NDACT as required to review any unresolved matters
- Prepare Peer Review Report (PRR) for the discipline
- Conduct formal presentation of the PRR with Strada and NDACT
- Public release of the PRR

NDACT shall review the TOR prior to its final publication.

The Hydrogeologist CPR

Since the inception of this engagement, NDACT has stated that the CPR for Hydrogeology is Garry Hunter, NDACT's CPR Lead.

Strada shall provide Mr. Hunter with all existing pertinent information on all things Hydrogeological including data collection, methodology and design for Mr. Hunter and Strada to then negotiate Mr. Hunter's consulting fees and scope (terms of reference) for the Hydrogeological Review. The fees for Mr. Hunter's work on hydrogeology must be in line with industry averages.

Hiring the Remaining CPRs

For the three remaining disciplines, NDACT and the Municipality shall select the candidates per discipline. Candidate selection will be made from industry professionally recognized firms.

The candidates shall be invited to submit a proposal for the completion of the review covering:

- Experience and qualifications of assigned personnel

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- Strength of references from similar assignments
- Understanding of role and approach to the review
- Pricing with detailed breakdown and hourly rates

NDACT and the Municipality will put forward three candidates per discipline and Strada will select one of the candidates from each of the disciplines as the CPR for that discipline.

Next Steps

Municipal Agreement

Strada and NDACT shall make a Community Peer Review Protocol presentation to the Municipality with a request for endorsement and participation in the review process as set out herein.

Cost Recovery Agreement

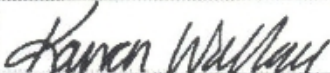
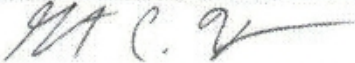
Strada and the Municipality shall enter into a cost recovery agreement that shall provide for Strada's funding of the proposed peer reviews. Strada shall not fund additional hydrogeology peer reviews in addition to Mr. Hunter's.

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The Parties agree to the terms and conditions described in this Schedule which is part of the larger Strada/NDACT Community Engagement Agreement between the Parties.

Signed on this 20 day of December, 2022

| | NDACT | STRADA AGGREGATES INC. |
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| REPRESENTATIVE NAME & TITLE | Karren Wallace Chair | Grant Horan, Controller Executive Officer |
| SIGNATURE |  |  |

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DEFINITIONS

ARA: Aggregate Resources Act

CPR: Community Peer Reviewer

CPRs: Community Peer Reviewers

CPR Lead: Community Peer Reviewer Lead

Local Municipality can include:

- Township of Melancthon
- Township of Mulmur

Responsible Ministry can include:

- **MNRFF:** Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
- **MOEE:** Ministry of the Environment and Energy

Reviewing Agencies can include:

- Local Conservation Authority

Terms of Reference (TOR) define all aspects of how a consultant, or a team will conduct an evaluation.

REFERENCES