



Letter of Intent Regarding Strada Aggregates' Commitment to Community Collaboration on the Proposed Melancthon Quarry

Dear NDACT and Valued Community Members,

As part of our ongoing efforts to develop a proposed quarry within the footprint of our existing 360-acre sand and gravel pit in the Township of Melancthon, Strada remains steadfast in our commitment to openness, science-based decision-making, and meaningful engagement with all stakeholders.

On January 31, 2025, we submitted a draft application to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for a completeness review to ensure all required technical studies and documentation—ranging from hydrogeological assessments to cultural heritage studies—are in place. The review looks at whether we had the studies, not the content of the studies.

This is only an initial, administrative step in the application process. We have not, and will not, proceed with a final submission for detailed review until we have fully addressed any outstanding concerns raised by the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) and its designated peer reviewers. Their feedback and recommendations will be incorporated into any final, formal submission.

This commitment is rooted in the historic agreement we have forged with NDACT—the first of its kind in Canada—which outlines clear principles for collaboration throughout all phases of the quarry's development. We view this agreement as a cornerstone of our process, and we are dedicated to resolving any issues identified by NDACT's peer reviewers in a timely and transparent manner. To that end, we commit to the following:

1. **Delay of Formal Submission:** Strada Aggregates will not submit the quarry application for formal MNRF review until the remaining technical concerns from the community-trusted advisor have been satisfactorily addressed.
2. **Ongoing Dialogue:** We will continue regular, good-faith discussions with NDACT and the community to ensure all perspectives are heard and considered.
3. **Public Updates:** We will provide updates on our progress toward resolution, shared via our website and local channels, to keep the community informed.

We are confident that through this collaborative approach, we can address any remaining issues swiftly and effectively. Our goal is not only to meet regulatory requirements but to



file an application that protects residents, the water and the environment by incorporating local knowledge and the feedback of the community's peer reviewers.

We invite your questions, feedback, and continued participation as we move forward together. For further information or to discuss this commitment, please contact Kevin Powers at kevin.powers@projectadvocacy.ca.

Sincerely,
Grant C. Horan

Strada Aggregates

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