



Strada Aggregates Submits Quarry Application for ARA Approval

Local Community Group Signs Off on Application

MELANCTHON, Ontario – July 7, 2025 – Strada Aggregates has submitted an application to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for approval under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) for a quarry within its existing 360-acre sand and gravel pit in Melancthon Township, Dufferin County.

The quarry, planned to ship up to 2 million tonnes of aggregate annually, would use existing entrances, exits, and haul routes to minimize infrastructure impacts. The quarry would support Ontario's construction industry by supplying high-quality aggregates for infrastructure projects, while creating local jobs and economic opportunities in Melancthon Township and Dufferin County.

Since their initial meeting in September 2021 with Strada, The North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) has been involved with thoroughly reviewing the application to ensure it would not harm the environment. Following their extensive review, NDACT has signed off on the application after three independent peer reviewers, including a community-trusted reviewer embedded since 2023, validated the hydrogeologic studies, along with air, noise and blasting studies. This first-of-its-kind agreement commits Strada to ongoing community engagement throughout the project's lifecycle, ensuring transparency and local trust.

Rigorous Hydrogeologic and Technical Studies

Strada's hydrogeology, noise, air and blasting studies, overseen by the company and reviewed by NDACT-appointed peer reviewers, confirm no adverse impacts on the environment, water resources, or surrounding areas. All studies meet or exceed Ontario's stringent environmental standards, including protections for local water systems and surrounding residential and agricultural wells, ensuring alignment with the Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) and ARA requirements. Supporting technical studies include:

- Hydrogeological and Hydrological Assessment
- Natural Environment Study
- Archaeological Study
- Cultural Heritage Study
- Traffic Impact Assessment
- Noise Impact Assessment
- Agricultural Impact Assessment
- Air Quality Assessment
- Blasting Impact Assessment

These studies reflect Strada's commitment to science-based decision-making and environmental stewardship. The recommendations of these studies have been included on the Aggregate Resources Act Site Plans for the application, which is a legally binding document that contains all the monitoring and mitigation measures required to ensure the quarry does not negatively impact the water resources, environment, or surrounding community.

Next Steps in the ARA Process

With NDACT's sign-off Strada is confident in its application's robustness and anticipates MNR's review process to begin shortly.

The company is committed to ongoing engagement with NDACT, MNR, the Township of Melancthon, Indigenous communities, and local residents to ensure the project aligns with community and provincial standards.

A copy of the technical studies and site plans submitted with the application are available at stradaquarry.com.

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