

## **Permit To Take Water Application Update**

Melancthon, Ontario -- October 28, 2025 – Strada Aggregates is committed to transparent communication with our community and wants to address recent concerns regarding our Permit to Take Water (PTTW) application for the Melanchthon Pit.

For the past 20 years, Strada has operated the Melanchthon Pit under an existing PTTW, responsibly managing water resources to support our aggregate production. The permit has been amended several times during that period to account for operational changes.

We are now seeking another amendment to this permit—not a change of operations—to increase our water allocation. This change is solely to accommodate the growing capacity of our existing washing pond, a key component of our closed-loop water recycling system.

As pit production has increased over time, this precautionary adjustment ensures we can maintain the pond's functionality without interruption, allowing us to recycle water efficiently and minimize freshwater usage.

We want to emphasize that this PTTW amendment will continue to have no impact on the quality or quantity of water in nearby wells. Our closed-loop design captures, treats, and reuses water on-site, protecting local groundwater resources. Independent assessments confirm that surrounding water supplies remain unaffected.

Importantly, this PTTW application is entirely separate from our ongoing application for a potential quarry development. The two are not connected in any way—our Melanchthon Pit aggregate washing operations continue as they have for two decades, and this amendment supports only water management above the water table at the existing pit.

We sincerely apologize for any confusion this may have caused among residents and stakeholders. At Strada, we value the trust of our community and regret if our separate applications have led to uncertainty.

We are here to listen and provide clarity—please reach out to our team with any questions.

Strada Aggregates remains dedicated to sustainable practices and being a good neighbor in Dufferin County. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.