

St Marys conducted borehole tests this winter on local roads without a permit. What happened, and how has the matter been resolved?

The cause was an apparent miscommunication between the City of Hamilton, the Town of Milton and the consulting engineering firm Shaheen & Peaker Limited who were doing the work. The drilling of boreholes six inches in diameter, five feet deep and 500 metres apart is a standard investigative technique used by geotechnical engineers to determine the structural capacity of roadways to carry heavy vehicles. Such investigations were specified as a requirement of the truck route study. The firm has accepted full responsibility for proceeding without a permit. St Marys has taken this incident seriously and has provided funds to the City to compensate for any costs incurred in refilling the boreholes.

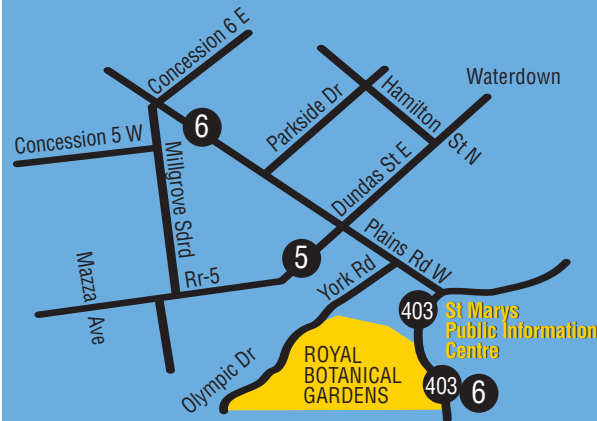
What is your current estimate of when this project will be approved and the quarry will open?

Approvals are required from the City of Hamilton, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment. The process is rigorous and it is difficult to predict when all of the approvals might be obtained. We are currently working on key technical components of our application which include hydrogeological testing, environmental fieldwork and truck route analysis. In addition to providing the information required by the various public agencies involved in the review of our project, we want to ensure that residents in the local community are informed and have an opportunity to provide input.

We expect that the required technical studies could be completed by the end of 2007. However, we are committed to taking whatever time is necessary to ensure they are done right.

St Marys Public Information Centre

Royal Botanical Gardens
680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario
Thursday, June 21, 2007
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
The Auditorium



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We want to hear from you...

If you have any questions about St Marys Cement Group or about the proposed quarry project, please get in touch with us. If someone you know did not receive this newsletter and would like to, please let us know and we will add them to our distribution list.

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Richard Olsen, President, St Marys CBM, at a St Marys community open house

St Marys Flamborough Quarry Community Newsletter

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Message from the President...

Welcome to the fourth edition of the St Marys Flamborough Quarry Community Newsletter.

Although this past winter has been quiet in terms of site activity, it has been busy with a number of initiatives on which we can update you. These include hydrogeological tests (also known as pumping tests), environmental fieldwork and the truck route study.

We are continuing to use a question and answer format for our newsletters in order to anticipate and respond to the main areas of inquiry and concern regarding the quarry project. If your question is not answered here, I encourage you to contact us by telephone or email, both of which are provided on the back panel of this newsletter.

We have also prepared a video with additional information about the proposed quarry site and St Marys. To request a copy of this video please call or send us an e-mail, with your name and address, and let us know whether you'd prefer a VHS tape or DVD.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Richard Olsen
President, St Marys CBM

What is the status of the pumping test program?

St Marys has made an application to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for a Permit To Take Water, which is required to allow our hydrogeological testing to proceed. The MOE has received a significant number of comments on its Environmental Registry web site, and these were carefully reviewed. As a result, they have asked St Marys for clarification on some technical issues. These are being addressed by Gartner Lee, a locally - based environmental engineering company that will be conducting the pumping tests. Once the application process is completed and the permit issued, we will proceed to the testing stage.

What will happen to local wells during the pumping tests?

St Marys has reviewed water well records for private wells and has identified those wells which, due to their shallow construction, could experience a decline in water levels in response to the testing program and therefore impact the wells' ability to supply water for a short period of time. These residents will be contacted several weeks in advance of the testing and arrangements will be made with the landowners to monitor their wells during testing. Our staff and consultants will be available on a continuous basis during the testing to respond to any concerns of property owners, and will provide a replacement supply of water, if necessary.

How will the pumping tests affect our day-to-day activities?

The pumping tests will involve placing temporary facilities on the property to accommodate our consultants' staff and any interested regulatory agency staff during the testing. As a result, there will be a slight increase in vehicle traffic. Gas-powered electrical generators will be required to produce electricity for the pumps and the trailers that will be placed at the testing site. While these generators will produce some noise, their distance from the property boundary will ensure the sound is barely noticeable to nearby residents.

Will you publicly disclose the pumping test results?

The Ministry of the Environment and the City of Hamilton staff are able to monitor test progress on a continuous basis. They will have access to the test data as it is produced and will be consulted if trends emerge that require the test procedures to be modified. These agencies will also be sent the test report once it is prepared.

Is there any ecological work going on?

We are gathering information on amphibian use of the proposed quarry site, in conjunction with the Combined Agency Review Team (CART) and the City of Hamilton's peer reviewers. We've set up some small drift fences at our site to observe the movement of salamanders towards small ponds. Genetic testing is being conducted at the University of Guelph to analyse the population of the pond - specifically to determine the presence of the Jefferson Salamander, a rare species.

What is the status of the truck route study? When will a report be available?

The terms of reference and timetable of the truck route study were established by the City of Hamilton's Combined Agency Review Team (CART), and involve a comprehensive program of analysis and public consultation. Since last November, we have been gathering data required by the City from road sensors, borehole tests and visual observation. We have also been analyzing planned population and employment growth in surrounding regions as an indicator of future market demand. This will assist in determining the direction of traffic flow to and from the site.

The next step will be a Public Information Centre where St Marys will present the information acquired to date and invite feedback from the community. Public consultation during each stage of the truck route assessment process is instrumental to the selection of a preferred alternative. The first Public Information Centre will be held on Thursday, June 21st from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Royal Botanical Gardens.