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March 6, 2019

Deb McCabe, Planning Supervisor / Zoning Administrator
Township of Ramara
2297 Highway 12
Brechtin, ON
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Dear Ms. McCabe:

RE: Proposed Fleming quarry extension - Fowler Construction Company Ltd.
Part of Lot 40, Concession Broken Front, Geographic Township of Rama, Township of Ramara, County of Simcoe

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Council an update on our Fleming quarry extension application. This letter has been prepared to update Council on Fowler's initiatives since the February 11, 2019 Council meeting. As outlined in MHBC's letter of February 11, 2019 (attached), Fowler:

- has no objection to the reduction of speed limits along Rama Road and Switch Road;
- is contacting the County and Township to discuss additional road signage along Rama Road and Switch Road to improve public safety. Fowler is committed to cover the cost to install this signage;
- is installing signage at the entrance / exit of the quarry to advise truck drivers that they must turn right towards Rama Road;
- is installing internal traffic cameras to monitor which direction trucks leave the quarry to ensure the approved haul route is being used; and
- has reviewed the video regarding the two trucks that did not make a complete stop at the intersection of Rama Road and Switch Road. Unfortunately the license plates are not visible in the video and we are not able to contact the drivers directly, however the letter referenced in the next paragraph will be sent to all truck drivers, customers and contractors.

In addition, Fowler has prepared the attached letter that will be provided to all independent truck drivers, customers and contractors to make them aware of the community concerns regarding truck traffic and the role they have in addressing the issue. Our staff at the scale house has also been informed of the issue and will be discussing the letter with the drivers. Fowler will also be speaking with all of our employees, suppliers and subcontractors so they are aware of the community's concerns.



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Fowler will also be implementing the modifications to our entrance / exit that were recommended by the Township peer reviewer to improve sight lines and the angle to access the site.

With regards to the traffic counts that were provided to Council by the community, the February 11, 2019 letter provided Council clarification regarding trucks counts from our Fleming Quarry during the September and October 2018 time periods and we committed to provide additional information from August 6 – 8, 2017.

The following information has been gathered for the August 6 – 8, 2017 dates:

- The Fleming quarry was closed on Sunday August 6, 2017 and Monday August 7, 2017.
- The Fleming quarry reopened on Tuesday August 8, 2017 and a total of 91 loads were shipped out of the quarry on this day.
 - 35 outbound loads were shipped from 6:30am to 9:59am.
 - 56 outbound loads were shipped during Ms. Thomas' monitoring hours of 10:00am to 6:00pm. As a result this makes up 20% of the total vehicle traffic Ms. Thomas counted during this time period.

We have also investigated further into the September and October 2018 time periods and offer the following information:

- Thursday September 13, 2018:
 - As noted at 6:25am a Blue Tandem Truck was travelling north on Rama Road, turned right on Switch Road and entered the quarry. This was the first truck into the quarry on this date, and originated from Peterborough, so the truck would likely have travelled along Hwy 12 NB to access the quarry and would have come in on Rama Rd from the South. When the truck left, it went Northbound on the designated route (noted as the first truck out at 6:40am on the log). It is important to note that the majority of trucks travelling to and from the quarry use the established haul routes, however some trucks travelling to the quarry come from different locations. These trucks are empty and are required to comply with County and Township road requirements. Once leaving the quarry, Fowler will enforce the use of the approved haul route. In addition, Fowler is taking the steps noted above to further educate the drivers regarding the approved haul route.
 - As noted at 11:04am regarding a "White 'Mariposa' Dump Truck"...."The cover was not over the gravel, gravel was piled visibly higher than the side rails of the Box." Fowler reviewed its records and this driver purchased granite screenings. The total permitted truck weight for this vehicle was 11,500 kg and the truck weighed out at 11,130 kg. It appears as though this truck did not tarp and was out of compliance with Highway Traffic Act Reg. 557. Fowler will ensure this customer receives a copy of the attached letter.
 - The traffic count states outbound quarry truck traffic count until noon was 27 loads. Fowler ticketed records show there were 26 outbound loads before noon.
 - The peak hour was from 9am-10am when 9 haul trucks exited the quarry.
- Thursday October 11, 2018:
 - The traffic count states outbound quarry truck traffic from noon until 6pm was 19 loads. Fowler ticketed records show 20 outbound loads being shipped after noon on this day.
 - The two trucks identified as leaving at 2:44 pm and heading South on Rama Rd have been identified and we do not believe that these were local deliveries. Fowler will ensure this customer and hauler have been notified of their requirement to use the approved haul route.
 - The peak hour was from 4pm-5pm when 5 haul trucks exited the quarry.

Also please find attached a detailed response to questions raised by neighbouring residents and Council members, during the May 28, 2018 public meeting.

We remain committed to working with the Township and community to address the concerns raised and at anytime welcome the opportunity to meet with Council to discuss our application and the initiatives to help address concerns from the community.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Gordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Gordon" clearly distinguishable.

James Gordon
Material Manager
Fowler Construction Company Ltd.

February 11, 2019

**Mayor Clarke and Council
Township of Ramara**

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Dear Mayor Clarke and Council:

**RE: Switch Road Speed Limit Deputation to Council – February 11, 2019
OUR FILE 1515A**

The Monday February 11, 2019 Council agenda was made available to the public in the afternoon of Friday February 8, 2019. Upon reviewing the agenda, it was understood a deputation was being made to Council regarding concerns over the speed limit along Switch Road. We have contacted township staff requesting a deputation to address these concerns. However, we were unable to get a deputation due to the short notice. This letter has been prepared to provide Fowler with the opportunity to respond to the traffic related concerns identified in the deputation. Please note that Fowler would like to support resolving the issues and concerns raised by the residents and offers the following comments.

Residents are concerned over the existing speed limits along Switch Road. Fowler has no objection to a reduction in the speed limit along Switch Road.

Fowler supports the installation of additional signage along Rama Road and Switch Road to warn motorists of the Rama Road/Switch Road Intersection and that school buses stop along Rama Road. Fowler also supports additional signage requiring trucks to turn right at the quarry entrance/exit to follow the haul route. In addition, Fowler will pay for the installation of the signage.

Fowler is in the process of installing internal traffic cameras to monitor which direction the quarry truck traffic enters and leaves the site. Fowler will use this monitoring system to ensure the quarry trucks that are not making local deliveries, are using the designated haul route.

In regard to the video showing the two transport trucks not coming to a complete stop at the intersection of Rama Road and Switch Road, Fowler takes this very seriously and will meet with the drivers and/or owners of the trucks and enforce the Fowler trucking policy.

In regard to the traffic counts that were conducted at various points throughout August 6 – 8, 2017, the traffic count the morning of September 13, 2018, and the traffic count on October 11, 2018, Fowler can confirm the following;

- On September 13th, 27 trucks arrived at the quarry, were loaded, and left the quarry between 7 am and 12pm. There was a 28th truck that left at 12:05, which we have not included. This, averaged over 5 hours, equates to slightly over 5 trucks per hour.
- On October 11th, 21 trucks arrived at the quarry, were loaded, and left the quarry between 12pm and 6 pm. This, averaged over the six hours, equates to slightly less than 4 trucks per hour.

Fowler is currently researching the number of truck movements during August 2017, and will provide additional information to the Township in the very near future. Fowler looks forward to discussing these issues with Council.

Yours truly,

MHBC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Zeman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Brian Zeman, BES, MCIP, RPP
President

cc. *James Gordon, Fowler Construction Company Ltd.*
Moreen Miller, Brandy Creek Consulting
James Newlands, MHBC



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Valued Customer:

Fowler Construction Company Limited ("Fowler") is committed to the safety of our employees and our communities as well as that of our customers and industry partners. Our Fleming Quarry, located at 3230 Switch Road in Washago, is situated in an area that is heavily travelled by local year-round and seasonal residents. It has come to our attention that some haul trucks entering and exiting our quarry have not been abiding by the rules of the road and the existing haul routes identified for the quarry. We view this as both extremely concerning and totally unacceptable behavior.

We would like to clarify three of the most urgent safety concerns that need to be communicated to your truck drivers immediately:

- 1) The designated haul route for our Fleming Quarry is using Simcoe County Road 169 -> Rama Road -> Switch Road. All haul trucks are **required** to use this route unless they are making a local delivery. Please see the back of this memo for a map to provide more clarity.
- 2) All posted speed limits and traffic signs **must** be adhered to. More specifically, the stop sign at the corner of Switch Road and Rama Road upon exiting our quarry is often ignored and this must no longer continue.
- 3) Highway Traffic Act - R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 577 (Covering of Loads) must be adhered to for all loads exiting the quarry.

In an effort to help monitor and enforce these concerns, Fowler will be taking the following steps in the near future:

- 1) We will be installing a security camera in the Fleming quarry that will be monitoring the intersection of Switch Road and Rama Road. Video will be reviewed regularly and any haul route, stop sign or tarping infractions will be reported to you and to your haulers. Repeat offenders will not be tolerated and will not be welcome at our quarry.
- 2) We will be installing signs along Switch Road and Rama Road to communicate where the entrance to the quarry is in an effort to improve public safety. In addition, we will be installing a sign at the exit from our quarry to direct trucks to the designated haul route.

We thank you for your business and continued partnership. Please feel free to contact us directly should you have any questions or concerns as it relates to this.

Regards,

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Director of Business Development

James Gordon
Material Manager



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Haul Route is highlighted in blue:

