



**FoTTSA Deputation to Tiny Council regarding French Road Amending Agreement
Regular Committee of the Whole, Agenda item 3.i, October 16th, 2019**

I am here on behalf of FoTTSA and our members to ask **Council not to pass By-law 19-067** and thereby **delay the decision about allowing the Sarjeant Company to upgrade and use French Road as a haul road.**

- Tiny is not the largest producer of aggregate in Simcoe County, however, **between 2000 and 2009, aggregate production in Tiny increased by 62%***. Now 2 more pits are planning to start extraction, which could **increase aggregate production in Tiny by another 48%**.
- An amendment to the 2011 road agreement is required to bring the proposed haul road up to current engineering standards. However, standards for pits are also in flux, and we believe **there are other aspects of these pits that deserve review by Tiny and the provincial government before any decision is made.**
- One major concern is the authorization for one of the proposed pits to **excavate below the water table**. We understand that the Sarjeant pits will be excavating parts of French's Hill – the area that is under dispute in the proposed extension of the Teedon Pit because of its proximity to the Alliston aquifer. Bill Shotyk, one of the world's experts on fresh water, has spoken to Council and written to Simcoe County about the scientific evidence for a **moratorium on all excavation in the Waverley Uplands until the impacts on groundwater flow systems are fully understood.**
- The Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act are now under review. FoTTSA will be making submissions about both requesting that **no excavation be allowed below the water table and that licenses allowing such excavation be revoked.**

FoTTSA does not concur with Public Works Report PWR-048-19 about the proposed bylaw which states that authorizing the amending agreement would be in support of Tiny's Strategic Plan. FoTTSA believes that:

- ❖ *Prosperity* is not being achieved through the development of more pits. We cannot see the benefits of being the temporary gravel pit for the GTA. The TOARC contribution to the township is minimal and the contribution of the pits in terms of jobs and revenue also appears negligible.
- ❖ *Healthy environmental and sustainable community planning* are being specifically threatened by aggregate extraction in the Waverley Uplands, just as they were when the North Simcoe Landfill site 41 was proposed.
- ❖ *Community Health, Safety and Well-being* are being threatened by the potential environmental risks posed by the extraction and the washing of gravel so close to the aquifer and also by the opening of these pits which could involve more than 40 trucks an hour. Once they turn off French's Road, they will be on the township's roads, passing by homes, businesses and pedestrians.
- ❖ *Community engagement* has been lacking on this issue.

We do hope that **Council will approve Planning & Development Report PD-055-19** Summary of Proposed Changes to the Aggregate Resources Act (Agenda 2.v) which raises multiple concerns about the proposed Teedon Pit expansion and the new Sarjeant pits.

To ensure municipal coherence and respect for the Tiny Strategic Plan, FoTTSA urges Tiny Council **not to approve By-law 19-067**. This would give Council and the citizens of Tiny sufficient time to understand the potential consequences of the proposed Sarjeant pits, their licenses, their possible impact on the Alliston aquifer complex, as well as the evidence presented at the OMB hearing regarding these pits. Clean, abundant water is a scarce resource. We all have an obligation to safeguard Tiny's exceptional natural resources including its water, its unique wetlands, its flourishing agriculture and the tourism that depends on all of these.

***Background Notes** (emphasis added): *Source: Aggregate Resources Inventory of the County of Simcoe Southern Ontario, Ontario Geological Survey Aggregate Resources Inventory Paper 188. 2013*

For 8 of the last 10 years, Simcoe County has been the largest producer of aggregate, by volume, in Ontario. During that time, Simcoe County has had an average annual aggregate production of 11.64 million tonnes. Five municipalities within the county consistently produce in excess of 1 million tonnes of aggregate per year (Table B). **It must be emphasized that Simcoe County does not use all of this aggregate and that the municipality is a major supplier or net exporter to the GTA** (Regional Municipalities of Halton, Peel, York and Durham and the City of Toronto). In fact, in 2009, the GTA used 61 million tonnes of aggregate while only producing 19.8 million tonnes. **Clearly the surrounding rural municipalities are supporting the economic growth and infrastructure development of the GTA.**

Table B – Aggregate Production (2000 and 2009) by Municipality, County of Simcoe

Municipality (Listed Alphabetically)	2000 Production (tonnes)	2009 Production (tonnes)
Township of Adjala–Tosorontio	541 826.35	559 806.64
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	208 160.15	0
Township of Clearview	1 313 587.03	1 132 136.18
Township of Essa	126 619.65	48 477.23
Town of Innisfil	144 331.93	48 509.60
Midland–Penetanguishene areas	—	337 062.82
Town of New Tecumseth	70 231.20	92 152.00
Township of Oro–Medonte	1 986 819.69	2 180 602.03
Township of Ramara	2 086 360.58	1 926 109.68
Township of Severn	1 346 462.97	2 571 324.55
Township of Springwater	1 152 545.68	1 116 392.34
Township of Tay	97 213.46	138 571.68
→ Township of Tiny	191 118.13	309 796.13
TOTAL	9 265 276.82	10 460 940.88

Source: The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (2009)

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