

DRAFT RESOLUTION RE: AGGREGATE RESOURCES & OVERBURDEN

WHEREAS the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is preparing an Aggregate Resources Master Plan to recognize the importance of mineral aggregate resources, including sand, gravel, and bedrock; and

WHEREAS the aggregate resources are a fixed location, non-renewable resource that must be protected for long-term use; and

WHEREAS the Aggregate Resources Master Plan will consider all available mapping, potential constraints, official plan policy framework and schedules, and recommend potential criteria to be considered with development applications; and

WHEREAS the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Official Plan identifies that an Aggregate Resource Master Plan needs to be completed and the results of the plan implemented by a Counties Official Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS following a Counties Official Plan Amendment, the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal would need to complete an Official Plan Amendment to incorporate the Aggregate Resources Master Plan; and

WHEREAS The work on the Aggregate Resources Master Plan began in January 2021 with a goal of having the Master Plan and Official Plan Amendment to the Planning Advisory Committee and Counties Council before the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole – Community Development reviewed and discussed the Aggregate Resources Master Plan during the August 3, 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS the intent of the Aggregate Resources Master Plan Technical Steering Committee is to include mapping of bedrock resources with drift thickness up to 8 metres in the Aggregate Resource Master Plan; and

WHEREAS the removal of 8 metres of overburden during extraction would make the resource not economically viable; and

WHEREAS a 5 metre maximum amount of overburden is a more economically viable resource; and

WHEREAS additional assessment and studies are required for development within the influence area of aggregate resources in order to protect this non-renewable resource for long-term use; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal endeavors to remove unnecessary barriers to development;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requests that the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Aggregate Resources Master Plan Technical Steering Committee include mapping of Aggregate Resources with an overburden of not more than 5 metres within the Aggregate Resources Master Plan mapping.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and all municipalities with Leeds and Grenville.

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