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RE: 6.17 TAPMO Newsletter July 2026

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on August 26, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-255:

**Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey**

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17 be received for information; and

Whereas the Aggregate Resources Act, R.S.O. (ARA) governs the licensing and regulation of aggregate pits and quarries in Ontario;

And Whereas the Planning Act and the Provincial Planning Statement establish the policy framework for land use planning in Ontario and recognize aggregate extraction as an interim land use, with defined expectations for progressive rehabilitation and ultimate transition to an appropriate end use;



And Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has provided written clarification confirming that where a licensed site's site plan expressly permits the importation of aggregate material from other licensed sites in Ontario:

- such imported material may be brought to the site;
- such imported material does not count toward the site's annual licensed tonnage limit; and
- where processing and blending are permitted in the site plan, imported material may be processed or blended for the duration of the licence;

And Whereas under the Ministry's current interpretation, imported aggregate material that is processed or blended is not currently subject to annual licensed tonnage limits or associated TOARC levy payments;

And Whereas this interpretation may enable a licensed site to function as an ongoing industrial processing and blending facility, including in circumstances where on-site extraction has ceased or is winding down;

And Whereas municipalities may experience increased truck traffic, road deterioration, noise, and dust impacts where processing and blending continue independent of extraction;

And Whereas such an outcome may not align with the planning principle that aggregate operations are intended to be interim land uses and may have implications for municipal land use planning, infrastructure management, environmental oversight, and long-term rehabilitation objectives;

And Whereas clarity and consistency between the implementation of the ARA and the provincial land use planning framework are essential to maintaining policy coherence and municipal planning certainty;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of Township of Puslinch respectfully requests that the MNR reconsider its current interpretation respecting the importation, processing, and blending of aggregate material under the ARA, particularly where such interpretation:

- permits unlimited importation of aggregate material from other licensed sites;



- excludes imported and processed materials from annual licensed tonnage limits; and
- allows processing and blending activities to continue for the duration of the licence without regard to the interim nature of aggregate extraction contemplated under provincial planning policy; and,

That the Province clarify how the interpretation and administration of the ARA will be aligned with the *Planning Act* and Provincial Planning Statement, including the recognition of aggregate extraction as an interim land use with defined rehabilitation and transition objectives;

That the Province provide guidance on how imported and processed aggregate materials are to be considered in relation to licensed tonnage limits, rehabilitation timelines, and the interim land use intent of aggregate operations;

That the Province consult with municipalities prior to finalizing any policy, regulatory, or interpretive direction related to importation, processing, blending, and tonnage calculations under the ARA and importantly any TOARC regulatory reform;

Further be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch supports TAPMO's call for policy clarification regarding importation, processing and blending under the Aggregate Resources Act; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO), MPP Joseph Racinsky and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO)