



News

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Community invited to learn more, have a say about aggregate study

Township of Zorra and County Planning announce open house and community survey for Aggregate Policy Review Study

Business, residents and community partners who want to learn more about the recent by-law by [Township of Zorra](#) for new or expanded gravel pits and quarries will have their chance on April 14. The Township, with the assistance of the [Oxford County Community and Strategic Planning Office](#), is hosting a public open house to explain the Aggregate Policy Review Study [announced](#) in January, where it will also launch two surveys asking for feedback on the study.

The open house takes place:

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Township of Zorra Municipal Office

274620 27th Line, Ingersoll

The public open house is part of a first step in gathering feedback and information from the community and industry stakeholders, with additional opportunities for public input and questions to follow in the coming months. The public open house gives the community an opportunity to review the current policy; learn key steps in the work plan; find out about additional opportunities for consultation; and ask questions about the work plan.

On the heels of the April 14 open house, residents and aggregate operators will be invited to respond to a community survey available on the Township of Zorra website **until June 14, 2015**.

The Township of Zorra passed an [Interim Control By-law](#) on January 13, 2015, to place a moratorium on new or expanded gravel pits and stone quarries, and new temporary or permanent concrete and asphalt recycling / batching plants, for a one-year period on all lands located south of Road 74 in the Township of Zorra.

With the passing of the by-law, the Township also announced a study to review and evaluate existing aggregate policies and provisions of the [County Official Plan](#) and the [Township Zoning By-law](#). The *Aggregate Policy Review Study*, to be completed by year end, will examine and make recommendations on how the social, environmental and economic impacts of new or expanded aggregate operations can be minimized, to the extent possible, while ensuring there is a plan to protect aggregate resources for long-term use. The final report will contain a set of recommendations for consideration by Township Council.

For more information on the Aggregate Policy Review Study, visit www.zorra.on.ca.

Background reports

Report to Township Council – [2015-012 – Interim Control By-law – Sand and Gravel Pits and Stone Quarries](#) (January 13th, 2015)

News Release - [Council approves moratorium on new or expanded gravel pits and quarries](#) (January 14th, 2015)

Report to Township Council – [CASPO-34 – Aggregate Policy Review Study Work Plan](#) (February 3rd, 2015)

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