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Online survey seeks community input on effects of pits and quarries

Township asking for input from residents and operators as part of Aggregate Policy Review Study

Both residents and operators are being asked to share their opinions on local sand and gravel pits and quarries through two online surveys open now until June 21, 2015 at www.zorra.on.ca and [Speak Up, Oxford!](#)

The Township of Zorra and Oxford County's Community & Strategic Planning Department launched the two surveys following a public open house on April 14 on the [Aggregate Policy Review Study](#). Printed copies of the surveys are available at local municipal offices or Oxford County Library branches. To request a paper copy, call 519-485-2490 or toll-free 1-888-699-3868.

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. Zorra Township Council approved the study in January as a response to community and Township concerns about the cumulative effects of extraction operations on the community.

The opinions collected in the surveys will help develop recommendations intended to provide guidance to future extraction and related activities in the Township of Zorra and, potentially, all of Oxford County.

Last week's public open house was a first step in gathering feedback and information from the community and operators. For more information about the project, including background materials, visit www.zorra.on.ca or www.oxfordcounty.ca/speakup.

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