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Re: Proposed Regulatory Changes under the Aggregate Resources Act – ERO No. 019-1303

To whom it may concern,

City of Waterloo staff are providing this submission in response to the proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act (ERO No, 019-1303). The City of Waterloo is not directly commenting on the proposed changes, but wishes to recognize and endorse the comments offered by the Region of Waterloo through staff report PDL-CPL-20-06, dated March 24, 2020.

While there are aggregate resources within the City of Waterloo, they are largely located on municipal owned lands. Beyond the municipal boundary are nearby aggregate operations that could impact the City of Waterloo in regards to source water protection. Therefore, the City shares concern over source water protection and supports the comments submitted by the Region of Waterloo recommending that:

“the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) require applicants to submit a minimum of two years of groundwater monitoring data to establish the water table where there is a potential risk to drinking water sources”

The City further shares concerns relating to physical impacts from aggregate extraction relating to dust, noise etc. The City recognizes what an important resource aggregates are to the Province, but supports the position that there is a municipal interest in appropriate oversight relating to aggregate extraction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kind regards,



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