

## Attachment C – North Dumfries Resolution

*“WHEREAS Ontario currently has over 3600 licenses and 2500 permits held by Operators located throughout the Province that are able to meet the expected near term needs of Ontario's construction industry;*

*AND WHEREAS in 2020 there was approximately 5,677,296 tonnes of aggregate extracted from properties located within the Township of North Dumfries;*

*AND WHEREAS applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply;*

*AND WHEREAS gravel pits and quarries can be destructive of natural environments and habitats when not properly planned and managed;*

*AND WHEREAS pits and quarries have negative social impacts on host communities in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck traffic;*

*AND WHEREAS the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change has brought awareness to the very high carbon footprint associated with the production of concrete and asphalt which are major end-users of aggregates;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel applications, including expansions to existing licensed sites, pending a broad consultation process that would include First Nations, affected communities, independent experts and scientists, to chart a new path forward for the extraction and processing of aggregates in Ontario which:*

- i) Proposes criteria and processes for determining the need for new aggregate licences (including the expansion to existing licenses);*
- ii) Recommends updated policies and restrictions for aggregate extraction below the water table to reflect current groundwater sciences;*
- iii) Assesses the cumulative impacts of aggregate operations in terms of off-site impacts to environmental systems; the groundwater regime and baseflow contributions to area watercourses, wetlands, etc; area habitat including corridors; traffic along haul routes; and, dust and noise emissions;*
- iv) Develops new guidelines for reprocessing / recycling of concrete and asphalt products in order to ensure sustainable aggregate supplies;*
- v) Recommends a fair levy for aggregate extraction that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community of extraction and distribution of aggregate;*
- vi) Provides greater weight to the input by local municipalities to lessen the social impacts from aggregate extraction and truck haul routes through their communities*

*AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the leaders of all Provincial Parties, the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry, the MPPs of Waterloo Region, and, the Region of Waterloo.”*