

Attachment B

Final comments: Grand River Conservation Authority



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**Re: Class A (Category 3) Aggregate Licence Application
Zoning Bylaw Amendment ZCA-06-22
Middle Street Pit – 1856 Snyders Road East, Petersburg
Petersburg Sand Company**

Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) staff have reviewed revised materials in support of the above-noted application for an above-water aggregate pit.

Recommendation

We have no concerns with the aggregate licence and zone change applications.

Documents Reviewed by Staff

Staff have reviewed the following documents submitted with this application:

- Planning Summary Report (IBI, May 2022)
- Hydrogeological Assessment (Harden Environmental Services, April 2022)
- Environmental Impact Study (Dance Environmental, March 2022)
- Cumulative Impact Assessment (Dance Environmental, February 2022)
- Ecological Monitoring Plan (Dance Environmental, November 24, 2022)
- Plans (IBI)
 - Existing Conditions (revised May 17, 2022)
 - Operational Plan (revised November 24, 2022)
 - Operational Plan Notes (revised November 24, 2022)
 - Rehabilitation Plan (revised June 9, 2022)
 - Cross-sections (revised May 17, 2022)

This follows our first submission comments dated July 28, 2022.

GRCA Comments

We have received updated materials that have addressed our previous comments.

The revised extraction limit is greater than 30 metres from the nearest wetland unit, and completely outside of the surface catchment area for the Waldau West Wetland Complex. The applicant have provided evidence that the small wetland unit on-site is not sustained by groundwater. The applicant has proposed a contingency plan for the on-site wetland unit if unanticipated impacts to wetland water levels are detected through operational monitoring.

The applicant has also revised the zone change application to include the Waldau West Wetland Complex surface catchment area / naturalized wetland buffer area in the proposed Zone Z.11 (Open Space).

As such, we have no further concerns with the proposed aggregate licence and zone change applications.

We trust this information is of assistance. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 519-621-2763 ext. 2292 or theywood@grandriver.ca.

Sincerely,



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