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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Attn. Julia Shiu
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Dear Ms Shiu.

For your information and records, the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution on January 18, 2011:

WHEREAS the Township of Woolwich has recently been confronted with five applications for mineral aggregate extraction and anticipate a sixth application in the near future;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Woolwich is concerned about the negative impacts that this large number of applications may have on the residents of the Township considering the proximity to settlement areas,

AND WHEREAS this large number of applications makes it difficult for the Township of Woolwich to evaluate the applications to ensure no unacceptable impacts and to defend these evaluations at the Ontario Municipal Board;

AND WHEREAS the current system of ensuring compliance with Aggregate Resources Act site plans makes it difficult for municipalities to guarantee compliance for their residents;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich request the Province of Ontario to.

- 1. Increase the taxes on mineral aggregate payable to municipalities to help offset the financial implications of mineral aggregate extraction, including the costs municipalities are forced to pay in defending their positions with regard to new applications at the Ontario Municipal Board,*
- 2. Review the enforcement of the Aggregate Resources Act site plan provisions with the aim of ensuring better compliance by operators of pits and quarries, and provide for public consultation within this review process;*
- 3. As part of the review noted in (2) above, consider amending the Aggregate Resources Act to provide for the delegation of monitoring and enforcement*

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responsibilities from the Ministry of Natural Resources to Local Municipalities, Regional Municipalities and the Conservation Authorities;

- 4. Eliminate the ability within the Aggregate Resources Act for the Minister to unilaterally change conditions on an Aggregate Resources Act site plan that have been requested by a municipality without the agreement of the municipality;*
- 5. Establish minimum separation distances and/or allow municipalities to establish minimum separation distances between proposed mineral aggregate extraction operations and settlement areas;*
- 6. Strengthen rehabilitation requirements for mineral aggregate extraction operations including tighter timelines for rehabilitation and through the use of maximum disturbed area provisions;*
- 7. Establish a long-term, multi-stakeholder strategy for more efficient management and conservation of mineral aggregate resources that would lead to a more collaborative approach to keeping new licence approvals commensurate with projected needs and which would result in fewer expensive fights at the Ontario Municipal Board over specific extraction applications.*

AND FURTHERMORE be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Natural Resources, MPP for Kitchener-Conestogo, and that the resolution be circulated through AMO to all municipalities in Ontario for their support and endorsement.

If you have any further questions please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Christine Broughton
Director of Council and Information Services / Clerk

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