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Quarry Proponent and Quarry Opponent Ink Historic Community Engagement Agreement

MELANCTHON, ON, June 20th, 2023 – North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) and Strada Aggregates have signed a first-of-a-kind agreement in Canada governing the relationship between a community advocacy organization and an aggregate producer seeking a quarry license.

The agreement gives NDACT unprecedented input and decision-making into Strada’s quarry application prior to being submitted. As part of the agreement, NDACT will not oppose the application until and unless the science shows the quarry could harm the environment.

“Normally a community finds out about aggregate development plans once an application is submitted, often resulting in years of conflict and strife between the parties,” said Karren Wallace, Chair of NDACT. “This is a new approach in that the Community and the Aggregate Company worked together pre-application designing the manner in which they will engage throughout the lifecycle of the aggregate project.”

The Agreement includes six protocols designed to ensure collaboration and cooperation between the two parties and the local municipality throughout all phases of the property development. The six major subject areas include Communication, Peer Reviews, Wells and Natural Resources, Recreation Fund, Land Assumption and Licence Assumption.

“Both Strada and NDACT recognized the potential challenges inherent in siting a quarry in Ontario” said Mario Pietrolungo, VP of Strada. “This agreement seeks to overcome that by agreeing to proceed together based on the shared principles of openness, transparency and science-based decision-making.”

“The Township of Melancthon looks forward to working with both parties in a collaborative fashion moving forward.” said Melancthon Mayor Darren White.

Copies of the agreement are available at www.ndact.ca and www.stradaquarry.com

ABOUT NDACT

NDACT is one of the leading community environmental groups in Canada. NDACT is an incorporated, not for profit, entity which formed in January 2009 by concerned citizens from Melancthon and Mulmur Townships. NDACT played a pivotal role in leading public and political opposition against the Highlands Company “Mega-Quarry.”

ABOUT STRADA

Strada Aggregates is an Ontario-based supplier of aggregate and recycled aggregate products. Strada operates 3 pits and 12 depots in Ontario.

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