



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee
From: Donna Bryce, County Clerk
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021
Subject: **Dolime Quarry – Boundary Adjustment Agreement**

Background:

The City of Guelph has initiated an annexation of land known as the Dolime Quarry located in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa. The action will enable the City to exercise more control over this important water resource and bring an end to decades of gravel extraction.

Additionally, the owners of the quarry wish to re-develop the land for residential purposes and will require urban services not currently provided by Guelph/Eramosa. The annexation will also facilitate the proposed development. A map of the lands is attached to this report.

As part of the restructuring proposal to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, each Council involved must support the proposal through public notice, a public meeting, and by resolution and by-law. The City will submit the application to the Province. The County will hold a public meeting prior to the regular Council meeting on June 24. The notice was in the Wellington Advertiser on June 3, and is on the County's website. The public can register to speak at the meeting or send written comments by June 16. Guelph/Eramosa and the City will also provide notice and hold public meetings.

The City will also put forward a request to the Minister for a Minister's Zoning Order to rezone the Dolime lands to establish the principle of residence to help facilitate the City's community supported solution for the quarry revitalization and protection of Guelph's drinking water.

As part of the process for requesting a municipal boundary adjustment, the City, on behalf of the County and Guelph/Eramosa has undertaken engagement with local Indigenous organizations to share information about the Dolime project, and hear from them any questions or concerns. Discussions to date have been very positive, with water quality and protection being noted as an important shared priority for the municipalities and Indigenous treaty partners. A full summary of Indigenous Engagement will accompany the submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Recommendation:

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign and execute the Boundary Adjustment Agreement with the City of Guelph and the Township of Guelph/Eramosa; and that a by-law be presented for Council approval; and

That Wellington County Council support the City of Guelph's request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for a Minister's Zoning Order to rezone the Dolime lands to establish the principle of residence.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna Bryce', written over a horizontal line.

Donna Bryce
County Clerk