

WE'RE HAVING A PUBLIC MEETING AND WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The County of Grey and the Township of Chatsworth want your feedback on a gravel pit proposal.

Why did I get this notice?

You received this meeting notice as you live or own property within 120 metres of the proposed development location, or because you have previously requested notice on these applications.

Description of the Proposed Development

The County and the Township are seeking input on a proposed gravel pit. There has been an Official Plan Amendment application filed with the County of Grey, and a Zoning By-law Amendment application filed with the Township of Chatsworth, for the proposed pit. An aggregate extraction license application has also been filed with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for this same property. The applications have been filed by Brian and Pearl Bumstead, and Cuesta Planning Consultants Inc. is representing the applicants.

Location of the Proposed Development

The subject lands are located in the Township of Chatsworth at 584015 Sideroad 60. The legal description of the property is; Part Lot 27, Concession 7, Township of Chatsworth (geographic Township of Holland), as shown in the key map below.



Location and Timing of the Public Meeting

The meeting will be held on **Tuesday September 29th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Williamsford Community Centre at 112 Salter Street, in Williamsford.

What can I expect at the Public Meeting?

The public meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the proposed development. Attendees have the opportunity to hear a brief presentation about the development, ask questions, and/or make statements either in favour of, or in opposition to the development. At the meeting, members of the public will also hear a summary of any comments received about the proposed development prior to the public meeting.

This public meeting will include Council and staff representatives from both the Township and the County. Designated Council members (often the Mayor or Chair of the Planning Committee) from the Township and the County will act as the moderator or chair for the meeting. The moderator will keep

the meeting in order and allow the applicant (and their development team), the public, and members of Council to speak and ask questions.

No decisions are made at this meeting. It is simply an opportunity to learn and provide feedback.

Note this public meeting is specifically to discuss the official plan and zoning by-law amendment applications. The license application which has been submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will not be discussed at this meeting.

If I can't attend the Public Meeting, can I still participate?

Yes you can still participate. You can learn more about the proposed development by contacting the County or Township offices, or by reading the materials on the County website at the below link. You may also choose to submit comments via letter or email, after taking the time to learn about the proposed development. All of the contact information for both the Township and the County has been provided below:

<http://www.grey.ca/services/planning-development/new-planning-applications/bumstead-pit/>

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What are the changes being made through the applications?

This development requires three applications; a County of Grey Official Plan Amendment, a Township of Chatsworth Zoning By-law Amendment, and a license from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. In order for the development to move forward, approvals are needed on all three of these applications. The County makes the decision on the Official Plan Amendment and the Township makes the decision on the Zoning By-law Amendment. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry makes the decision on the license application. As noted above, the public meeting on September 29th will only be discussing the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments and not the license application.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment (County File Number 42-04-36-OPA-123) would re-designate the subject lands from the "Agricultural" designation to the "Mineral Resource Extraction with exceptions" designation to permit the establishment of a pit operation on the subject lands. Approximately 39.6 hectares of land are proposed to be licensed for this operation. A portion of the subject lands have already been mapped as "Aggregate Resources Area" on Schedule B to the County Official Plan.

A Zoning By-law Amendment is also being processed by the Township of Chatsworth to implement the Official Plan Amendment. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to change the zoning of approximately 39.6 hectares of land from 'A1 – Rural' to 'M3 – Extractive Industrial' to permit the proposed pit operation.

The applications have been deemed complete under the *Planning Act*, which means that it is now time to receive public feedback on the proposals. In deeming the applications complete, the County and the Township have enough information to seek public input on the development. No decisions have been made on the applications, and no decisions will be made until the public process has been completed.

Why will a meeting be held and what are your rights?

Within Ontario the planning and development process is an open and transparent process, where opinions from all individuals and groups are welcomed. By law a municipality must hold a public meeting, and this meeting is just one of your chances to learn about the development proposal and offer your opinions. Under the legislation governing this development, which is sections 17 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, you have the following rights:

1. Any persons may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment.
2. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Chatsworth before the Zoning By-law Amendment is approved or to the County of Grey before the Official Plan Amendment is approved, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decisions of the Township of Chatsworth or the County of Grey to the Ontario Municipal Board.
3. If a person or public body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Chatsworth before the Zoning By-law Amendment is approved or to the County of Grey before the Official Plan Amendment is approved, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.
4. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Chatsworth in respect to the approval of the Zoning By-law Amendment, or the County of Grey in respect to the passing of the Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Municipality or the County, at the addresses noted on the previous page. Please note the Bumstead Pit Zoning By-law Amendment when directing correspondence to the Township of Chatsworth. The County Official Plan Amendment file number is 42-04-36-OPA-123.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact County or Township staff, who would be happy to answer any questions on the matter.

Dated at Owen Sound this 31st day of August, 2015