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**Subject:** Heightened public concerns about possible expansions of an existing quarry-aggregate operation in the Township of McNab/Braeside in Renfrew County.

**Attachments:** Information Briefing Note braeside quarry2.doc

Hello:

Pembroke has been receiving a number of Minister's letters re: a potential aggregate development at Braeside. They have prepared an Information Briefing note for the RD (see attachment below).

Do you think it needs to go any further (i.e. Deputy or Minister)?

Let us know what you think & we will respond accordingly.

Thanks.

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## INFORMATION BRIEFING NOTE

**DATE:** May 02, 2006

**DIVISION:** Field Services Division

**REGION:** Southern Region

**RIDING:** Renfrew--Nipissing--Pembroke

**ISSUE:** Heightened public concerns about possible expansions of an existing quarry-aggregate operation in the Township of McNab/Braeside in Renfrew County.

### BACKGROUND:

- The existing quarry-aggregate facility in McNab/Braeside has been in operation since 1954.
- The quarry is entirely on a parcel of private land, only part of which is currently under the existing aggregate licence.
- MNR understands the operator may apply for a new licence to expand the quarry operation onto other parts of their property.
- MNR has not received an application for a new aggregate licence from the operator.
- Residents of the area have become aware of the possibility that the operator may apply for an expansion of their quarry, and have launched a letter-writing campaign in protest, raising several issues of concern.
- Residents are also expressing concerns about a potential expansion of the existing operation to include a permanent asphalt plant.
- Residents are also expressing concerns about a completely unrelated effort by the municipal council of McNab/Braeside to develop options for the future treatment of septage, in particular an option involving the use of a reed bed near the Ottawa River.
- Letters from area residents have been sent and/or copied to:  
Pembroke District MNR  
The Minister of Natural Resources  
The office of John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
The Environmental Commissioner for Ontario  
The Minister of the Environment for Ontario

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for Ontario  
The Premier of Ontario  
The Mining and Lands Commissioner for Ontario  
The federal MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke  
The County of Renfrew  
The Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority  
The Township of McNab/Braeside  
And many opposition and government MPPs

#### **ACTION TAKEN:**

- MNR Pembroke District, in co-operation with the Minister's correspondence unit, has drafted three versions of a Minister's response – one to residents who express concerns about the potential expansion of the Braeside Quarry, one to residents who express concerns about a quarry expansion and the septage treatment issue, and one to residents who express concerns about the septage treatment issue only.
- Pembroke District is also responding by letter to residents who have written letters to the district, and by e-mail to residents who have sent e-mails.

#### **MINISTRY POSITION:**

- The Ministry of Natural Resources is responsible for the administration of the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA) in all townships designated under the Act, including the Township of McNab/Braeside.
- The operator is required to apply for new aggregate licence before expanding their operation beyond the area currently licenced. At this time MNR has not received any application for expansion of the existing operation.
- If and when an application is received for an expansion of the existing operation, there will be an opportunity for public, the municipality and other Ontario government ministries to comment under two separate processes involving the *Aggregate Resources Act* and the *Environmental Bill of Rights* (EBR) registry.
- MNR is sensitive to the heightened public concern on this issue. We have received many letters and e-mails from residents of McNab/Braeside.
- Residents are advised to watch for public notification (signage at the site, notice in the local newspaper, and a posting on the EBR registry) that an application has been received. That notification will start the public comment period on the application.

- MNR understands that the Township of McNab/Braeside is currently investigating options for the future development of a septage treatment solution. MNR is not involved in this option-development stage. All questions and concerns related to this project should be directed to the municipality.

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## APPROVAL SHEET

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