

Agreement in principle made with Strada Aggregate

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North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) has provided an update on the development of a community agreement with Strada Aggregate, a company proposing to quarry below the water table at a gravel pit near Honeywood.

In an email issued on April 28, NDACT community liaison Carl Cosack reported that an agreement in principle had been put in place, which could be signed once three key schedules to the agreement are finalized.

The three key schedules include a water and natural features protocol, a communication protocol, and a community recreation fund protocol.

Cosack noted both the water and natural features protocol and communication protocol have been received by Strada, and are awaiting feedback. The community recreation fund protocol has been finalized to be reviewed by the NDACT Board before being sent to Strada.

"In all our discussions, Strada has generally responded favourably to our approach," said Cosack in the email. "We will continue to work together on reaching a consensus on the schedules over the next couple of weeks."

The agreement in principle is a foundation step to the final community agreement.

NDACT added once signatures are on the agreement in principle, the document will be published on their website for review. NDACT is planning to host an open house with Strada to answer community questions on the agreement.

Cosack said their hope is to continue working with the Strada management team to finalize the agreement before haying season, a timeframe that falls within the summer months.