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P P	Sagina nodosa Sagina nodosa ssp. borealis Stellaria longifolia	Knotted Pearlwort		S3	142	$1.3 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Stellaria longifolia			S3	68	$37.1 \pm 5.0$	NS
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		Long-leaved Starwort		S3	1	$85.8 \pm 5.0$	NS
P		Prickly Hornwort		S3	4	$12.7 \pm 0.0$	NS
	• •	Orange-fruited Tinker's					NS
Р	Triosteum aurantiacum	Weed		S3	29	$85.9 \pm 0.0$	
P	Crassula aquatica	Water Pygmyweed		S3	2	$69.9 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Empetrum eamesii	Pink Crowberry		S3	86	$67.7 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Vaccinium uliginosum	Alpine Bilberry		S3	1	$98.7 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Halenia deflexa	Spurred Gentian		S3	3	77.9 ± 0.0	NS
P	Geranium bicknellii	Bicknell's Crane's-bill		S3	22	$0.4 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Myriophyllum verticillatum	Whorled Water Milfoil		S3	1	$96.9 \pm 3.0$	NS
P	Utricularia resupinata	Inverted Bladderwort		S3	22	$2.9 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Epilobium strictum	Downy Willowherb		S3	6	42.7 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Polygala sanguinea	Blood Milkwort		S3	12	12.2 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Persicaria arifolia	Halberd-leaved Tearthumb		S3	12	23.1 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Plantago rugelii	Rugel's Plantain		S3	8	29.1 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Primula laurentiana	Laurentian Primrose		S3	53	69.0 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Samolus parviflorus	Seaside Brookweed		S3	60	$23.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Pyrola minor	Lesser Pyrola		S3	3	75.0 ± 7.0	NS
Р	Anemone virginiana	Virginia Anemone		S3	12	$21.2 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Cephalanthus occidentalis	Common Buttonbush		S3	1965	$2.9 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Salix pedicellaris	Bog Willow		S3	96	$0.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Salix pedicellaris Salix sericea	Silky Willow		S3	137	$12.6 \pm 0.0$	NS
Г		Sliky Willow			137	12.0 ± 0.0	NS
P	Saxifraga paniculata ssp. laestadii	Laestadius' Saxifrage		S3	9	91.1 ± 7.0	INO
Р	Lindernia dubia	Yellow-seeded False Pimperel		S3	13	17.5 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Laportea canadensis	Canada Wood Nettle		S3	18	61.3 ± 0.0	NS
r P	Pilea pumila	Dwarf Clearweed		S3	3	$87.0 \pm 0.0$	NS
r P	•			S3	2	$76.5 \pm 1.0$	NS
P P	Viola nephrophylla Carex bebbii	Northern Bog Violet Bebb's Sedge		S3	20	76.5 ± 1.0 81.2 ± 0.0	NS
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P P	Carex cryptolepis Carex hirtifolia	Hidden-scaled Sedge		S3	5 15	4.0 ± 0.0 87.5 ± 0.0	NS NS
P P		Pubescent Sedge		S3			_
	Carex Iupulina	Hop Sedge			53	13.5 ± 1.0	NS
P	Carex rosea	Rosy Sedge		S3	23	$62.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Carex swanii	Swan's Sedge		S3	87	$24.7 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Carex tenera	Tender Sedge		S3	5	21.0 ± 0.0	NS
P	Carex tribuloides	Blunt Broom Sedge		S3	10	$33.1 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Carex tuckermanii	Tuckerman's Sedge		S3	26	82.2 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Eleocharis nitida	Quill Spikerush		S3	14	53.7 ± 1.0	NS

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Platanthera grandiflora

Platanthera hookeri

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Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	COSEWIC	SARA	Prov Legal Prot	Prov Rarity Rank	# recs	Distance (km)	Prov
P	Dichanthelium linearifolium	Narrow-leaved Panic Grass				S3	16	$3.8 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Piptatheropsis canadensis	Canada Ricegrass				S3	22	$1.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Poa glauca	Glaucous Blue Grass				S3	9	91.8 ± 1.0	NS
Р	Stuckenia filiformis	Thread-leaved Pondweed				S3	1	57.1 ± 7.0	NS
r P						S3	1		NS
	Potamogeton praelongus	White-stemmed Pondweed						75.2 ± 1.0	
P	Potamogeton richardsonii	Richardson's Pondweed				S3	6	71.0 ± 1.0	NS
P	Potamogeton zosteriformis	Flat-stemmed Pondweed				S3	2	$74.4 \pm 1.0$	NS
Р	Sceptridium dissectum	Dissected Moonwort				S3	5	$21.6 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Polypodium appalachianum	Appalachian Polypody				S3	12	$11.0 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Persicaria amphibia var.	Lang root Congressed				COO	20	100.00	NS
Р	emersa	Long-root Smartweed				S3?	28	$12.6 \pm 0.0$	
Р	Spiranthes ochroleuca	Yellow Ladies'-tresses				S3?	41	$7.6 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Diphasiastrum x sabinifolium	Savin-leaved Ground-cedar				S3?	3	$34.1 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Bidens vulgata	Tall Beggarticks				S3S4	2	90.1 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Erigeron hyssopifolius	Hyssop-leaved Fleabane				S3S4	3	$78.3 \pm 7.0$	NS
r P		Panicled Hawkweed				S3S4	46	$6.8 \pm 0.0$	NS
	Hieracium paniculatum								
P	Bidens beckii	Water Beggarticks				S3S4	22	12.7 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Packera paupercula	Balsam Groundsel				S3S4	58	$81.3 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Packera paupercula var.	Balsam Groundsel				S3S4	1	$84.9 \pm 0.0$	NS
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Р	Atriplex glabriuscula var.	Frankton's Saltbush				S3S4	14	$80.8 \pm 0.0$	NS
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Р	Shepherdia canadensis	Soapberry				S3S4	101	$79.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Vaccinium boreale	Northern Blueberry				S3S4	1	$47.8 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Vaccinium cespitosum	Dwarf Bilberry				S3S4	43	12.6 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush Blueberry				S3S4	307	$6.4 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Fagus grandifolia	American Beech				S3S4	376	2.6 ± 1.0	NS
P						S3S4	90	$2.0 \pm 1.0$ $2.9 \pm 0.0$	NS
	Bartonia virginica	Yellow Bartonia							
P	Proserpinaca pectinata	Comb-leaved Mermaidweed				S3S4	75	$1.7 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Decodon verticillatus	Swamp Loosestrife				S3S4	256	$7.7 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Nuphar microphylla	Small Yellow Pond-lily				S3S4	7	$38.2 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Persicaria pensylvanica	Pennsylvania Smartweed				S3S4	27	$31.4 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Fallopia scandens	Climbing False Buckwheat				S3S4	11	$13.1 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Pyrola asarifolia	Pink Pyrola				S3S4	3	$73.4 \pm 7.0$	NS
Р	Endotropis alnifolia	alder-leaved buckthorn				S3S4	6	$75.7 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Amelanchier spicata	Running Serviceberry				S3S4	60	$1.9 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Crataegus succulenta	Fleshy Hawthorn				S3S4	1	$98.2 \pm 0.0$	NS
	Fragaria vesca ssp.	· ·							NS
Р	americana	Woodland Strawberry				S3S4	3	$86.5 \pm 0.0$	
Р	Galium aparine	Common Bedstraw				S3S4	20	$41.4 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Geocaulon lividum	Northern Comandra				S3S4	1	64.2 ± 1.0	NS
P		Southern Mudwort				S3S4	10	$28.9 \pm 0.0$	NS
	Limosella australis								
P	Veronica serpyllifolia	Thyme-Leaved Speedwell				S3S4	37	10.1 ± 0.0	NS
P	Ulmus americana	White Elm				S3S4	45	5.0 ± 1.0	NS
P	Verbena hastata	Blue Vervain				S3S4	77	15.1 ± 0.0	NS
Р	Viola sagittata var. ovata	Arrow-Leaved Violet				S3S4	71	$13.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Viola selkirkii	Great-Spurred Violet				S3S4	2	91.8 ± 1.0	NS
Р	Symplocarpus foetidus	Eastern Skunk Cabbage				S3S4	188	$42.2 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Carex argyrantha	Silvery-flowered Sedge				S3S4	29	$14.6 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Sisyrinchium atlanticum	Eastern Blue-Eyed-Grass				S3S4	204	$3.6 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Triglochin gaspensis	Gasp ├─ Arrowgrass				S3S4	13	$27.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Juncus acuminatus	Sharp-Fruit Rush				S3S4	12	$9.8 \pm 0.0$	NS
P	Juncus acuminatus Juncus subcaudatus	Woods-Rush				S3S4 S3S4	17	$34.3 \pm 5.0$	NS
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Р	Luzula parviflora ssp.	Black-fruited Woodrush				S3S4	2	$73.9 \pm 7.0$	NS
_	melanocarpa								
P	Goodyera repens	Lesser Rattlesnake-plantain				S3S4	23	$37.5 \pm 0.0$	NS
Р	Liparis loeselii	Loesel's Twayblade				S3S4	11	$37.9 \pm 1.0$	NS
Р	Platanthera obtusata	Blunt-leaved Orchid				S3S4	5	$2.9 \pm 2.0$	NS

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Р	Platanthera orbiculata	Small Round-leaved Orchid				S3S4	46	31.5 ± 0.0	NS	
Р	Alopecurus aequalis	Short-awned Foxtail				S3S4	2	$61.6 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Dichanthelium clandestinum	Deer-tongue Panic Grass				S3S4	330	$13.4 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Coleataenia longifolia	Long-leaved Panicgrass				S3S4	2155	$1.8 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Panicum philadelphicum	Philadelphia Panicgrass				S3S4	30	$0.5 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Koeleria spicata	Narrow False Oats				S3S4	6	$84.8 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Asplenium trichomanes	Maidenhair Spleenwort				S3S4	12	$62.8 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Lorinseria areolata	Netted Chain Fern				S3S4	209	$28.1 \pm 7.0$	NS	
Р	Equisetum pratense	Meadow Horsetail				S3S4	7	$57.7 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Diphasiastrum complanatum	Northern Ground-cedar				S3S4	14	$42.2 \pm 1.0$	NS	
Р	Diphasiastrum sitchense	Sitka Ground-cedar				S3S4	1	$80.2 \pm 1.0$	NS	
Р	Huperzia appressa	Mountain Firmoss				S3S4	3	$90.9 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Sceptridium multifidum	Leathery Moonwort				S3S4	14	$34.3 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Botrychium matricariifolium	Daisy-leaved Moonwort				S3S4	3	$59.8 \pm 10.0$	NS	
Р	Bidens discoidea	Swamp Beggarticks				SH	1	$45.2 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Viola canadensis	Canada Violet				SH	1	$86.9 \pm 0.0$	NS	
Р	Greeneochloa coarctata	Small Reedgrass				SH	1	$94.3 \pm 6.0$	NS	
Р	Dichanthelium meridionale	Matting Witchgrass				SH	1	$75.8 \pm 10.0$	NS	

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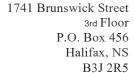
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# APPENDIX E NOVA SCOTIA MUSEUM REPORT HERITAGE AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES







Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

Date: April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

To: Hayley Doyle, Envirosphere Consultants Limited

From: Coordinator Special Places, Culture and Heritage Development

Subject: Colpton Quarry

Staff of the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage has reviewed the Colpton Quarry Project mapping and have provided the following comments:

# Archaeology

CCTH Staff have completed their review of ES 2022-03-29a Envirosphere - Colpton Quarry. There are a significant number of watercourses throughout the immediate vicinity which may have sections of banks that are elevated and better drained, indicating areas of higher potential for encountering archaeological resources. Given the numerous water courses in the vicinity, archaeological potential is elevated. An ARIA is recommended for the development area. The ARIA should include a thorough desktop study, an exercise in predictive modelling, and field reconnaissance. Exploratory shovel testing may be a possibility however, the decision to shovel test will depend on what the archaeology consultant observes in the field.

# **Botany**

Staff reviewed the sections of the EA document pertaining to botany.

# Environmental Screening - Colpton Quarry (N 44.4379, W -64.7935)

- There are no specimens of rare or at-risk species in the NSM database with the location name "Colpton".
- The forested wetlands around shingle lake (1.5 km south) are known to host at-risk lichens, such as *Pannaria lurida* and *Fuscopannaria leucosticta*. If the study area contains forested wetlands, they should be inspected for at-risk lichens.

Table 1: Species records from the Atlas of Rare Plants of Nova Scotia, within 10 km of the study area

Latin name	S-rank	Provincial
Alnus serrulata	S3	yellow

Mononeuria groenlandica	S3	yellow
Betula michauxii	S3	yellow
Cephalanthus occidentalis	S3	Yellow
Lophiola aurea	S2	Red
Podostemon ceratophyllum	S1	Orange
Salix pedicellaris	S3	Yellow
Salix sericea	S3	Orange
Scirpus longii	S3	yellow
Woodwardia areolata	S3S4	Yellow

Table 2: Species records according to iNaturalist observations, within 5 km of the study area

Latin name	S-rank	COSEWIC	SARA
Trichostema dichotomum	S1		
Lophiola aurea	S2	Special concern	Special concern
Pannaria lurida	S2S3		
Betula michauxii	S3		
Geranium bicknellii	S3		
Mononeuria groenlandica	S3		
Neottia bifolia	S3		
Scirpus longii	S3	Special concern	Special concern
Utricularia resupinata	S3		
Anaptychia palmulata	S3S4		
Proserpinaca pectinata	S3S4		

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# **Palaeontology**

The bedrock geology of the area is the Goldenville Formation is not expected to be a source of significant fossil resources. Similarly, the surficial geology is not expected to be a source for preservation of fossils.

# Zoology

No CCH staff were available to review the sections relating to zoology.

# APPENDIX F LABORATORY RESULTS TSS & pH

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Environmental Sample Analysis Report

Report Date: 20-Mar-23

Report Number: A0914

Lab#	Sample ID	Sample Details	Sample Material	Date Received	Date Analyzed	рН	Type of Sample	Detection Limit	Sample Comments
L2022-50	C1	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	2 07/07/2022	6.2	REG	0.1	
L2022-50	P1	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	2 07/07/2022	8.1	REG	0.1	
L2022-50	P1 (dup)	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	07/07/2022	8.1	DUP	0.1	
L2022-50	WS1	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	07/07/2022	7.0	REG	0.1	
L2022-50	WS2	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	07/07/2022	6.5	REG	0.1	
L2022-50	CRM	Colpton Quarry	CRM	07/07/2022	07/07/2022	7.0	STD	0.1	CRM pH = 7.00

Name of Analyst:

Analyses reviewed by:

Director / Vab Manager circle one)

This laboratory applies standard practice in conformance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017, "General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories".

Validation Range: 3-10 units The results in this report relate only to the items tested.

More information is available upon request.

The quality of the results is dependent on the quality of sample provided.

Comment: Samples for pH should be kept cool until delivery to the lab unless the samples are analyzed immediately. Preferably samples should be analyzed within 24 hours. Hach manual recommends filling bottle completely and capping tightly; cooling to 4°C for storage and analyzing within 6 hours. If this can't be done, Hach manual recommends reporting the holding time with

Method: Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater 23rd Edition. 2017 and online version., 4500-HB. Electrometric measurement of pH. ECL Method 8, pH.

Type of Sample: REG = regular; STD = standard; DUP = duplicate; CRM = certified reference material.

Sample Comments: BDL = Below Detection limit; QR = Qualified result; NR = No result, damaged or insufficient sample; MAC = Maximum Allowable Concentration.

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Environmental Sample Analysis Report

Report Date: 29-Jul-22

Report Number: A0918

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Lab#	Sample ID	Sample Details	Sample Material	Date Received	Date Analyzed	TSS (mg/L)	Type of Sample	Detection Limit	Sample Comments
_2022-50	) C1	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	14/07/2022	8.0	REG	0.5 mg/L	
2022-50	) P1	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	14/07/2022	2.0	REG	0.5 mg/L	
L2022-50	) WS1	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	14/07/2022	10.0	REG	0.5 mg/L	
_2022-50	) WS2	Colpton Quarry	surface water	07/07/2022	14/07/2022	54.0	REG	0.5 mg/L	
_2022-50	) Blank	Colpton Quarry	dH2O	07/07/2022	14/07/2022	<0.5	BLANK	0.5 mg/L	dH20
_2022-50	) CRM	Colpton Quarry	CRM	07/07/2022	14/07/2022	211.0	STD	0.5 mg/L	CRM 209 mg/L

Name of Analyst: Analyses reviewed by: HL Director (Lab Manager (circle one)

This laboratory applies standard practice in conformance with ISO/IEC 17025:2017, "General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories".

Validation Range: 1-1000 mg/L The results in this report relate only to the items tested. More information is available upon request. The quality of the results is dependent on the quality of sample provided.

Samples for TSS analysis should be kept cool until delivery to the lab unless they are analyzed immediately. A minimum sample volume of 500 ml is preferred. Place sample in a clean plastic container free of cracks or contamination. Fill the bottle to the top and then cap. Samples should reach the lab within 24 hours of sampling, but will be accepted up to 7 days.

Methods: Modified from Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater 23rd Edition. 2017 and online version. 2540D. Total Suspended Solids. ECL method 3, Total Suspended Solids.

Type of Sample: REG = regular; STD = standard; DUP = duplicate; CRM = certified reference material.

Sample Comments: BDL = Below Detection limit; QR = Qualified result; NR = No result, damaged or insufficient sample; MAC = Maximum Allowable Concentration.

APPENDIX E CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REPORT LETTER (Nova Scotia Communities, Culture and Heritage, 2022)

Environmental Assessment Registration Document:
Colpton Quarry Expansion
Colpton, Lunenburg County
Nova Scotia



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February 24, 2023

Logan Robertson Cultural Resource Management Group Limited Ten Mile House 1519 Bedford Highway Bedford, Nova Scotia B4A 1E3

Dear Logan Robertson:

RE: Heritage Research Permit Report A2022NS073 – Colpton Quarry Expansion Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment, Screening & Reconnaissance

We have received and reviewed the report on work conducted under the terms of Heritage Research Permit A2022NS073 for archaeological resource impact assessment of the Colpton Quarry Expansion Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment, Screening & Reconnaissance Project in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia.

Dexter is planning to expand the existing quarry situated approximately 780 m south of Highway 325. The study area encompassed approximately 77 ha on two PIDs (60320637 & 60321213) and the existing quarry. Dexter is planning to register an Environmental Assessment with Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change to expand an existing quarry. This ARIA involved Mi'kmaq engagement, background and historical research, a review of previous work conducted in the area, and field reconnaissance.

Background research showed the area to have been occupied by the Mi'kmaq for many thousands of years prior to the arrival of Europeans. This is evidenced by Indigenous oral tradition, historical documentation, numerous Mi'kmaq placenames in the area and archaeological evidence. A search of archaeological sites in the area showed no registered sites within the study area and two registered Precontact archaeological sites within 8.5 km. Wildcat Indian Reserve No. 12 of Acadia First Nation is situated 11.48 km to the southwest. European settlement in the area began in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Field reconnaissance showed the area to be primarily heavily sloping terrain marked with numerous glacial erratics and thin soil deposits. Much of the proposed development is within an existing quarry and wetland. The study area is not situated near any significant water sources and historic roadways and no evidence of previous occupation was encountered. No areas of

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moderate to high archaeological potential were identified within the proposed development area and the area was ascribed low archaeological potential.

Based on the above, CRM Group offered the following recommendations:

- 1. It is recommended that the study area, as defined and depicted in this report be cleared of any requirement for further archaeological investigation.
- 2. If any further changes are made to the layout of the study area beyond the area assessed in this report, it is recommended that those proposed areas be subjected to an Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment.
- 3. In the event that archaeological deposits or human remains are encountered during construction activities associated with the study area, all work in the associated area(s) should be halted and immediate contact made with the Special Places Program (John Cormier: 902-229-3159).

CCH Staff have reviewed the report and find it acceptable as submitted. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John/Cormier/

Coordinator, Special Places

APPENDIX F WATER BALANCE ASSESSMENT (Consulting Hydrogeologist J. Fraser, 2023)

Environmental Assessment Registration Document:
Colpton Quarry Expansion
Colpton, Lunenburg County
Nova Scotia

# PROPOSED COLPTON QUARRY EXPANSION WATER BALANCE ASSESSMENT

Prepared by Mr. Jim Fraser, M.A.SC, P. Geo,

Date: August 15, 2023

# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the Water Balance Assessment undertaken for the proposed Colpton Quarry Expansion Project, located in Colpton, Highway #325, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia. Dexter Construction Company Limited (Dexter) operates a Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) approved quarry of less than 4 hectares. The Quarry serves as a strategic source of construction aggregate to support local construction and roadwork, as well as Nova Scotia Department of Public Works projects in the area. The existing 3.86-hecatre Quarry is proposed to be expanded by 38.2-hectares to a maximum of 42.0-hectares. The proposed quarry expansion is intended to provide additional aggregate reserves to support the long-term sustainability of the site. It is anticipated that the rate of quarry development will progress gradually, at a rate consistent with aggregate demand in the area and growth of the local market.

The water balance presented herein is an assessment of the estimated effects on surrounding surface water features resulting from the proposed quarry expansion. The methodology used for this water balance assessment is consistent with the approach used recently to assess similar quarry expansion projects undergoing Environmental Assessment.

For this water balance assessment four (4) site conditions were analyzed; existing (baseline) conditions, quarry mid-development conditions, quarry full development conditions, and reclaimed quarry conditions. Existing conditions include a gravel covered quarry area of approximately 3.86-hectares, which includes the quarry highwall and crusher set-up and stockpile areas. Quarry mid-development assumes an area of 21.4-hectares, whereas full development conditions consider the quarry at 42.0-hectares. Reclamation conditions are representative of the site upon removal of all construction equipment and buildings, after re-contouring, and following the re-introduction of vegetative cover over the Quarry areas.

Progressive reclamation will occur throughout the development and operation phases of the quarry, as per the established Reclamation Plan for the site. As the site is developed and aggregate reserves are depleted, disturbed areas no longer required for aggregate production or site related activities will be progressively rehabilitated. This includes using grubbing material originating onsite for site grading, slope construction, and re-vegetation efforts. Temporarily stockpiling and then re-use of overburden as a growing medium for the establishment of vegetation is anticipated to simulate pre-development conditions. Areas that have been progressively rehabilitated would be expected to have reduced surface water runoff and increased infiltration, reflective of natural conditions in the area. This water balance assessment does not account for progressive reclamation, so the development scenarios presented represent the worst-case for each scenario with respect to runoff quantity.

Due to the range of infiltration rates possible, the water balance was completed for two (2) infiltration scenarios. The two infiltration scenarios represent the range of possible outcomes from existing/natural infiltration (most likely) to 100% impervious (worst case, no infiltration).

# 1.1 Data Collection

# 1.1.1 Topographic Data

The existing quarry is located on a topographic prominence, which reaches a maximum elevation of 120 meters above sea level at the south end of the site, with a minimum elevation of approximately 92 meters

above sea level at the northeastern portion of the site. The surrounding land slopes to the south, west and north with all surface water remaining within the larger watershed, eventually draining to Shingle Lake. The proposed quarry expansion area contains four (4) individual Catchment Areas (A, B, C and D) within the watershed. Catchment Areas B and D are sub-catchments within Catchment A and C respectively. Catchment Area B initially drains to the northwest to Barrens Meadow Brook, which subsequently drains south into Shingle Lake. Catchment Area D drains to the southwest to a small unnamed brook which flows into Fox Lake, which subsequently also drains into Shingle Lake. The soil in the area consists of shallow sandy loam, with numerous bedrock outcrops. Mixed forests form the predominant cover, however recent logging has created numerous areas of clear cut.

A LiDAR digital elevation model (DEM) was prepared using available LiDAR data from the province. Catchment areas were manually determined using a 5-meter contour interval from the LiDAR DEM. A 2-meter contour interval from the LiDAR DEM was then used to validate and confirm the catchment areas.

# 1.1.2 Climate Data

Precipitation and temperature data were collected from the Bridgewater Climate Station (1981-2010), which is located approximately 20 kilometers (km) from the Quarry. Monthly lake evaporation data was obtained from the Environment Canada Truro Station (1981-2010). The Truro station is the closest climate station to the Project Site that collects lake evaporation data and is located approximately 160 km away from the Quarry. Monthly potential evapotranspiration data was calculated using the Hamon equation (1961) (Lu, et al., 2005). The Hamon equation requires monthly average hours of daylight and monthly average temperature as input. Monthly average hours of daylight were calculated for the site using the Sunrise and Sunset Calculator (https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/, last accessed on August 4, 2023).

Table 1 -Climate Normal Data

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Temperature <sup>1</sup> (°C)	-5.2	-4.3	-0.5	5.0	10.5	15.6	19.0	18.9	14.7	8.9	3.9	-1.7	-
Precipitation <sup>1</sup> (mm)	143.7	119.5	156.3	127.0	127.5	103.6	96.5	100.0	111.5	137.2	165.2	147.6	1,536
Lake Evaporation <sup>2</sup> (mm)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	89.9	102.0	117.8	96.1	69.0	40.3	0.0	0.0	515
PET <sup>3</sup> (mm)	0.0	0.0	0.0	37.7	59.0	84.5	101.1	93.0	64.7	39.6	25.2	0.0	505

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Values obtained from the Bridgewater Climate Station

# 2.0 METHODOLOGY

The water balance assessment for the Colpton Quarry was prepared to assess predicted changes in local flow characteristics during an average year for the four site conditions (existing/mid-quarry/full development/reclaimed quarry) and two infiltration scenarios (pervious/impervious). The methodology used for this water balance assessment is consistent with the approach used recently to assess similar quarry expansion projects undergoing Environmental Assessment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Values obtained from the Truro Climate Station

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Potential Evapotranspiration was calculated using the Hamon equation (1961), Lu, et al., 2005) Average Daylight Hours from <a href="https://www.timeand.com/">https://www.timeand.com/</a> (Colpton, NS)

# 2.1 Watershed Delineation

Pre and post development catchment areas were established at select points of interest around the proposed Colpton Quarry Expansion. A summary of the pre and post development catchment areas is presented in Table 2.

Table 2 - Pre and Post Development Catchment Area Summary

Catchment Area	Pre-Development Area (ha)	Mid-Development Area (ha)	Post-Development Area (ha)	Change (ha)	Change (%)
Α	682.8	682.8	691.8	9.0	1.3%
В	139.8	150.3	161.4	21.6	15.5%
С	244.3	244.3	235.3	-9.0	-3.7%
D	39.9	39.9	32.8	-7.1	-17.8%

Given the relatively minor change in Catchment Area A (1.3%) and Catchment Area C (-3.7%) as a result of the proposed quarry expansion, further assessment of these Catchment Areas was not carried through to the Water Balance Assessment.

The area potentially affected by the proposed quarry expansion involves two individual sub-catchments of Catchment Areas A and C, defined as the "Colpton Quarry Catchment Areas" — Catchments B and D. These catchment areas encompass a total of 139.8 and 39.9 ha, respectively. The disturbed area associated with the existing quarry of approximately 3.86 ha is contained within Catchment Area B. Catchment Area B initially drains to the northwest to Barrens Meadow Brook, which subsequently drains south into Shingle Lake. Catchment Area D drains to the southwest to a small unnamed brook which flows into Fox Lake, which subsequently also drains into Shingle Lake.

Since there is no change in Catchment Area C from pre-development to mid-development, the mid-development scenario for Catchment Area C was eliminated from the Water Balance Assessment.

The catchment area delineations, boundary of existing quarry operations, and the proposed quarry expansion area are presented on **Figure 1**, **Figure 2**, **and Figure 3**.

# 2.2 Evaporation and Evapotranspiration Potential

Evaporation (E) describes the process of the return of moisture to the atmosphere from open water and land surfaces. Evaporation from plant surfaces is referred to as evapotranspiration (ET). The magnitude of evaporation and evapotranspiration over time is a function of the climate, soil, and vegetation in the area. Evaporation rates tend to peak in the summer months when temperatures are the highest, daylight hours are the longest, sun intensity is greatest, and the growing season is at its peak.

Lake evaporation (LE) is the amount of evaporation from an open body of water. In Atlantic Canada, the lake evaporation rate is greater than the standard evaporation rate because of the constant availability of water. Based on aerial photos and available wetland mapping it is noted that open water sources and/or identified wetlands within the quarry catchment areas are similar for both Catchment Areas, so for this water balance assessment lake evaporation has been determined to be 8.7% of available water for Catchment Area B (122,000m<sup>2</sup>/1,398,000m<sup>2</sup>) and 8.0% for Catchment Area D (32,000m<sup>2</sup>/399,000m<sup>2</sup>)

Evapotranspiration rates were calculated using the Hamon equation (1961), which is based on average monthly temperatures and daylight hours. Potential evapotranspiration rates for the 4 months of January through March and December were set to zero due to low temperatures resulting in minimal potential

for evapotranspiration. The total potential evapotranspiration used for this water balance is 505 mm/year. July represents the month with the highest PET at 101.1 mm. **Table 1** includes a summary of the potential evapotranspiration rates used as a water loss parameter in the water balance assessment.

# 2.3 Infiltration Factor

Water storage/infiltration has been estimated using the infiltration factors taken from Table 3.1 of the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (OMECP) Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual (2003). Calculations using the OMECP Table 3.1 account for slope, soil types and vegetation cover when estimating the water holding capacity for an area. The slope, soil type, and vegetative cover within the quarry catchment area was used to determine the appropriate infiltration factor. Using this procedure, as outlined in Appendix 1 – Quarry Water Balance Factors, the quarry catchment area was determined to be flat (0.3), with partial woodland (0.15) and sandy loam soil (0.15) derived from local bedrock sources (Stea et al., 1992).

Two scenarios were assessed for the infiltration conditions during existing, mid-quarry and quarry full development conditions; (1) an impervious quarry floor where no infiltration occurred through the floor of the quarry; and (2) a pervious quarry floor consisting of similar infiltration capabilities as existing surficial soils (sandy loam). Due to the nature of the surficial soils and the presence of bedrock near the ground surface, it is unlikely the soil will have greater infiltration at the floor of the quarry than the existing surface. In this regard therefore, these two scenarios represent the maximum and minimum values for expected infiltration in the quarry. These two scenarios provide a range of potential outcomes resulting from quarry development. New infiltration factors for these scenarios were calculated using an area-ratio method.

Reclamation conditions were expected to be similar to pre-development conditions, with the exception of Flat Land (0.3) in the area where the quarry was located. An area-ratio method was applied to determine the appropriate infiltration factor for the slope and land use in the quarry catchment areas.

Runoff volumes for this water balance were assumed to equal the total precipitation less the potential evapotranspiration, lake evaporation, and infiltration. Infiltration includes groundwater recharge and groundwater that contributes to surface water resources as baseflow. This Water Balance Assessment does not distinguish between the two, and as such groundwater recharge was not included in this water balance assessment. The proposed quarry expansion is not planned to enter the deep bedrock groundwater table, and overall is not anticipated to significantly impact or alter groundwater. If future quarry operations are required to enter the water table, a hydrological study will be prepared to assess potential impacts to groundwater, and prior approval from NSECC will be obtained.

# 3.0 WATER BALANCE ANALYSIS

# 3.1 Colpton Quarry Catchment Area

The existing quarry conditions include a 3.86-hectare fully quarry located within Catchment Area A, and partially located within Catchment Area B. The existing Quarry is proposed to be expanded to a maximum 42.0-ha. Surface water runoff from the existing quarry and proposed expansion area will follow the local topography, ultimately discharging north to Barrens Meadow Brook before following local topography and watercourses and flowing south into Shingle Lake. **Table 3** summarizes the details of the Water

Balance Assessment for the quarry catchment area under the four development scenarios considered (existing/mid-quarry, full development/reclaimed quarry) and two infiltration (pervious/impervious) scenarios.

Table 3 - Water Balance - Colpton Quarry Catchment Area

Quarry Catchment Area B	Area (ha)	Available Water <i>(m³)</i>	Lake Evaporation (m³)	PET (m³)	Infiltration (m³)	Runoff (m³)	Change in Infiltration from Existing Conditions	Change in Runoff from Existing Conditions
Existing Conditions: Impervious Quarry Floor	139.8	2,146,769	62,842	644,101	641,742	798,083	-	-
Quarry Mid-Development: Impervious Quarry Floor	150.3	2,308,007	62,842	697,103	662,793	885,268	3.3%	10.9%
Quarry Full Development: Impervious Quarry Floor	161.4	2,478,458	62,842	753,134	683,224	979,257	6.5%	22.7%
Existing Conditions: Pervious Quarry Floor	139.8	2,146,769	62,842	644,101	647,921	791,904	-	ı
Quarry Mid-Development: Pervious Quarry Floor	150.3	2,308,007	62,842	697,103	696,627	851,434	7.5%	7.5%
Quarry Full Development: Pervious Quarry Floor	161.4	2,478,458	62,842	753,134	748,117	914,365	15.5%	15.5%
Quarry Reclamation: Pervious Quarry Floor	161.4	2,478,458	62,842	753,134	748,117	914,365	15.5%	15.5%
Quarry Catchment Area D								
Existing Conditions	39.9	612,704	16,483	185,255	184,935	226,031	-	-
Quarry Full Development	32.8	503,677	16,483	149,415	152,000	185,778	-17.8%	-17.8%
Quarry Reclamation	32.8	503,677	16,483	149,415	152,000	185,778	-17.8%	-17.8%

Based on the results of the water balance assessment it is estimated that the change in infiltration for Catchment Area B from Existing Conditions ranges between 3.3% (Quarry Mid-Development, Impervious Quarry Floor) to 15.5% (Full Development/Reclamation, Pervious Quarry Floor). It is estimated that the change in runoff for Catchment Area B from Existing Conditions ranges from 7.5% (Mid-Development, Pervious Quarry Floor) to 22.7% (Full Development, Impervious Quarry Floor).

With respect to Catchment Area D, based on the results of the water balance assessment it is estimated that the change in both infiltration and runoff is –17.8% under Full Development/Reclamation scenarios.

# 4.0 SUMMARY

The Colpton Quarry water balance assessment was prepared to estimate potential changes in surface water flow and assess the potential impact of the proposed quarry expansion on the local hydrological regime. The methodology used for this water balance assessment is consistent with the approach used recently to assess similar quarry expansion projects undergoing Environmental Assessment.

Based on the results of the water balance assessment it is estimated that the change in infiltration for Catchment Area B from Existing Conditions ranges between 3.3% (Quarry Mid-Development, Impervious Quarry Floor) to 15.5% (Full Development/Reclamation, Pervious Quarry Floor). It is estimated that the

change in runoff for Catchment Area B from Existing Conditions ranges from 7.5% (Mid-Development, Pervious Quarry Floor) to 22.7% (Full Development, Impervious Quarry Floor).

With respect to Catchment Area D, since the proposed quarry expansion will not change the catchment area until after mid-life conditions, there will be no impact on Catchment D until the quarry footprint expands beyond the mid-development scenario. Based on the results of the water balance assessment it is estimated that the change in both infiltration and runoff is –17.8% under Full Development/Reclamation scenarios.

It is noted that the quarry is only operated on an as-needed basis to supply aggregate for local construction projects. The continued development and expansion of the site is expected to be gradual, with rock incrementally removed from the highwall as needed. The estimated changes in infiltration and runoff would slowly occur over the next several decades, which will allow for field data to be collected to measure any actual changes and provide the local environment an opportunity to adapt to any changes.

The results of the water balance analysis will be used to form the basis of further analysis and design of surface water management infrastructure at the Quarry in the future. It is anticipated that conditions of any Environmental Assessment approval issued for the proposed quarry expansion will require a detailed surface water monitoring plan, groundwater monitoring plan, and erosion and sediment control plan. These items will be developed following Environmental Assessment approval for the project, as part of the subsequent Industrial Approval amendment process. The water management and monitoring plans will be used to validate the findings of the water balance assessment.

# 5.0 CONCLUSION

The Colpton Quarry water balance assessment was prepared to estimate changes in surface water flow and assess the potential impact of the proposed quarry expansion on the local hydrological regime. The methodology used for this water balance assessment is consistent with the approach used recently to assess similar quarry expansion projects undergoing Environmental Assessment.

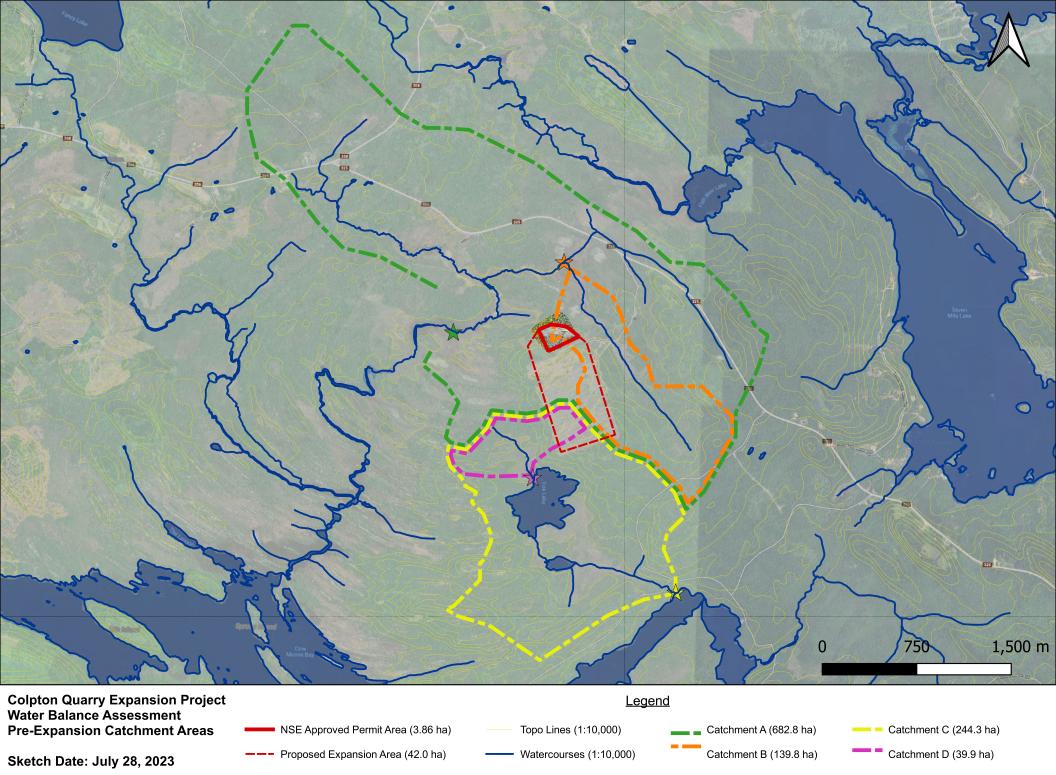
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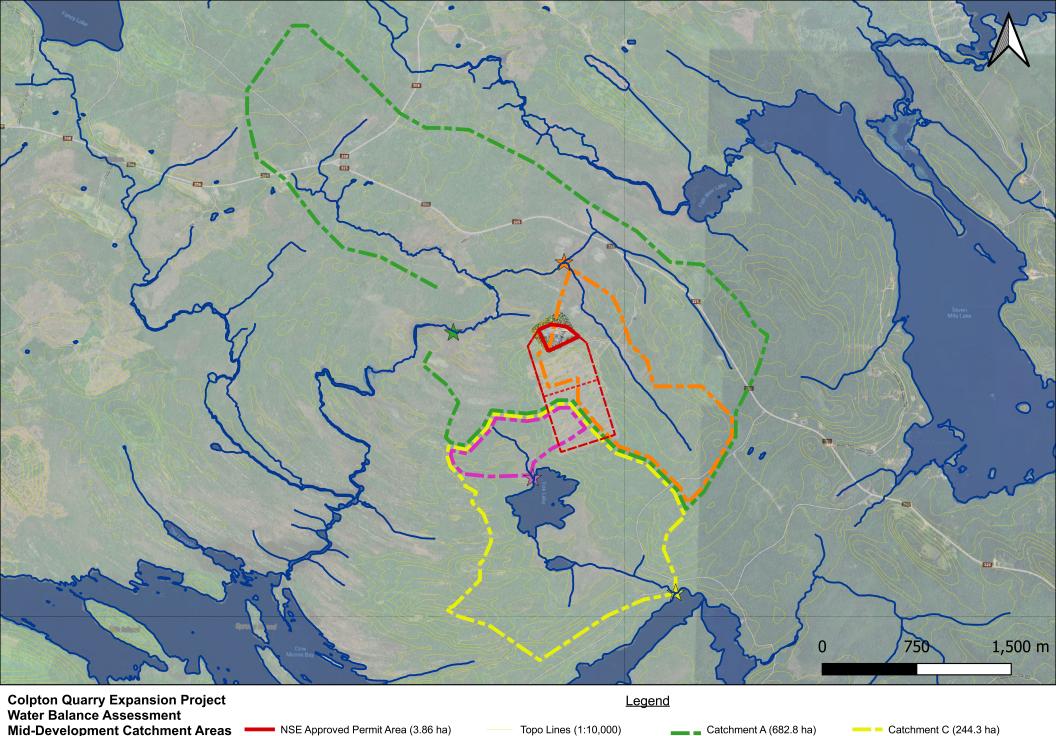
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Mid-Development Catchment Areas

Sketch Date: July 28, 2023



Watercourses (1:10,000)

Catchment B (150.3 ha)

Catchment D (39.9 ha)