

#### **OSCO AGGREGATES LIMITED**

# Record of Engagement for Pit No. 4 Extension Project

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The purpose of this document is to capture all engagement work conducted by OSCO Aggregates Limited (OSCO or the Proponent) as part of its commitment to identify and accommodate concerns of Indigenous communities and organizations and the public in Nova Scotia for works and activities associated with the Pit No. 4 Extension Project (the Project).

## **Project Description**

The works and activities associated with this Project include the following:

- Development of an area adjacent to the existing Pit No. 4;
- Excavation of aggregate material from the reserve within the property;
- Development and construction of a permanent aggregate washing facility, settling pond, weigh scales, crusher, and transmission lines; and
- Construction of additional physical components including the working faces, pit floor, and internal site access roads.

Known aggregate sources in Pit No. 4 generally consist of clean, coarse-grained aggregate (a mixture of gravel and medium to coarse-grained sand) and localized sand bars. Based on previous testing of the site, it is estimated that there is an approximate reserve of 1.3 million tonnes of aggregate material on the property.

#### **Regulatory Process** 3.0

The Project triggers the requirement to submit an Environmental Assessment Registration for the works and activities with Nova Scotia's Department of Environment and Climate Change and will follow the process of a Class I Environmental Assessment.

#### Approach to Engagement 4.0

OSCO has committed to the following engagement activities to understand concerns and interests of the Indigenous communities and organizations and the public: notification letters, meeting(s) with the Community Liaison Committee (CLC), and a community flyer. A public notice will also be submitted to local and provincial newspapers for circulation as per the requirements of Nova Scotia's Environmental Assessment Regulations.



# **Record of Engagement**

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The following section provides an overview of engagement activities, including any identified questions, comments, issues, and responses to issues, for each of the identified Indigenous communities and organizations, as well as a detailed summary of engagement for the period of October - November 2023.

**Table 1** is a collection of the contacts for each of the Indigenous organizations OSCO is engaging with.

**Table 1: Indigenous Communities and Contact Information** 

Organization/ Community	Contact	Contact Information	Address
Colchester County	Christine Blair, Mayor cc. Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor	cblair@colchester.ca gstewart@colchester.ca	1 Church St Truro, NS B2N 3Z5
Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq	Justin Fiddes, Operations and Engagement Manager, Environment and Natural Resources cc. Melanie Smith, Environmental Services Manager, Environment and Natural Resources	jfiddes@mikmawconservation.ca melanie.smith@cmmns.com	52 Legends Ave Millbrook, NS B6L 0A3
Maritime Aboriginal Vanessa Mitchell Peoples Council		vmitchell@mapcorg.ca 902-895-2982	80 Walker St., Suite 3, Truro, NS B2N 4A7
Claire Marshall, Executive Millbrook First Director Nation Gerald Gloade, Consultation Manager (on leave)		cmarshall@millbrookfn.ca ggloade@millbrookfn.ca 902-809-1309	P.O. Box 634, Truro, NSB2N 5E5
Native Council of Nova Scotia	Theresa Cooke, Executive Director	theresa.cooke@ncns.ca	129 Truro Heights Rd, P.O. Box 1320 Truro, NS B2N 5N2
Sipekne'katik First Nation	Vera Marr Consultation Clerk Samantha Watts Earth Keeper	consultation@sipeknekatik.ca samanthawatts@sipeknekatik.ca	522 Church Street, Indian Brook, NS BON 2HO
Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Communications Manager		dbrown@unsm.org jessicachristmas@unsm.org	90 San'tele'sew Awti– Suite 201 Membertou, NS B1S 0A5



## **Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (Colchester County)**

Date	Engagement Activity		
October 16, 2023	First Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		
November 17, 2023	Second Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		

#### **Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (Colchester County)**

Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	N/A				

### **Communications Log – (Colchester County)**

Date	Method	From:	To:	cc:	Communication Summary
Oct 16, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Hans Klohn, President, OSCO	Christine Blair, Mayor	Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor	Project notification letter noting that works and activities will trigger an Environmental Assessment Regulation, and to contact Dillon if there are any questions or concerns related to the Project.
Nov 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President, OSCO	Christine Blair, Mayor	Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor	Second project notification letter reiterating information from first notification letter and anticipated EARD submission timeline.



#### **Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq)**

Date	Engagement Activity		
October 16, 2023	First Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		
November 17, 2023	Second Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		

#### Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq)

Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	N/A				

### **Communications Log – (Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq)**

Date	Method	From:	То:	cc:	Communication Summary
Oct 16, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Hans Klohn, President, OSCO	Justin Fiddes, Operations and Engagement Manager	Melanie Smith, Environmental Services Manager	Project notification letter noting that works and activities will trigger an Environmental Assessment Regulation, and to contact Dillon if there are any questions or concerns related to the Project.
Nov 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President, OSCO	Justin Fiddes, Operations and Engagement Manager	Melanie Smith, Environmental Services Manager	Second project notification letter reiterating information from first notification letter and anticipated EARD submission timeline.



### **Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council, MAPC)**

Date	Engagement Activity		
October 16, 2023	First Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		
November 17, 2023	Second Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		

#### **Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (MAPC)**

Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	N/A				

### **Communications Log – (MAPC)**

Date	Method	From:	To:	cc:	Communication Summary
Oct 16, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Hans Klohn, President, OSCO	Vanessa Mitchell	N/A	Project notification letter noting that works and activities will trigger an Environmental Assessment Regulation, and to contact Dillon if there are any questions or concerns related to the Project.
Nov 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President, OSCO	Vanessa Mitchell	N/A	Second project notification letter reiterating information from first notification letter and anticipated EARD submission timeline.



### **Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (Millbrook First Nation)**

Date Engagement Activity		
October 17, 2023	First Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed	
November 17, 2023 Second Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		

#### **Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (Millbrook First Nation)**

Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	N/A				

### **Communications Log – (Millbrook First Nation)**

Date	Method	From:	To:	cc:	Communication Summary
Oct 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Hans Klohn, President, OSCO	Claire Marshall, Executive Director	N/A	Project notification letter noting that works and activities will trigger an Environmental Assessment Regulation, and to contact Dillon if there are any questions or concerns related to the Project.
Nov 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President, OSCO	Claire Marshall, Executive Director	N/A	Second project notification letter reiterating information from first notification letter and anticipated EARD submission timeline.



#### **Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (Native Council of Nova Scotia)**

Date Engagement Activity		
October 17, 2023 First Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		
November 17, 2023 Second Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		

#### **Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (Native Council of Nova Scotia)**

Item#	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	N/A				

### **Communications Log – (Native Council of Nova Scotia)**

Date	Method	From:	To:	cc:	Communication Summary
Oct 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Hans Klohn, President, OSCO	Theresa Cooke, Executive Director	N/A	Project notification letter noting that works and activities will trigger an Environmental Assessment Regulation, and to contact Dillon if there are any questions or concerns related to the Project.
Nov 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President, OSCO	Theresa Cooke, Executive Director	N/A	Second project notification letter reiterating information from first notification letter and anticipated EARD submission timeline.



#### **Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (Sipekne'katik First Nation)**

Date	Engagement Activity		
October 16, 2023	First Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		
November 17, 2023	Second Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		

#### Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (Sipekne'katik First Nation)

Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	N/A				

### **Communications Log – (Sipekne'katik First Nation)**

Date	Method	From:	To:	cc:	Communication Summary
Oct 16, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Hans Klohn, President, OSCO	Vera Marr, Consultation Clerk	Samantha Watts, Earth Keeper	Project notification letter noting that works and activities will trigger an Environmental Assessment Regulation, and to contact Dillon if there are any questions or concerns related to the Project.
Nov 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President, OSCO	Vera Marr, Consultation Clerk	Samantha Watts, Earth Keeper	Second project notification letter reiterating information from first notification letter and anticipated EARD submission timeline.



#### Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq)

Date	Engagement Activity	
October 17, 2023 First Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		
November 17, 2023 Second Notification Letter regarding Pit No. 4 Extension Project distributed		

#### Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq)

Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	N/A				

### Communications Log – (Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq)

Date	Method	From:	To:	cc:	Communication Summary
Oct 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Hans Klohn, President, OSCO	Douglas Brown, Executive Director	Jessica Christmas, Communications Manager	Project notification letter noting that works and activities will trigger an Environmental Assessment Regulation, and to contact Dillon if there are any questions or concerns related to the Project.
Nov 17, 2023	Email	Alana Vigna, Dillon Consulting on behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President, OSCO	Douglas Brown, Executive Director	Jessica Christmas, Communications Manager	Second project notification letter reiterating information from first notification letter and anticipated EARD submission timeline.



## **Key Engagement Activities Undertaken (General Public)**

Date	Engagement Activity
November 7, 2023	Community Liaison Committee Meeting
November 27, 2023	Community Flyer Distributed
December 11, 2023	Community Response Letter (to Flyer) Distributed Residents that provided feedback
January 30, 2024	Public Notice via Chronicle Herald and Colchester Wire

### **Summary of Feedback Received and Response/Action (General Public)**

Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
1.	Property and Property Value	Properties backing onto the Project will cause a reduction in property value.  What are the implications for the private properties that touch OSCO's?  Residents did not knowingly purchase their homes by a gravel pit; why are they being forced to now?  Where will residents live?  How will community wellness be affected when Project work is only 80m from homes?  Expression of interest in purchasing the Project property (individual did not know it was for sale).	Email	The EARD comments on impacts to property value, though information is difficult to determine.	See Section 6.8.3 and 6.8.5 of EARD.



Item #	Topic/Issue	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Channel	Response/Action	Status and
	Raised	30 years of constant noise, dust, excavation, traffic, etc. have greatly infringed on personal property enjoyment.	Channel		Follow up
		Concerns regarding quality of life as a result of increased noise, dust, operations. Decision to move to this community tied to the natural beauty, fresh air, coexist with nature, peace and quiet.			
		It is common community knowledge that another 113-acre property on the opposite side of Little Dyke Road to this Project has also been recently purchased by OSCO. This beautiful community will become nothing more than one massive vastly-excavated hole.		OSCO has no plans to develop this site in the near future.	See Communit Response Letter.
		Residents can no longer safely walk or bicycle on Little Dyke Road. Residents avoid the OSCO area due to the high traffic of large trucks and because of the amount of gravel on the roads. There is a group of community members that walk everyday from Little Dyke Road to Highway 2.		The EARD includes mitigation measures such as reduced truck traffic on public roadways.	See EARD and Community Response Letter.
		Consider that the community has already been impacted by previous expansions and how this proposed expansion will affect property value, peace, and tranquility.		The EARD speaks to potential cumulative impacts related to the Project and other industry in the area.	See Section 10 of EARD.
2.	Water	With regard to the permanent washing facility, settling pond, and transmission lines: what is being washed? What byproducts will be seeping into the	Email	The Project will produce the same high- quality aggregate that has been produced over the last 35 years. Only water will be used to wash aggregate.	See Communit Response Letter.



Item #	Topic/Issue Raised	Specific Issue/Comment Raised	Communications Channel	Response/Action	Status and Follow up
	Kaiseu		Channel		Follow up
		ground? Will byproducts seep into well water tables?			
		water tables:			
		Well water is a contentious issue.		The EARD will include mitigation	See Communit
		Neighbours have in the past, been forced		measures for water resources (surface	Response
		to sell out to OSCO (at less than property		water and groundwater).	Letter.
		value) because of damaged and			
		compromised well water contamination.		The EARD will not be filed until 2024 so	See Communit
				that the concerns of the community can	Response
		Concern that expanded digging will		be adequately addressed.	Letter.
		endanger the source of the 6 main springs			
		that feed the lake where residents swim			
		and kayak May-October.			
		There are natural water springs in the area.			
		The many surrounding water tributaries			
		contribute to maintaining the wetlands.			
		What is the process if and when excavation			
		activities encounter naturally occurring			
		water sources?			
		Will there be impacts to drinking water?			
		Should an issue ever arise with drinking			
		water, will OSCO incur the expense and			
		ensure the situation is remedied?			
		What short-term/long-term effects will this			
		Project have on the ground water and the			
		Little Dyke watershed area?			
		The water table has been breached and			
		compromised before in other OSCO pit			
		locations. How will this be monitored and			
		by whom?			



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				OSCO's extraction activities will stay above the water table.	See Communit Response Letter.
3.	Engagement	Why was there no town hall meeting about this Project?  Expressions of interest to meet regarding the Project.  Short notice was given to the residents to respond to the Project announcement. Will there be opportunities to provide input?  How will stakeholders know that concerns have been heard? Will there be a meeting for residents? Will there be any feedback?  Facebook pages regarding the Project are being reported and deleted. Individuals suggest working together and talking to residents. Recommendation not to only send flyers in the mail.  The community flyers were delivered on a rainy, windy day and many residents did not receive them as they ended up in ditches. Flyers should have been hand delivered and if residents were not home, they should have been mailed.  The community flyer did not have enough information to make any informed questions.	Email	There is another Community Liaison Committee meeting in March 2024.  OSCO is inviting community members to select representatives to join the Committee before March 2024 so that concerns can be heard.  At the last Committee meeting, it was recommended that information be distributed via notification to community members rather than through the Committee.  The EARD will not be filed until 2024 so that the concerns of the community can be adequately addressed.	See Communit Response Letter.



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		There should be a notice of the Project at all Pit entrances.		OSCO commits to putting signs up at each road entrance.	See Section 2.3 of EARD.
		OSCO cannot attack the opinions of the Community Liaison Committee members, or of the public, if they do not agree.			
		Public relations and community support are two different things. Relations between community members and OSCO are frayed.			
4.	Environment	There are white tail deer, bears, coyotes, and bald eagles that use the Project site? The public has evidence to suggest that a wildlife corridor for the Project area be considered.	Email	The Project area is zoned as Resource and has been used for harvesting timber and extraction of stone and stone for decades.	See Community Response Letter.
		The development of a previously pristine residential/agrarian area is a travesty.		The EARD will include mitigation measures for fish and fish habitat, vegetation, wetlands, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and atmospheric environment.	
		Will the Project affect wildlife or livestock? What are the plans for displaced wildlife?		The EARD will not be filed until 2024 so that the concerns of the community can	
		Loss of natural beauty of the environment is a concern.		be adequately addressed.	
		Wetlands border both Pit No. 4 and the adjacent property OSCO is interested in purchasing. There is a lack of confidence regarding the integrity of those biodiverse wetlands as large machines can do a lot of			
		wetlands as large machines can do a lot of damage to ecologically sensitive environments.			



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		Gravel is a non-renewable resource. What will be left for future generations if everything has been depleted?			
		Wildlife natural habitat is rapidly dwindling in this localized area.			
		How many deer are going to destroy passing vehicles because motorists cannot see them running up over the berms?			
		There will be a lot of trees lost; what is going to happen when the work is done? Will trees be planted? Will trees be left between the land owners and the road?			
		How far down will the Pit go?  Studies required on water and wildlife.			
		Taxpayers not have to pay for the carbon tax to help the environment. What is OSCO doing?			
5.	Regulatory Process	Residents would like to know what the plan is going forward.  Does the Department of Environment conduct the assessment or do they hire a company? If so, what is the company?	Email	The Environmental Assessment will be registered with NSECC, where it will be reviewed for Ministerial approval before the Project is allowed to proceed. If approved, the Project will require several additional approvals and environmental permits.	See Commun Response Letter.
		Interests in seeing data from the Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding impacts to water and			



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		how the run off from a permanent gravel washing facility will be scrutinized.  Residents would like to see monitoring data since the latest expansion and have the Department of Environment and Climate Change provide an opinion on the data.		The Project will have to follow conditions defined and enforced by NSECC, including monitoring.	
6.	Noise	How far does noise carry?  How much more noise will the expansion crate? Noise is a pollutant that affects the well-being of residents.  Does OSCO have any plans in place to help minimize the noise and disruption to daily lives of residents?  Several complaints have already been made to the Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding noise. The Pit operates well above approved noise levels; a resident measured over 60 decibels on their property. Shawn promised that the berms would block noise from the last expansion; was this done?	Email	The EARD will include mitigation measures for the acoustic environment.  The EARD will not be filed until 2024 so that the concerns of the community can be adequately addressed.  OSCO hires a third-party for crushing operations; typically, the third party operates long hours to complete the required crushing so they can move on to the next job. With the addition of an electric crusher, OSCO could cutback crushing activities that currently need to occur in the evenings.	See Community Response Letter.
7.	Industry Governance	Residents were advised in March 2023 that OSCO has enough gravel resources in the current Pit No. 4 to operate another 8 years. Is this sudden perceived to-berushed motion to incorporate further acreage an attempt to avoid compliance	Email	OSCO is working toward aligning themselves with the standard of 15 years of resource.	Address at March 2024 Committee meeting.



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		with new Colchester Country by-laws being proposed for 2024?			
		Large commercial enterprises located directly in the centre of a small rural community should anticipate being under close constant scrutiny. It is inevitable that concerns are going to be raised frequently about noise, road dust, traffic, etc. and residents need to be assured their valid concerns will not be addressed with defensive, confrontational attitude by personnel in charge of daily pit operations. Can residents trust that a degree of professionalism be maintained at all times when issues have to be discussed?			
		There are sentiments that OSCO only does the right thing when someone is watching. The community should not have to make requests to OSCO for stop signs, clean up garbage. Requests are regularly made to clean up the gravel on the road.			
8.	Operations	Is OSCO planning to increase the length of the 'cement aprons' that allow driveways to meet the newer pavement? The ones that are installed are not doing a good job of keeping excess mud off the roadway leading to vehicle damage (they are too short). Clumps of mud gradually taking the place of the undercoating of a car or truck causes the under gear to retain excess moisture, leading to rusting floors, frames,	Email	The truck traffic responsible for the excess mud will no longer occur once the Project is in operation, as a result of the wash plant at Pit No. 4.	See EARD for more information.



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		Will OSCO be adding any new driveways from the expanded put onto the Great Village end of the road? The Info Sheet mentions 'internal site access roads', and thus home owners in this area have questions about this.			
		Is there a way to divert pit traffic onto the main road, not the various lanes along Little Dyke Road?			
		Where is the permanent crusher going to be located? What are the hours of operation? What is traffic flow?		The plant will be located in a central location within the Pit, at a location away from houses and roadways.	
		Are OSCO employees fully licensed for the equipment they are operating daily, including the use of PPE?			
9.	Topsoil	Concerns regarding topsoil degradation resulting from the Project contributing to food insecurity.	Email	Include information related to topsoil in the EARD, specifically: though topsoil is removed, it is not sold. The topsoil can be put back once operations are complete, however at a different elevation (which is dependent on the reclamation plan).	See EARD for more information.
	General	Support for the Project	Email	N/A	N/A



# **Appendix A**

**Communications Logs** 



# Colchester County Communications Log







#### Project Notification - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 11:26 AM

Hi Christine,

Hope you had a great weekend.

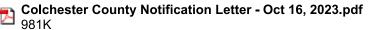
On behalf of Hans Klohn, President of OSCO Aggregates Limited (OSCO), please find the attached letter of notification regarding OSCO's Pit No. 4 Extension Project in Glenholme, Nova Scotia.

Regards, Alana











October 16, 2023

Colchester County 1 Church St Truro, NS B2N 3Z5

Attention:

Christine Blair, Mayor

CC.

Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor

Pit No. 4 Quarry Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

Dear Mayor Christine Blair,

OSCO Aggregates (OSCO) provides high quality aggregate products to the construction industry. OSCO strives to conduct business with integrity and fairness as well as maintain safe and healthy working environments.

I am writing to your organization to notify you of OSCO's intentions to expand one of the existing aggregate quarries (Pit No. 4) in the community of Glenholme, Colchester County, Nova Scotia (see Figure 2.1). The Pit No. 4 Extension Project (the Project) will trigger the requirement to submit an Environmental Assessment Registration for the works and activities with Nova Scotia's Department of Environment and Climate Change and will follow the process of a Class I Environmental Assessment.

The works and activities associated with this Project include the following:

- Development of an area adjacent to the existing Pit No. 4;
- Excavation of aggregate material from the reserve within the property;
- Development and construction of a permanent aggregate washing facility, settling pond, weigh scales, crusher, and transmission lines; and
- Construction of additional physical components including the working faces, pit floor, and internal site access roads.



Known aggregate sources in Pit No. 4 generally consist of clean, coarse-grained aggregate (a mixture of gravel and medium to coarse-grained sand) and localized sand bars. Based on previous testing of the site, it is estimated that there is an approximate reserve of 1.3 million tonnes of aggregate material on the property.

The Project will allow OSCO to remain operational within the community of Glenholme and to provide an important source of aggregate material for many local and regional projects in Nova Scotia and the Maritimes. The Project will also add value to Glenholme and nearby communities by providing additional local job opportunities. Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Project, or are interested in learning more, please contact Harrison Ellis, Planner with Dillon Consulting Ltd. (email: phone:

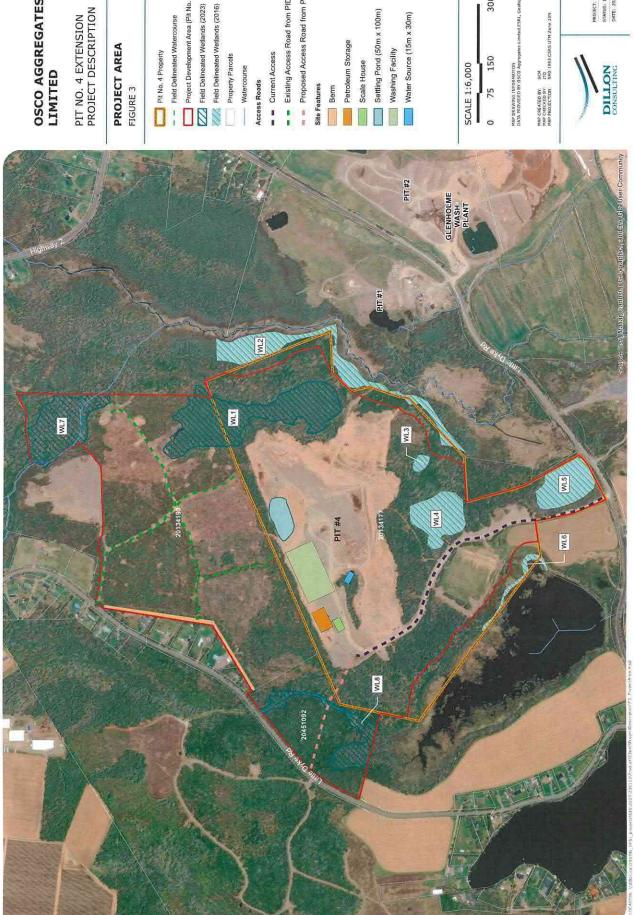
Sincerely,

Hans O. Klohn President

Cc:

Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor

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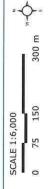
# OSCO AGGREGATES LIMITED

PIT NO. 4 EXTENSION PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Project Development Area (Pit No. 4 Extens
  - Field Delineated Wetlands (2023)
- Property Parcels

- Existing Access Road from PID 20134193
- Proposed Access Road from PID 20451092

- Petroleum Storage
- Settling Pond (50m x 100m)
- Washing Facility
- Water Source (15m x 30m)



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION DATA PROVIDED BY OSCO Aggr

SCM ITQ NAD 1983 CSRS UTM Zone 20N

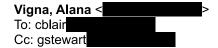






#### Project Notification Update - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Fri, Nov 17, 2023 at 2:09 PM

Hello Christine,

On behalf of Don Isnor, Vice President of OSCO Aggregates (OSCO), please find attached an updated notification letter regarding OSCO's Pit No. 4 Extension Project in Glenholme, Nova Scotia.

Regards, Alana Vigna











November 17, 2023

Colchester County 1 Church St Truro, NS B2N 3Z5

Attention: Christine Blair, Mayor

cc. Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor

#### Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

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PROJECT: 236113

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# Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq Communications Log







#### Project Notification - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 11:27 AM

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Regards, Alana







Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq Notification Letter - Oct 16, 2023.pdf 987K



October 16, 2023

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq 52 Legends Ave Millbrook, NS B6L 0A3

Attention:

Justin Fiddes, Operations and Engagement Manager,

**Environment and Natural Resources** 

#### Pit No. 4 Quarry Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

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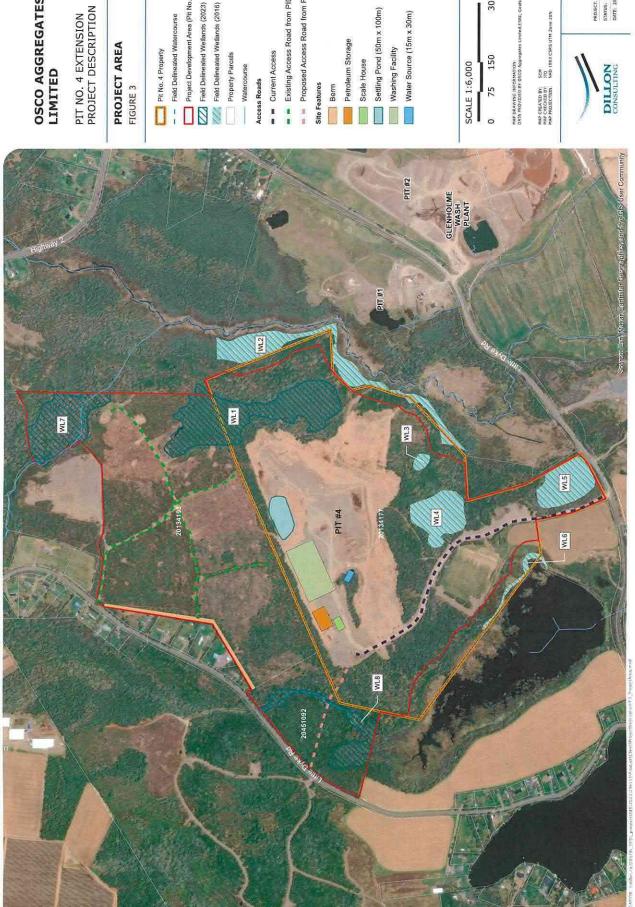
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Sincerely,

Hans O. Klohn President

Cc: Melanie Smith, Environmental Services Manager, Environment and Natural Resources



# OSCO AGGREGATES LIMITED

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## Project Notification Update - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Fri, Nov 17, 2023 at 2:09 PM

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November 17, 2023

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq 52 Legends Ave Millbrook, NS B6L 0A3

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Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council Communications Log







## Project Notification - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

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Alana Vigna
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October 16, 2023

Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council 80 Walker St., Suite 3 Truro, NS B2N 4A7

Attention:

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Pit No. 4 Quarry Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

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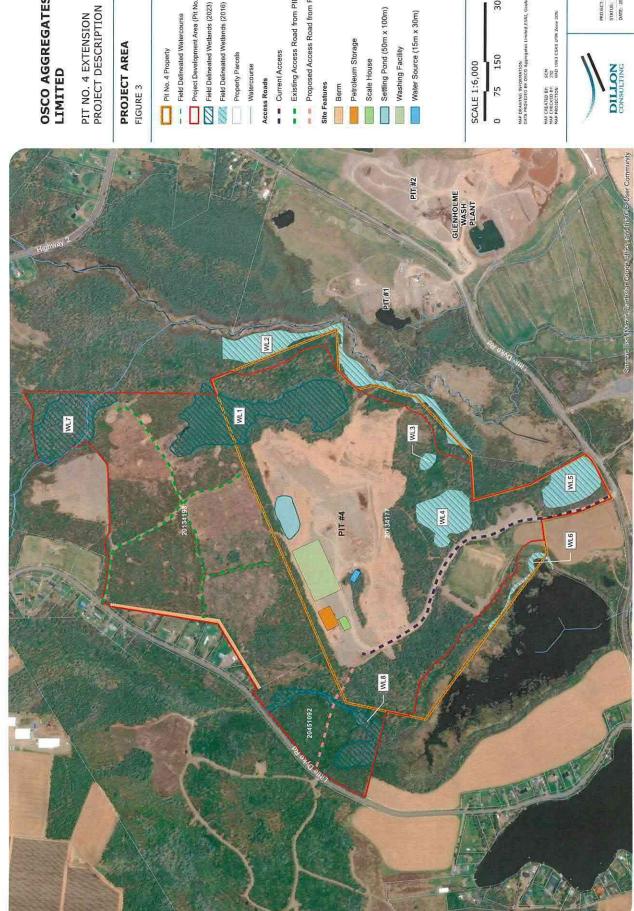


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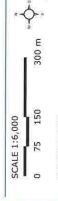


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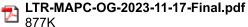














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## OSCO AGGREGATES

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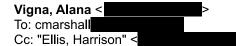






## Project Notification - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Tue, Oct 17, 2023 at 8:51 AM

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Regards, Alana











October 16, 2023

Millbrook First Nation Claire Marshall, Executive Director P.O. Box 634, Truro, NS B2N 5E5

Attention: Claire Marshall

Pit No. 4 Quarry Expansion Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

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## Project Notification Update - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Fri, Nov 17, 2023 at 2:07 PM

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## Native Council of Nova Scotia Communications Log







## Project Notification - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message

Vigna, Alana < > > To: theresa.cooke Cc: "Ellis, Harrison" < > >

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October 16, 2023

Native Council of Nova Scotia: Theresa Cooke, Executive Director Truro, NS B2N 5N2

Attention: Theresa Cooke, Executive Director

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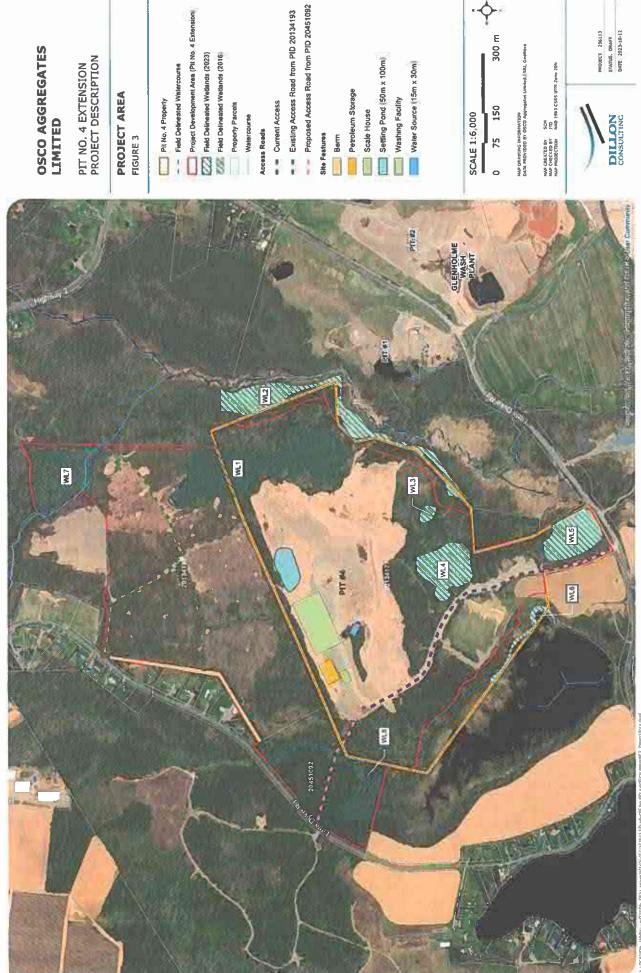


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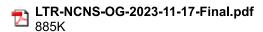
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## Sipekne'katik First Nation Communications Log







## Project Notification - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 11:27 AM

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October 16, 2023

Sipekne'katik First Nation 522 Church Street Indian Brook, NS BON 2H0

Attention:

Vera Marr, Consultation Clerk

## Pit No. 4 Quarry Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

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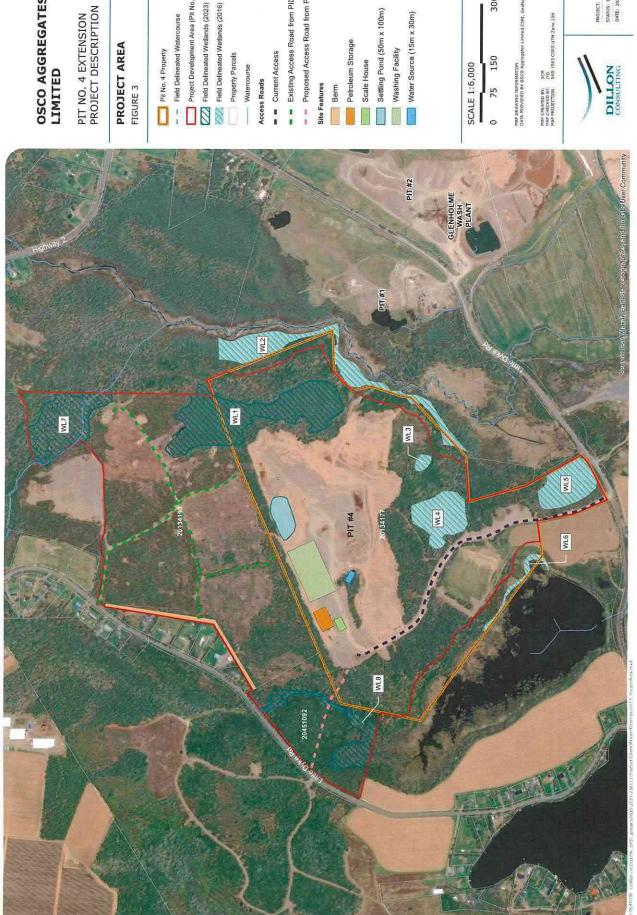
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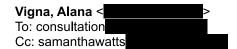
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Vigna, Alana <

## Project Notification Update - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Fri, Nov 17, 2023 at 2:07 PM

Hello Vera,

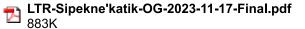
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Regards, Alana Vigna











November 17, 2023 Sipekne'katik First Nation 522 Church Street Indian Brook, NS BOH 2HO

Attention: Vera Marr, Consultation Clerk

## Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

Dear Vera Marr,

OSCO Aggregates (OSCO) aims to provide high quality aggregate products to the construction industry. OSCO strives to conduct business with integrity and fairness as well as maintain safe and healthy working environments.

On October 16, 2023, Hans Klohn, President of OSCO, wrote to your organization to notify you of OSCO's intentions to expand one of the existing aggregate operations (Pit No. 4) in the community of Glenholme, Colchester County, Nova Scotia (see **Figure 1**). The Pit No. 4 Extension Project (the Project) will trigger the requirement to submit an Environmental Assessment Registration (EAR) for the works and activities with Nova Scotia's Department of Environment and Climate Change and will follow the process of a Class I Environmental Assessment. My letter to you today is to inform you that OSCO ex-pects to submit its EAR document sometime in mid-December 2023, or January 2024.

The works and activities associated with this Project include the following:

- Development of an area adjacent to the existing Pit No. 4;
- Excavation of aggregate material from the reserve within the property;
- Development and construction of a permanent aggregate washing facility, settling pond, weigh scales, crusher, and transmission lines; and
- Construction of additional physical components including the working faces, pit floor, and internal site
  access roads.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Project, or are interested in learning more, please contact Alana Vigna, Indigenous Relations/Socio-Cultural Planner with Dillon Consulting Limited (email: phone:

Sincerely,

Don Isnor, P.Eng. Vice President

Cc. Samantha Watts, Earth Keeper



## OSCO AGGREGATES LIMITED

PIT NO. 4 EXTENSION PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## PROJECT AREA

Project Development Area (Pit No. 4

- - Field Delineated Watercourse

Field Delineated Wetlands (2023)

Field Delineated Wetlands (2016)

Existing Access Road from PID

- Proposed Access Road from PID

Water Source (15m x 30m)

Petroleum Storage

Berm

Washing Facility Scale House

Settling Pond (50m x 100m)

SCALE 1:6,000

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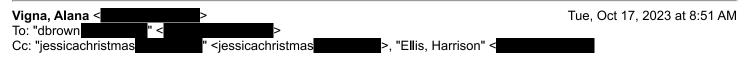






### Project Notification - Pit No. 4 Extension Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

1 message



Good morning Douglas,

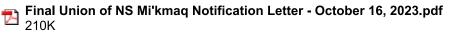
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Regards, Alana











October 16, 2023

Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq: 90 San'tele'sew Awti, Suite 201 Membertou, NS B1S 0A5

Attention: Douglas Brown, Executive Director

Pit No. 4 Quarry Expansion Project, OSCO Aggregates Limited

Dear Douglas Brown,

OSCO Aggregates (OSCO) provides high quality aggregate products to the construction industry. OSCO strives to conduct business with integrity and fairness as well as maintain safe and healthy working environments.

I am writing to your organization to notify you of OSCO's intentions to expand one of the existing aggregate quarries (Pit No. 4) in the community of Glenholme, Colchester County, Nova Scotia (see Figure 3). The Pit No. 4 Expansion Project (the Project) will trigger the requirement to submit an Environmental Assessment Registration for the works and activities with Nova Scotia's Department of Environment and Climate Change and will follow the process of a Class I Environmental Assessment.

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Known aggregate sources in Pit No. 4 generally consist of clean, coarse-grained aggregate (a mixture of gravel and medium to coarse-grained sand) and localized sand bars. Based on previous testing of the site, it is estimated that there is an approximate reserve of 1.3 million tonnes of aggregate material on the property.



The Project will allow OSCO to remain operational within the community of Glenholme and to provide an important source of aggregate material for many local and regional projects in Nova Scotia and the Maritimes. The Project will also add value to Glenholme and nearby communities by providing additional local job opportunities. Should you have any questions or concerns related to the Project, or are interested in learning more, please contact Harrison Ellis, Planner with Dillon Consulting Ltd. (email:

phone:

Sincerely,

Hans O. Klohn President

cc. Jessica Christmas, Communications Manager



# OSCO AGGREGATES LIMITED

PIT NO. 4 EXTENSION PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Pit No. 4 Property
- Field Delineated Watercourse
- Project Development Area (Pit No. 4 Extension)

  Field Delineated Wetands (2023)
  Field Delineated Wetands (2016)
- Property Parcels

- Current Access
- Existing Access Road from PID 20134193
- Proposed Access Road from PID 20451092 Site Features
- Petroleum Storage
- Settling Pond (50m x 100m)
- Water Source 15m x 30m



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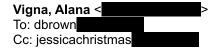
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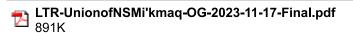
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Field Delineated Wetlands (2016)

Property Parcels

- Watercourse

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- Proposed Access Road from PID

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Washing Facility Scale House

Petroleum Storage

Berm

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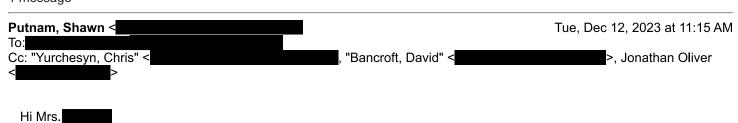
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Oliver, Jonathan <

### RE: \$ 1 message



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Sincerely,

### Shawn Putnam

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From:

Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 8:28 AM

To: Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: \$

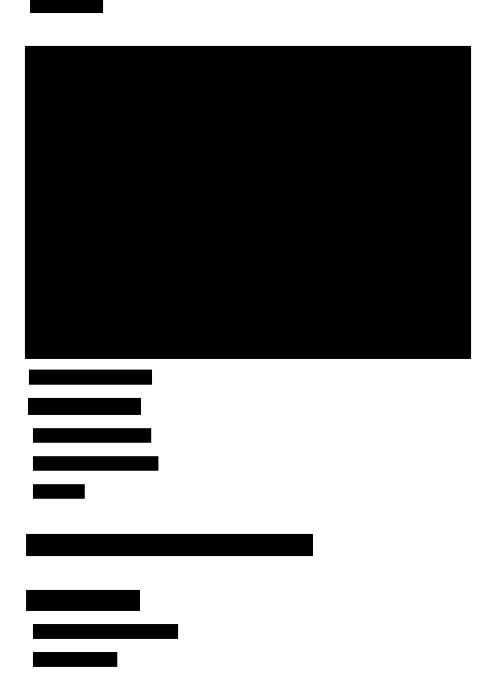
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Hello, Shawn. I don't know you, but my family has owned property in the Little Dyke area since the 1960s.

The development of that previously pristine residential/agrarian area is a travesty.

We will each be remembered best for how we treated our fellow humans - not at all for how much money we've made. Shame on the gravel gobblers. Sorrow for the people who have lived on Little Dyke Road for decades.



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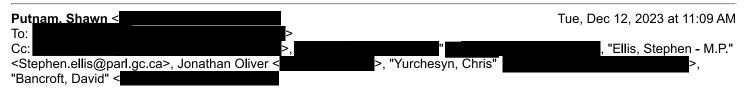
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### RE: Concerns regarding OSCO Pit #4 Extension Project

1 message



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I am genuinely sorry for your disappointment and it hurts my heart!

Sincerely,

### **Shawn Putnam**

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6:36 PM To: Putnam, Shawn <

Cc: ; Ellis, Stephen - M.P.

Subject: Concerns regarding OSCO Pit #4 Extension Project

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Honestly Shawn, I truly believed that one day I would again be able to relax and enjoy the peacefully quiet rural lifestyle and I both thought we were going to appreciate when buying our property on Little Dyke Road 33 years ago. The past 30 years of constant gravel pit excavation noise, dust, significant heavy volume of commercial truck traffic, wash plant sluicing, gravel crusher pounding and constant worry about surrounding waterways have greatly infringed on our personal property enjoyment! But I continued to hope and pray that one day, the operation would eventually run out of natural resources and be done with but alas, this most recent notice of developing an extension to Pit #4 has dashed all hopes of regaining quiet rural retirement living.

Contrary to whatever fabricated tales that often get woven about big commerce being the backbone of any small rural community, it is actually the people within a small community that make it great! And where we were only a few households being affected when all of the excavation work was happening beside and across the road from us on this end of the Little Dyke Road loop, there are going to be significantly more homes and families affected by any and all future developments of gravel pit activities on the other end of this loop.

I would like to express the following concerns in regards to this recent extension notice:

- a) Property values within the communities of Little Dyke and Glenholme are going to plummet drastically!
- b) Well waters are always a contentious issue. It is well known, neighbours have, in the past, been forced to sell out to OSCO (@ less than property value) because of damaged and compromised well water contamination.
- c) Wetlands border both Pit 4 and the adjacent extension property OSCO is in the process of purchasing, I am not 100% confident the integrity of those biodiverse wetlands are being considered and protected during the excavation process. Large machines can do much damage to small ecologically-sensitive environments.
- d) Local residents know there are natural water springs in this area. The many surrounding water tributaries contribute to maintaining those important diverse ecological wetlands. What is the process if and when excavation activities encounter naturally occurring water sources?
- e) The water table has been breached and compromised before in other OSCO pit locations. How is accountability being monitored and by whom?
- f) Residents were advised in March 2023 by the Liaison Committee that OSCO has enough gravel resources in the current Pit #4 to operate another 8 years at that location. Is this sudden perceived-to-be rushed motion to incorporate further acreage an attempt to avoid compliance with new Colchester County by-laws being proposed for 2024?
- g) Gravel is a non-renewable natural resource. What is going to be left for our grandchildren's future generations to use if everything has been depleted?
- h) Wildlife natural habitat is rapidly dwindling in this small localized area. How many bears can our compost bins continue to feed? How many other deer are going to destroy passing vehicles because motorists can't see them running up over those berms towards them until it's too late?

i) Large commercial enterprises located directly in the centre of a small rural community should anticipate being under close constant scrutiny. It is inevitable that concerns are going to be raised frequently about noise, road dust, traffic, etc. and residents need to be assured their valid concerns aren't going to be addressed with defensive, confrontational attitude by personnel in charge of daily pit operations. Can we, the residents, trust that a degree of professionalism will be maintained at all times when issues have to be discussed or contended with?

In closing, I must note it is common community knowledge that another 113 acre property on the opposite side of Little Dyke Road to this proposed 70 acre extension has also been recently purchased by OSCO as well. I believe it is all going to be too much, too fast and our small beautiful community will become nothing more than one massive vastly-excavated hole on this planet! Shameful, really!

Respectfully,

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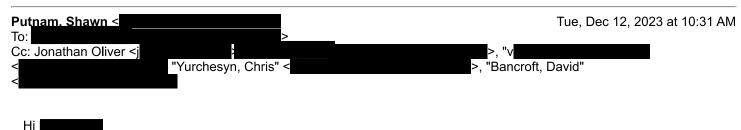
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Sincerely,

### **Shawn Putnam**

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From:

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 7:41 PM

To: Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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Date: Fri, Dec 8, 2023 at 5:00 PM

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From: To:

premier@novascotia.ca, Minister.Environment@novascotia.ca

Cc: Bcc:

Date: Fri, 8 Dec 2023 17:00:48 -0400

Subject: OSCO IRVING expansion Little Dyke - in opposition

A letter voicing concerns and in opposition to the new 70 acre IRVING OSCO expansion at Little Dyke has been sent to the Environment Critic Mr.



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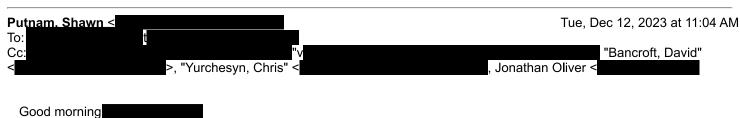
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Oliver, Jonathan	

### RE: development

1 message



There is nothing we do or use that will effect your well. We have been operating in the area for 37 years and the area we are currently in doesn't have a great water supply. It is well gives 2-3 gallons a minute and mine gives 7 gallons a minute, our wells weren't effected by anything we have done. People in the neighborhood who refuse to accept the truth will tell you we ruined it's well. The truth is we were testing his well as part of our program and we found it became high in nitrates. We notified them and the environment and the environment told them that the cause was coming from there own property either from their chicken coop or their septic system. We offered to dig and help them find the issue for free and they denied the offer. They refused to accept the answer and wanted us to buy their home. We bought it and when we dug up the septic tank we found the problem was it was leaking at the seam and contaminating the well. We put a new tank in and problem solved. People still say we ruined their well!

The property is already pretty much cleared of the trees from the working area we will be mining. We will be leaving all the trees on the first 100' then building a berm and leaving trees inside of that to the 300' distance from all foundations. We will remove the topsoil and the gravel and the put the topsoil back on. It will become a farm field or be replanted with trees.

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Sincerely,

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Operations Manager

**OSCO Concrete & Aggregates** 

PH:



From: Trevor Macdonald <

Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 7:42 PM

**To:** Putnam, Shawn

Cc:
Subject: RE: development

Good day Shawn,

My biggest concern, is if this development happens, how is it going to effect my well and effect the environment?

There will be a lot of trees lost as well as .what is going to happen when you are done, are you going to replant and make it

Presentable for the area? How far down will you be going? Are you leaving trees between the land owners and road? This is a great area, that's why I built here, I believe in development but at whose cost?

Thanks:

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Putnam, Shawn

Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 2:32 PM

To:

Subject: Re: development



### Get Outlook for iOS

From: 2 < Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 9:23:45 AM
To: Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: Re: development

### Hi Shawn

There are a number of people that have questions about this development. I will be in contact with them to see when we all can meet with you, if that works for you.

Thanks :

Title

From: Putnam, Shawn < Sent: December 4, 2023 9:09 AM

To:

Subject: Re: development



I can meet with you to give you all the details and answer any questions you have. When would be a good time? What's your phone number?

Thanks

Shawn

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From:

Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:46:52 PM

To: Putnam, Shawn < Subject: development

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Good day Shawn,

I just wondering if there is going to be a community meeting with the people that will be effected with this development? I live on Little Dyke Rd and will be effected with this project, I just received this notification today by a neighbor!

Thanks:

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Oliver, Jonathan	

### Re: Glenholme Osco pit expansion

1 message



Thank you Shawn. I will review this in detail over the next few days.

On Dec 12, 2023, at 10:36 AM, Putnam, Shawn < wrote:

Good morning

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To: Putnam, Shawn
Subject: Glenholme Osco pit expansion

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I am writing this email as I am deeply concerned with the implications of a proposed gravel pit will have on the Glenholme/Little Dyke residents and community members.

I have concerns in several areas

The request for feedback, questions and concerns to be sent to the person that benefits the most from this expansion is a huge conflict of interest.....how do we know all the emails would be included? It should have been a neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party email address. That is why I have included our local municipal council and MLA.

- 1. Noise we have made several complaints to the DOE in regards to noise pollution and know in fact that the pit operates well above the approved noise levels. We measured over 60 decibels on my property. When DOE investigated they were not compliant and issued warnings. They continue to not be compliant. We have ICF walls in our home and can clearly hear the noise of the crusher inside our house. I have huge concerns about OSCO and its employees desire to remain compliant in this area, and knowing they want to move closer to our property. Shawn promised berms to block noises with their last expansion, was this done?? I would like to see all of the monitoring numbers since the last expansion and have the engineers from DOE give an opinion on this.
- 2. Delivery and communication the notices were delivered on a rainy and windy afternoon. Many neighbours did not have their notices, and they were found in ditches. I found the notice on my parents bench under a box....you could just see the edge of it. They should have been hand delivered in hand to inform residents. If residents were not home, they should have been mailed. There should be a notice of the planned expansion at the pit entrances. Same as development agreements.
- 3. The actual notice there is not enough information on this to make any informed questions
  - a. The roads on the maps are not labeled, the house civic numbers are not included. How big is the area?
  - b. Where is the permanent crusher going to be located? What are the noise expectations? What are the hours of operation? What is traffic flow? Will there be large gravel trucks coming along the lake side of Little Dyke Road? Imagine that in mid July, with the lake full of swimmers.
  - c. Is there a way to divert pit traffic onto the main road not various lanes along Little Dyke Road?
  - d. What are the implications for the properties that touch yours? Their property values, their water tables, noise, mental health how close will you be digging next to their property
- 4. We formed a liason committee, each person on that liason committee is entitled to their own personal opinions, when you disagree with these personal opinions, as

- a professional and leader of this project, you can not go and attack their opinions....you may not agree.....we haven't agreed in years.
- 5. I do not want to be involved in any tree planting, public relations ploy to then say you have a relationship with community members to make you look better for when you expand the project. Our community is not your free labour to repair the lands that you guys have made millions of dollars off of and then make community members feel bad that they don't choose to participate. There are other ways to work on this relationship. Not free labour and photo ops. Public relations and community support are 2 very different things.
- 6. Are all of your employees fully licensed for the equipment they are operating daily, including using all of the required PPE? Using a loader bucket as a ladder certainly is not an acceptable workplace practice. Traveling to work on a motorcycle without a helmet, employees vehicles not licensed for the road.
- 7. What are the implications on wildlife, water tables. We need full studies on both of these. We are now paying a carbon tax for to help save the environment. How is your company helping with this? What will you be doing in the future to help with this?

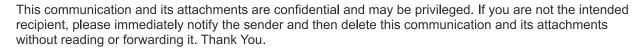
I feel that your company only does the right thing when someone is watching, and I question this integrity and leadership that comes with operating a business of this scope. Take intiatives to be leaders, do the right thing when no one is watching. We should not have to request Osco to put up stop signs so your employees know not to pull out in front of traffic. Send notes to clean up your garbage. Tell your truckers not to dump things off their trucks in the pull offs. They need the leadership from the top that this is not acceptable, and you need to have each person on your teams looking out for these things. If you don't attend to the things we see, what do you do that we can't see? This is how trust is built.....

After the road was paved, the gravel left on the road was a huge traffic hazard. We had to request that it got swept on a regular basis. Even last week we got snow, so you put down sand so your trucks could get up the hill. The ice melted and the sand stayed there all weekend and was very thick and hard to steer through.

I made a life decision to purchase a property in the most beautiful place I know, and my family and husband have been residents in this community for over 25 years. Yes, things change over time....but there has to be a limit to the number of times this pit can expand to keep the integrity of our community. We fought this 5 years ago, and will have I have do this every 5 years until there is no more land to be purchased? None of us knowingly purchased into a gravel pit, and why do we have this forced on us now?

I look forward to seeing a more detailed description of the planned expansion, and ask government officials to request all safety and monitoring records since the last expansion and base the decision on the community as the whole rather than an opportunity for one very large company to make more money.

### Thanks;



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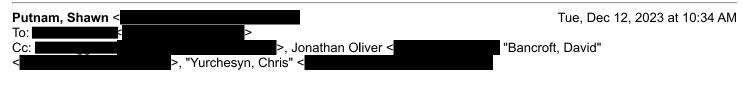
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Oliver, Jonathan <

### **RE: Little Dyke Pit Expansion**

1 message



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Sincerely,

### Shawn Putnam

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From: Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 3:59 PM

To: Putnam, Shawn < Cc: Tom Taggart

Subject: Re: LIttle Dyke Pit Expansion

Thanks much. I look forward to that. Enjoy your weekend Shawn.





From: Putnam, Shawn <

**Sent:** December 8, 2023 2:28 PM

To: Cc

Subject: RE: LIttle Dyke Pit Expansion



I have received your concerns and I have forwarded them to management and Dillon Consulting for discussion. Expect a response early next week.

Thank you,

### **Shawn Putnam**

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates





From: Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:03 AM

To: Putnam, Shawn

Cc:

Subject: Little Dyke Pit Expansion

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Good Morning Shawn.

I received the info sheet on the planned pit expansion and I'm wondering if it means OSCO is planning to increase the length of the "cement aprons" that allow your driveways to meet the newer pavement? The ones that are installed are not doing a very good job of keeping excess mud off the roadway, leading to vehicle damage. (They're too short, and it's not like you don't have access to cement to lengthen them)

It's a well-known fact that clumps of mud gradually taking the place of undercoating under a car or truck cause the undergear to retain excess moisture, leading to rusting floors, frames and steering parts. I'd like to see this addressed.

I'm also wondering if the Pit No. 4 Expansion means you'll be adding any new driveways from the expanded pit onto the Great Village end of the road? Your info sheet mentions "internal site access roads", so questions among the 30 families living along the lake and bay residential area have arisen over that.

There's also concern among local residents that the expanded digging will endanger the source of the 6 main springs that feed the lake where I swim twice a day from May to October. I'd like to see the Environment and Climate Change Department's data on that, and how the run-off from a permanent gravel washing facility will be scrutinized, so that it won't harm the source of those very important springs that keep the lake clean and vibrant.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this.



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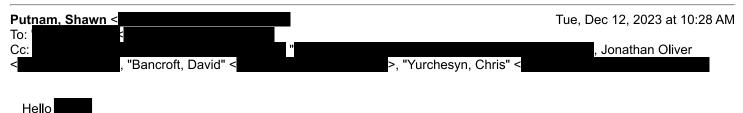
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Oliver, Jonathan <

### RE: OSCO Aggregates expansion proposal.

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Sincerely,

### **Shawn Putnam**

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From: C. L. McNutt <

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 11:30 PM

To: Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: OSCO Aggregates expansion proposal.

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Hello Mr. Putnam. I have just submitted a letter to the Premier, Mr. Tom Taggart, The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Victoria Lomond and Samuel Donaldson in relation to OSCO Aggregates expansion proposal. I vehemently oppose this expansion and have voiced my concerns with each of the above individuals.

Sincerely,

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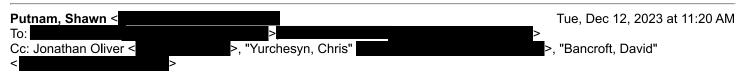
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### **RE: OSCO Expansion Project**

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Hi

Thank you kindly for your response. Is there any way we can push the deadline back or stop the EPA temporarily to allow residents the time to congregate? I know a few of us personally think it would be beneficial to have a town hall meeting with everyone, including OSCO to learn about the project. As well as have some transparent communication.

Thank you,

On Sun, Dec 3, 2023, 5:19 p.m. Victoria Lomond < > wrote:

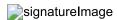
Thank you for your email. I will certainly be looking into this expansion. I have only just heard of this myself.

Victoria

Victoria Lomond

District 10 Councillor

Municipality of Colchester



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From Sent: Sunday, December 3, 2023 3:33:45 PM

To:

Subject: OSCO Expansion Project

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To Shawn Putnam, and OSCO Aggregates Limited,

As a resident of Little Dyke Rd, I'd like to inform you of my deepest concerns for the OSCO expansion project for Pit No. 4. This project will greatly infringe on numerous properties. Directly backing them onto the gravel pit. This will not only cause a significant reduction in property value, but cause additional health and safety concerns.

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OSCO is planning on adding transmission lines and additional crushers. How will this impact noise? How far does the noise carry for these activities? Will it affect wildlife or livestock?

OSCO's trucks and crushers are often times heard at 10pm, sometimes even until 11pm during summer months. How will this affect community wellness when it's conducted only 80 meters from our homes?

What EPA guidelines are being followed or checked? We have ample evidence suggesting a wildlife corridor for Pit area No. 4. Have these been taken into account? There are white tail deer, bears, coyotes, and bald eagles that use the proposed site.

There is also evidence spreading that Irving has purchased land on the opposite side of Little Dyke Rd and the proposed No.4 Pit area. How long will it be before the gravel pit swallows up all the local residents of Little Dyke? Buying them out for pennies on the dollar of what our homes are worth now?

Without locals supporting Great Village, will Dictrict 10 solely rely on Irving and big corporations? Where will all your residents live? Would you yourself want to live in the middle of a gravel pit?

Moreover, why was there no town hall meeting about this? If you are doing this in good faith for the town, we have a right to know and full transparency would be needed to move forward.

Sincerely,

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Oliver, Jonathan <joliver@dillon.ca>

### **RE: Pit No 4 Extension Project**

1 message



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Sincerely,

### **Shawn Putnam**

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:40 PM

To: Putnam, Shawn <p

Subject: Pit No 4 Extension Project

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Good evening,

Please see attached concerns regarding the above noted project.

Thank you,

OSCO Aggregates Attn: Shawn Putnam

Dear Shawn:

I am writing to express my opposition to the "Pit No. 4 Extension Project", and to voice my various concerns with same.

I have been a resident of Little Dyke for almost 19 years. Over these years, we have spent considerable time and effort in bettering our home and property, as a means to secure our family's financial future. Our home, like most other homeowners, is an asset we have counted on, not only as part of our eventual retirement plan, but also to assist in our children's financial future, i.e. post-secondary expenses, etc. The significant loss of value to our home that this project will create, is a devasting loss for us; our family's financial future and in turn, our quality of life in the years to come will be greatly affected by this project.

Having the pit directly behind our house will also greatly affect our day to day lives at our once peaceful home. The noise from the crusher, the beepers on the machines, the dump trucks running, and the dust created will be more than a nuisance. Does OSCO have any plans in place to help minimize the noise and disruption to our daily lives?

Another concern is our water. Will the water table be affected, and in turn affect our drinking water? Will OSCO be carrying out routine checks and tests to ensure our water is safe to drink? Should an issue ever arise with our drinking water, will OSCO incur the expense and ensure the situation is remedied?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

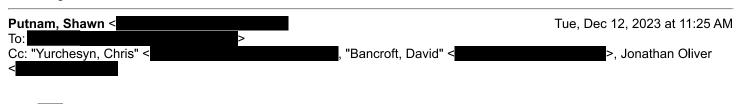


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We do understand and are willing to listen and consider any ideas you have. We are going to do all we can to minimize any impact.

If you have any other questions let me know.

Sincerely,

### Shawn Putnam

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From:

Subject: Re: Pit No. 4 extension

Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 7:13 PM **To:** Putnam, Shawn

Honestly wish I knew it was for sale, I would have been interested in purchasing some of it to expand on my property. I would like to know what the plan is. As you can imagine I am worried about my property value, I hope you understand that. I worked hard to be able to purchase my own home and get out of the city for peace and quiet. Have to let me know when would be a good time to meet. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

wrote:

On Dec 2, 2023, at 3:56 PM, Putnam, Shawn <

We can get together and discuss the project if you'd like. We want to do all we can to minimize the impact and maybe we have ideas in place that you don't know about or maybe you have some ideas. The property we are expanding into is a resource property that was going to be sold to someone and the property owners had an offer from another company also. If we didn't buy it would have meant trucks going out both ends of Little Dyke Road. We could talk sometime if you want.

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From: Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 3:41:10 PM
To: Putnam, Shawn

Subject: Re: Pit No. 4 extension

So the fact our property values, air quality, noise, pollution, traffic will be affected isn't an issue. I mean you're making big money and backed by the Irving's so who cares about land owners right.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2023, at 3:24 PM, Putnam, Shawn

wrote:

I think it was November 27th.

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From: >

Sent: Saturday, December 2, 2023 2:01:31 PM To: Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: Pit No. 4 extension

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Good afternoon, just looking to see when the flyers got sent out to let people know about this project.

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Oliver, Jonathan <

### **RE: Please Don't Do This**

1 message

Hi Mrs. 1

Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 11:14 AM

To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Jonathan Oliver \_\_\_\_\_\_>, "Bancroft, David" < \_\_\_\_\_\_, "Yurchesyn, Chris"

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Sincerely,

#### Shawn Putnam

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From:

Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 11:23 AM

To: Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: Please Don't Do This

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Sincerely,

PS. The animals will thank you as well.

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Oliver, Jonathan	<

## **RE: Proposed Little Dyke pit expansion**

1 message

Putnam, Shawn <		Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 10:41 A	M
To: Cc: "			
"Yurchesyn, Chris"	, Jonathan Oliver	>, "Bancroft, David"	
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Good Morning,

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Sincerely,
Shawn Putnam
Operations Manager
OSCO Concrete & Aggregates
PH:

----Original Message---From:
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:33 PM
To: Putnam, Shawn <
Cc:
Subject: Proposed Little Dyke pit expansion

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Dear Mr Putnam,

We are the family and we live on private Drive in Little Dyke. Our property has been in the family for generations and we dream of it staying that way. Our children are now teenagers and have grown up playing in and around the lake. Over the years, we have watched the pit continue to grow and expand. It is now at the point that we can no longer safely walk or bicycle on the Little Dyke road. We avoid the OSCO pit for our own safety because there is so much large truck traffic and so much loose gravel on the road by the entrances to the pits. As a family living in Little Dyke, it is disheartening to watch our community being trucked away. This expansion proposed by OSCO is very concerning to our family. The noise pollution will only grow as it expands even closer to our lake and home, not to mention our fear of the ecological consequences of OSCO's proposition. Please consider the community that has been already impacted by previous expansions and how this proposed expansion will affect the community's property values, peace and tranquility. As concerned citizens, we are asking for the end of this industrial greed.

Sincerely,

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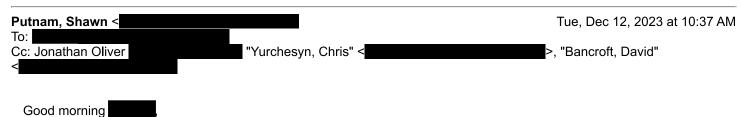






# RE: Urgent Plea to Preserve the Serenity of Our Beloved Community

1 message



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Sincerely,

#### Shawn Putnam

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

PH:



From:
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 1:06 PM

To: Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: Urgent Plea to Preserve the Serenity of Our Beloved Community

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Dear Mr. Putnam,

I trust this message finds you well. As a new member of our community, I am writing to you with a sense of urgency and a heart full of concern about the proposed expansion project by OSCP Aggregates. Having recently moved here to be closer to nature, seeking the tranquillity of a peaceful environment and the pristine beauty of our clean lake, I am deeply troubled by the potential ramifications of this project on my quality of life.

The idea of the expansion of aggregate washing facilities near our beautiful lake fills me with dread. I chose this community for its natural beauty, and the risk of water contamination poses a direct threat to the very essence of what drew me here in the first place. The prospect of additional industrial activities, including crushers, impacting our quality of life is disheartening. I moved here to breathe in the fresh, unpolluted air, and the thought of compromised air quality undermines the very reason I chose to make this community my home

Witnessing the expansion encroaching on the habitats of local wildlife is distressing. I came here to coexist with nature, and the potential displacement of our diverse wildlife community is heartbreaking. The idea that the peaceful sounds of nature might be replaced by the constant hum of machinery is disconcerting. I have already witnessed the long hours disturbances last from the current machinery.. The well-being of our wildlife should be a priority to maintain the delicate balance that drew me to this community.

The promise of peace and quiet was a driving factor in my decision to move here. The noise, dust, and overall disturbance from the expansion threaten to shatter the tranquillity I sought, impacting my day-to-day life and overall well-being. The increase in heavy-duty vehicle traffic poses risks to our safety and undermines the sense of security that drew me to this community. Traffic congestion disrupts the ease with which I navigate and enjoy the surroundings. I am part of a group of 15 community members that walk every morning 365 days a year from Little Dyke Lake to Hwy 2. We are forced to walk this side of Little Dyke Road because of the already present traffic of dump trucks driving Little Dyke Road..

The thought of additional industrial structures marring the natural beauty around our lake brings a sense of sorrow. Seeing the damage of the already present quarry just driving into the lake affects the beauty of the surroundings.

The aesthetics of our community directly contribute to the joy I find in recreational activities, and their degradation would be a significant loss. Additionally, the potential threats to my water quality I have from my well and the safety of the community jeopardises the very activities that bring me joy and solace by the lake. Swimming, kayaking, and simply enjoying the water are integral to my lifestyle, and I fear these might be compromised. As I understand, Little Dyke Lake has been a family swimming hole for generations. Further expansion could end years of memories for local families.

I humbly request your consideration of the deeply personal impact this expansion would have on my life and the expanding four season families, and their investments to live here for the beauty of the lake . I implore you to protect the unique qualities that make our community special and safeguard the well-being of its residents.

Thank you for your understanding and empathy in this matter.

Warm regards,

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Oliver, Jonathan

### response to questions

1 message



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Feel free to email it or pass it around.

Thanks,

#### Shawn Putnam

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates

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## Fwd: Pit No 4 Expansion Project Environmental Concerns

1 message

Oliver, Jonathan <j Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 9:06 AM
To: Alana Vigna "Regan, Kelly" <

----- Forwarded message -----From: **Putnam, Shawn** < Date: Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 5:53 PM

Subject: Fwd: Pit No 4 Expansion Project Environmental Concerns

To: Jonathan Oliver Savani, Pujan >, Bancroft, David

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**To:** Putnam, Shawn <

Subject: Pit No 4 Expansion Project Environmental Concerns

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We are contacting you as concerned residents of the community of Little Dyke. It is our understanding that our concerns will be forwarded the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change.

We do have a few concerns /questions.

- 1. Does the Department of Environment do the assessment or do they hire a company to do the assessment? If so what is the company?
- 2. What short term and long term effects will this major excavation and construction have on the ground water and the Little Dyke water shed area?
- 3. The area is already plagued with the noise from crushers, machines and vehicles. How much more noise will this expansion create? Noise is definitely a pollutant that affects the well being our residents.
- 4. What are plans for the wild life that will be displaced. This area is home to fox, coyote, deer, bear, beavers ,the bald eagle ....just to mention a few.
- 5. A very short notice was given to the residents to respond to the expansion announcement, will we at some point have any input or is it a done deal?
- 6. Losing the natural beauty of our environment is a huge concern. Will it soon look like a war zone?
- 7. How will we know that our concerns have been heard? Will there be a meeting for concerned residents? Will we get any kind of feedback?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sent from my Little Dyke	
iPhone	



Vigna, Alana	<
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# Fwd: FW: Little Dyke Rd Community Member - OSCO Facebook Mention

3 messages

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Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 2:30 PM

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From: Putnam, Shawn <

Date: Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 2:21 PM

Subject: FW: Little Dyke Rd Community Member - OSCO Facebook Mention

To: Yurchesyn, Chris

, Savani, Pujan

>, Jonathan Oliver

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#### Shawn Putnam

Operations Manager

OSCO Concrete & Aggregates



From: McCracken, Mike <

Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 2:05 PM

**To:** Bancroft, David >; Putnam, Shawn <p

**Subject:** Little Dyke Rd Community Member - OSCO Facebook Mention

Good afternoon,

Based on the attached Facebook post, I'm guessing the author of this post has already attempted contact with yourselves or other employees.

For your visibility, I thought it would be worth notifying you that the OSCO Facebook page was tagged in the user's post, but we have already gone ahead and removed the direct tag to our page.

This is the first time the OSCO page has been tagged in any posts from local community members – I'll be keeping an

eye out and update you if any additional company mentions or tags occur.

Best,

Mike

### Mike McCracken

Social Recruiter

**OSCO Construction Group** 



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My Page is getting reported and may be deleted. It saddens me to know people in the community would rather you be quiet and give up than know your rights and advocate for yourself and your home! This isn't who against who. Let's work together. If you'd like to harbor community support...talk to us! Don't just send flyers in the mail.

OSCO Construction Group Victoria Lomond Colchester County District 10 Municipal Councillor #OSCO #GreatVillageNS #littledykerd #novascotiaenvironment #masstownmarket



### Save Little Dyke Rd is at Little Dyke Rd.

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OSCO is proposing a new expansion and we only have until December 8th 2023 to submit concerns before their EPA approval is in place. Please follow this page for more updates as I will be posting more on how to approach an email sent to OSCO.

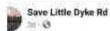
I know everyone must be saddened, especially after the 2017 events. But I believe we have a chance. These are our homes and lives. We can fight this. Follow for more



#savelittledykerd #oscoaggregates #greatvillage #greatvillagestrong #keepcommunityalive #helpourenvironment #novascotia #Irving for Mt. No. 4. This project will greatly infining on isomerous properties. Directly facking them cate the governor. This will not only cause a significant reduction in property value, but cause additional limits and safety concerns.

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OSCO's trucks and crushers are often times hear? at 10pm, sometimes even until 11pm during summer



id some research and found the PID is 2134193 for i proposed land, which is 70 acres in size. e Ownership is listed as Tenants in Common

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Vigna, Alana <

# Fwd: OSCO Expansion Project - Pit No. 4

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 Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 9:28 AM

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From: Putnam, Shawn

Date: Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 9:14 AM

Subject: Fwd: OSCO Expansion Project - Pit No. 4

To: Jonathan Oliver < \_\_\_\_\_, Bancroft, David \_\_\_\_\_, Yurchesyn, Chris < \_\_\_\_\_, Savani, Pujan < \_\_\_\_\_, Total control con

Morning everyone

This brought up a good point we haven't considered.

We need to state that we remove the topsoil but we don't sell it and it can be put back on and have the land returned to Agriculture just at a different elevation all depending on our reclamation plan for the property.

Thanks Shawn

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From: Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 4:26 PM

**To:** Putnam, Shawn <

Cc:

Subject: OSCO Expansion Project - Pit No. 4

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Hello.

As long-term residents as well as owners of located on Little Dyke Road, we would like to inform you of our concerns regarding the OSCO expansion project for Pit No, 4.

Our family has worked the lands on and around Little Dyke for more than 35 years and have always felt pride and gratitude in the opportunity to be stewards of some of the most valuable farmland in Nova Scotia.

We are confident that you are aware the province is already at a crisis point in terms of productive soil, and the food security issues that have consequently followed. We are currently looking at about 87% dependency on resources outside of Nova Scotia to provide food for our residents. This is not only a concern regarding food security, but also has a ripple effect that weighs on our economy and creates increased vulnerability. Unfortunately, soil degradation is not something that can be reversed, so when OSCO has completed harvesting gravel from Pit No. 4 the rich soil that once lay there will be

lost forever. We have seen this happen to many other acres of land within the community and province already. We are confident there are other less fertile areas that could serve as gravel pits, that would not add to the increasing food insecurity of this province.

To conclude, we hope that strong consideration will be given to the negative impact this project would have on both the community and province as a whole. We need to be working together to maintain the valuable farmlands that remain, which will in turn provide positive impacts to our food supply, economy, job market etc.

Thank you,



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Vigna, Alana

## Fwd: Osco pit

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From: Putnam, Shawn

Date: Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 10:06 AM

Subject: Fwd: Osco pit

To: Jonathan Oliver < Bancroft, David < Savani, Pujan

, Yurchesyn, Chris

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 9:10 AM

To: Putnam, Shawn

Subject: Fwd: Osco pit

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Begin forwarded message:

From:

Date: December 13, 2023 at 9:08:26 AM AST

To: Cc:

Subject: Osco pit

Hello

I just wanted to send an email in support of our local industry osco, as many community member are sending in emails against it.

As a community member I have found OSCO and its local representative very responsive to community concerns. Cleaning gravel from the road, for example, I even had several employees from the pit chase my lost cow back to safety.

I'm very concerned with the local environment especially in regards to our protected beach, our historical dykes and the agricultural lands that they protect. I'm satisfied with the environmental assessment provided by OSCO. And unlike many community members was a witness to the replanting of thousands of trees for land reclamation. And listened to the osco environmental representative sent from NB.

Land reclamation post mining has historical been poor across the country but from what I can see OSCO has gone above and beyond to begin reclamation before required to. I suspect having local representatives who live here helps.

The long history of mining sand and gravel from the area has built up our local infrastructure. Important for the safety of school buses and ambulance etc. I do not take for granted the contribution of the pit here in its long history. I think a lot of the newer retirement residents in the area living along the lake, should be more thankful for our roads and our local jobs for the young people in the area. These young people don't have to go work out west and pay their taxes to improve roads and infrastucture in Alberta.

Thank you for your time



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Vacation Alert: I will be off from 12pm Friday, December 22, 2023, returning January 8, 2024.







**Community Response Letter** 

# OSCO Aggregates Limited

Record of Engagement for Pit No. 4 Extension Project June 2024 – 23-6113





December 11, 2023

Glenholme Community Members

#### Response to Public Concerns: Pit No. 4 Extension Project

OSCO Aggregates Limited (OSCO) has engaged Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) to prepare an Environmental Assessment Registration Document (EARD) to be submitted to the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) for the proposed extension of its existing Pit No. 4 aggregate operation (the Project). In response to questions received on the proposed Pit No. 4 Extension Project (the Project) in the community of Glenholme, Nova Scotia, Dillon has prepared the following memo to answer questions received about the Project.

Dillon (www.Dillon.ca) is a Canadian, employee-owned professional consulting organization. Founded in 1946, Dillon is a national company, located in 21 offices across the country, with approximately 1,100 employees. Dillon has significant experience completing environmental assessments of this nature and the associated environmental studies, including the environmental assessment completed for the Pit No. 4 project in 2017.

# **Background**

OSCO Aggregates Limited (OSCO) has been extracting sand and gravel in the Glenholme community for over 35 years supplying both the local and maritime region with high-quality sand and stone for use in construction and concrete. Their products are an important local source of natural sand; furthermore, the concrete stone is required for many marine based projects due to its non-reactive properties. Several major wharf and jetty projects in the Halifax area (Department of National Defence and Harbour Authority facilities) have relied on stone from the area as a preferred source. The aggregate will also be used in highway construction and maintenance projects in the region, as well as for municipal and residential construction projects.

The proposed Project will be built on land that is currently zoned for resource development. The Project will produce the same high-quality aggregate that has been produced over the last 35 years. The proposed Project will include the addition of an electric wash/screening/crushing plant, eliminating the need of transporting aggregate material from Pit No. 4 to Pit No. 2 on Little Dyke Road; the benefits of this are discussed below. The Project location is shown on **Figure 1**.

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506.444.8821

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# **Operations**

The operations conducted for Pit No. 4 will continue for the Project, including removing and stockpiling topsoil to be used in reclamation and extraction of stone and sand materials. One notable change is the wash/screening plant currently located at Pit No. 2 will no longer be in use. Rather, an electric processing plant that will be used for washing, screening, and crushing will be added to Pit No. 4. This option was selected for the following reasons:

- This will reduce 100 to 200 trucks per day moving material from Pit No. 4 to Pit No. 2 for processing, reducing emissions and noise as well as ware and tare on the road.
- The addition of a utility powered electric crusher will be quieter compared to a plant that is powered on a diesel generator.
- Osco currently hires a third-party company for crushing operations; typically, the
  third-party operates long hours to complete the required crushing so that they
  can move on to the next job. With the addition of an electric crusher, OSCO could
  cutback crushing activities that currently need to occur in the evenings.
- Finally, the plant will be located in a central location within the Pit, at a location away from houses and roadways. This will be an improvement from the current plant at Pit No. 2 which is visible from the road.

OSCO's extraction activities will stay above the water table. The plant will be used to wash fine silt and clay off the crushed stone and sand products (essentially cleaning the product before it is sold). Chemicals, such as detergents and solvents, will never be used for washing, only water. After washing, the water will be directed to a settling pond, allowing the silt and clay to settle out. The water will be recycled back to be reused for washing; the fine silt and clay will be used for site reclamation purposes.

A three-meter-tall berm will be constructed between the Project operations, and houses along Little Dyke Road (**Figure 2**). The berm will be located 30 m (approximately 100 feet) from the neighbouring property boundaries and pit operations will remain 90 m (approximately 300 feet) from all building foundations. These distances are in accordance with the Nova Scotia Pit and Quarry Guidelines. The berm will be vegetated with grasses and trees. Should the residents that live adjacent to the berm location have input as to the appearance of the berm, OSCO will take their thoughts and opinions into consideration.

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The Pit No. 4 Extension development area is zoned as Resource and has been used for harvesting of timber by clearcutting and extraction of stone and sand for several decades. Since most of this area has been recently clearcut, the forested areas on the site are young with low diversity and not considered to provide unique or pristine habitats for wildlife in comparison to other nearby un-harvested forests. Further, Pits and Quarries are subject to stringent environmental approvals and conditions that are required of with some other industries, such as agriculture and forestry. A brief summary of the regulatory framework that the Project will be subject to is provided below.

As extraction of areas within the Pit are completed, they undergo reclamation with the goal of returning the site to its natural state, as much as possible. For example, OSCO does not sell topsoil; rather, they reuse topsoil and plants native tree species where land has been disturbed at Pit No. 2. By reclaiming as they go instead of waiting until the entire project has been completed, the vegetation can be established sooner. This reclamation technique has been employed at OSCO's previous operations and will continue with the extension project. OSCO will develop a reclamation plan for the Project with input from the community for suggestions on what the land use purposes could be after the Project has been completed.

# **Regulatory Framework**

Pit and Quarries in Nova Scotia fall under the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change (NSECC) *Environmental Assessment Regulations*. This legislative process considers this Project as a Class I undertaking, requiring an Environmental Assessment (EA).

The Environmental Assessment will be registered with NSECC, where it will be reviewed for Ministerial approval before the Project is allowed to proceed. If approved, the Project will require several additional approvals and environmental permits.

As well as meeting the requirements set out in the Nova Scotia Pit and Quarry Guidelines, the Project will also have to follow conditions defined and enforced by NSECC. For the current Pit No. 4 operation, OSCO completes water quality monitoring quarterly; continuous water level monitoring in perimeter monitoring wells and in surrounding wetlands; flow rates in McCurdy Creek; and weekly noise monitoring. These ongoing monitoring programs are in place to confirm that the current operation is in compliance with the conditions of its environmental permits and approvals. At minimum, these monitoring programs will continue for the proposed Project.

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## **Environmental Concerns**

OSCO and Dillon have reviewed the environmental concerns that were brought up in the community responses received. As part of the Environmental Assessment process, biologists and other environmental professionals from Dillon conducted surveys and assessments earlier this year. The results will be included in the Environmental Assessment Registration Document (EARD), which will be made available for public comments for 30 days once the EARD is registered.

The EARD will provide the survey results, the potential environmental effects from the Project and mitigation measures for the following environmental components:

- Atmospheric Environment
- Acoustic Environment
- Water Resources (Surface Water and groundwater)
- Fish and Fish Habitat
- Vegetation
- Wetlands
- Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
- Socioeconomic Environment
- Archaeological, Cultural, and Heritage Resources
- Traditional Land and Resource Use

Examples of mitigation measures proposed for the Pit No. 4 Extension, some of which have been previously discussed, include but are not limited to:

- Relocation of washing/screening plant away from view of public roadways;
- The construction of a 3 m berm to limit noise to neighboring properties;
- Reduced truck traffic on public roadways;
- Reduced hours of crushing operations;
- Reduced noise from crushing operations by the elimination of diesel generation equipment;
- Quarterly sampling of perimeter monitoring wells and McCurdy Creek;
- Continuous water level monitoring of perimeter monitoring wells and wetlands;
- Quarterly monitoring of flow rates in McCurdy Creek;
- Weekly noise monitoring; and,
- Submission of data for NSECC's review and confirmation that extraction operations are not negatively impacting the groundwater.

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# **Community Engagement**

OSCO is committed to working with Indigenous communities and organizations as well as the public and understands that meaningful engagement is an important step in building trust and maintaining relationships. As a first step, OSCO, through Dillon, has sent two notification letters to the following organizations first on October 16 -17, and again on November 17, 2023:

- Colchester County (addressed to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor);
- Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmag;
- Maritime Aboriginal Peoples Council;
- Millbrook First Nation;
- Native Council of Nova Scotia;
- Sipekne'katik First Nation; and
- Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq.

OSCO started the Community Liaison Committee (CLC) in 2018 to establish on-going communication with local residents. The committee typically meets twice a year, with the last meeting occurring on November 7, 2023. The next meeting is planned for March 2024.

Through this Memo, OSCO would like to formally invite community members to select one or two representatives to join the CLC in addition to the current members before the March 2024. The member(s) that are selected will be invited to join the March 2024 meeting (and all subsequent meetings) so that they are able to voice any concerns about the Project that may persist. OSCO is committed to continuing being a good neighbour to the Glenholme community; through the CLC, OSCO seeks feedback on what they can do to limit negative impacts to the local residents. An example of this, during the last CLC meeting, it was recommended that OSCO send out notification about the Project rather than relying on the CLC members to disseminate the information. OSCO agreed and as a result, a flyer was delivered to residences in the area on November 27, 2023. The flyer has led to several questions from community members; to address the concerns, OSCO engaged Dillon to provide a response. Therefore, this letter would not have occurred without the CLC.

As mentioned in comments regarding the Project, OSCO has purchased additional land (PID 20451092), to the northwest of Little Dyke Road and of the Project. This property is not part of this Project and therefore not included in the environmental assessment. OSCO currently has no plans to develop this site in the near future.

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Should OSCO decide to develop this site, development of this area would be subject to an additional environmental assessment.

The flyer that was sent out on November 27, 2023, was to notify the community so that their concerns could be incorporated into the EARD. The December 8, 2023, date was listed as a goal line so that the EARD document could be filed in a timely manner and in accordance with NSECC guidelines. Considering the feedback received, the EARD will not be filed until 2024 so that the concerns of the community can be adequately addressed. Once the EARD is filed, community members will still be able to voice their opinions on the Project to NSECC. Community members can follow the "Citizens Guide for Environmental Assessment"

(https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/docs/citizen-guide-to-environmental-assessment.pdf) to voice their opinions.

# Closing

This letter was prepared by Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) on behalf of OSCO Aggregate Limited (OSCO). Dillon has used the degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised under similar circumstances at the time the work was performed by reputable members of the environmental consulting profession practicing in Canada. Dillon assumes no responsibility for conditions which were beyond its scope of work. There is no warranty expressed or implied by Dillon.

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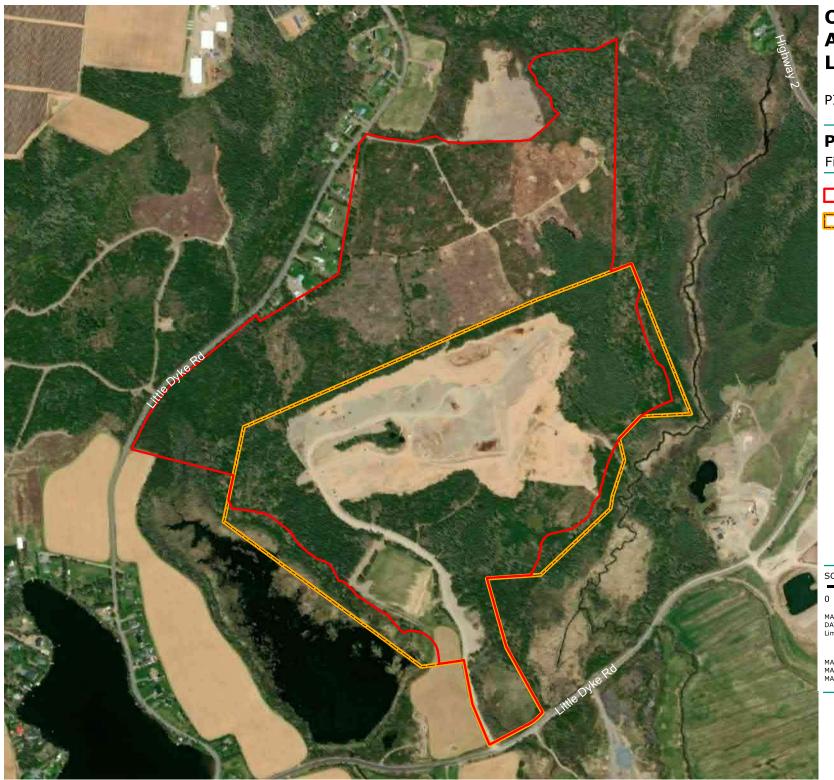
Sincerely,

**DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED** 

Jonathan Oliver, P.Geo., M.Sc. Project Manager, Associate

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Our file: 23-6113-1000



# OSCO AGGREGATES LIMITED

PIT NO. 4 EXTENSION

### **PROJECT AREA**

Figure 1

Project Development Area (Pit No. 4 Extension)



Pit No. 4 Property

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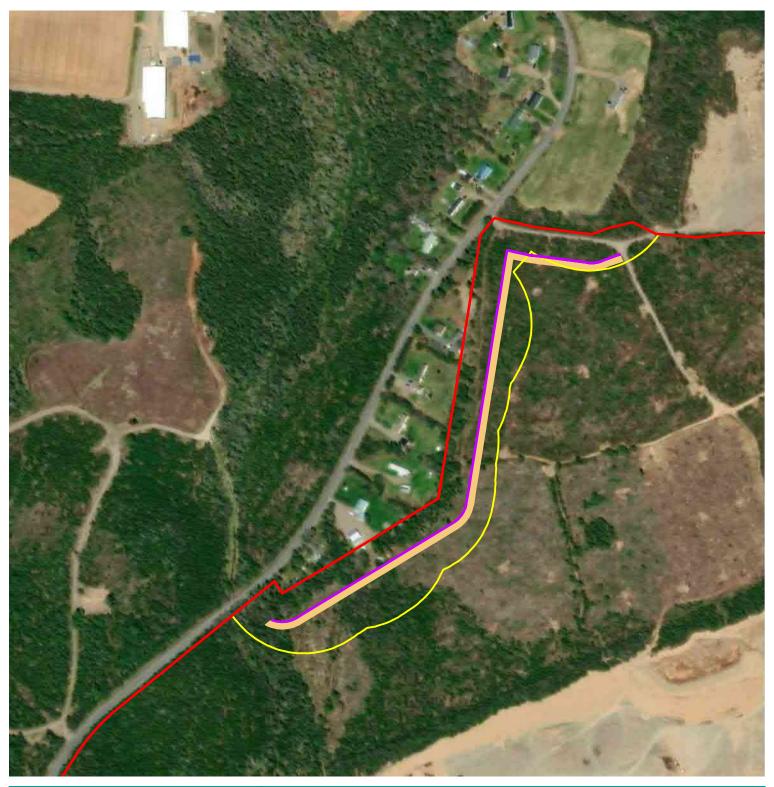
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MAP DRAWING INFORMATION: DATA PROVIDED BY OSCO Aggregates Limited,ESRI, GeoNova

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PROJECT: 236113

DATE: 2023-11-14



## **OSCO AGGREGATES LIMITED**

PIT NO. 4 EXTENSION

Abutting Property Buffer (30m)\*\*\*

Adjacent Building Buffer (90m)

Project Development Area (Pit No. 4 Extension)\*

\*The project development area boundary is a graphical representation of property boundaries; this used for legal descriptions. The final project development area boundary will be based on a legal land survey.

\*\*Graphical representation of the proposed berm, actual dimensions to be finalized prior to project start

\*\*\* 30m buffer from residents adjacent to the berm

## **PROPOSED BERM LOCATION**

FIGURE 2



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION: DATA PROVIDED BY OSCO Aggregates Limited,

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> PROJECT: 23-6113 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2023-12-08