

July 19, 2010

VIA EMAIL

Denise Holmes
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Melancthon
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Dear Ms Holmes:

**Strada Aggregates Inc. Planning Applications,
Proposed Aggregate Extractive Industrial Use
Part W½ Lots 11 & 12, Conc. 3, O.S.**

This will provide an update on the processing of the Strada Aggregates applications as previously described in my letter of June 28th.

At present it appears we are approaching the conclusion of the peer review process and will soon be in a position to circulate the applications to the approval agency, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and a few other key agencies and parties for review prior to proceeding with the public participation phase. The following provides a brief list of updates to some of the items noted in my June 28th letter.

1. We have now received written responses from Strada's consultants on the environmental and hydrogeology peer reviews.
2. After discussions between the involved consultants, there appears to be agreement between the peer reviewer and Strada's consultant on the matters discussed in the environmental peer review.
3. We have been advised that Strada's hydrogeologist was going to contact the peer reviewer directly to discuss the latter's comments on her response to the peer review. At this point we have not yet received any further comment from either hydrogeologist.
4. Last Friday we received a response from Strada's soil consultant on the peer review of the soils and agriculture report. We are now sending that material to the Township's peer reviewer for comment.
5. Although the peer review of the noise report was provided to Strada's consultant, it was not necessary to seek a response since the review found the report to be satisfactory.

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Agenda*

6. We understand that very soon Strada's consultants will be circulating somewhat revised Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) application materials to the Township and certain other agencies.
7. There is no information available from Strada's consultants on any aboriginal consultations.

The Next Steps

As discussed in my letter of June 28th, I will provide a reporting letter to Council at the end of the peer review process. That will occur when the peer review issues are either resolved or deemed appropriate to bring to Council, and after we have had an opportunity to review any revised ARA application material circulated by Strada's consultants.

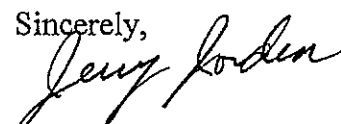
The Strada ARA application is now deemed complete by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Strada is about to proceed into the ARA related 45 day notification and consultation stage. As a key component of that process, Strada will be holding an ARA public information session on August 19th. The Township will receive official notification of that session and will be given an opportunity to provide comment during the 45 day consultation period.

The Township held its own informal public information meeting in the fall of 2008. In view of recent changes to the application to bring it back to a proposal to excavate above the water table and to share the maximum annual aggregate excavation limit for the Strada pit to the north, and the potential for repetition of Strada's ARA meeting, I would suggest that a second such meeting is not required. If Council decides to pursue such a meeting, it could consider holding it either jointly with the ARA meeting or sometime relatively shortly after that meeting.

At the appropriate time it should be possible to proceed directly to the statutory public meeting under the Planning Act. In view of the timing of the municipal election and the related limitations on Council decision making capacity after the close of nominations on September 10th, it appears unlikely that a final decision on these planning applications will be made during the term of this Council. It may be appropriate, therefore, to leave the scheduling of the statutory public meeting to the new Council.

I am available to discuss this with Council at any time and will continue to provide updates on the processing of these applications.

Sincerely,



G. W. Jorden, RPP