

# Shantz Station Pit UPDATE

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A newsletter for the community about the proposed Shantz Station Pit

Capital Paving has reviewed letters that members of the community have sent to the company and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry with comments about the proposed Shantz Station Pit. The company thanks all those who took the time to share their thoughts. Responses to each of the letters were mailed out at the end of August.

If any member of the community continues to have questions or concerns, we would appreciate hearing about them. Please call or email project manager George Lourenco. His contact information is listed at the bottom of this newsletter. He would be pleased to respond to correspondence in writing, have a discussion over the telephone, or meet with members of the public in person. We want to be sure that everyone receives as much information as they would like about the proposed pit application.

## WHO ARE CAPITAL'S TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND WHO REVIEWS THEIR WORK?

As part of its application process, the company has hired a group of technical consultants with expertise in hydrogeology, agriculture, noise, air quality, traffic, the natural environment, cultural heritage, archaeology, landscape architecture (for visual impacts) and planning. These consultants have special education and experience in their particular areas of expertise, and have worked on a variety of land use projects in the public and private sectors. Many are based locally and have completed a number of projects in the Kitchener/Waterloo and Guelph areas, and all are bound by their respective profession's code of conduct to prepare accurate and objective reports. The CVs of the consultants involved in the technical reports are outlined at the end of each report, and all of the reports are posted on the project website [shantzstationpit.com](http://shantzstationpit.com).

The work of Capital's consultants is required to stand up to independent scrutiny and each of their reports is extensively reviewed. Woolwich Township and Waterloo Region will hire independent technical consultants to supplement the municipalities' in-house expertise.

In addition to the independent peer reviews, the Region and Ministry of Transportation are reviewing the traffic report since the proposed Shantz Station Road haul route is a Regional Road with a connection to Highway #7. The Region, Grand River Conservation Authority and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry are reviewing the hydrogeology report, while these agencies plus the Township and the

Ministry of Environment, Parks and Conservation are reviewing the natural environment report.

The reviews are expected to take several months, and typically involve the reviewers and Capital's consultants being involved in back-and-forth discussions to address questions and resolve any areas of concern.

## PROGRESSIVE REHABILITATION BACK TO AGRICULTURE



**Crop cultivation and aggregate extraction are happening concurrently at Capital Paving's Whistle Bare Pit in North Dumfries, similar to what's being proposed for the Shantz Station Pit. In the photo above, the fields in the foreground as well as along the slope to the right have been rehabilitated back to farmland after the gravel was removed.**

Capital is looking to extract gravel from the Shantz Station Pit in five phases (or areas), usually working in two phases at a time. The soil (overburden) above the gravel is stripped from the land to gain access to the gravel, and used to both construct berms and be set aside for rehabilitation. Once a phase is mined out, the subsoil and topsoil are placed back in the same order they were removed, with the land prepared for crop planting while extraction moves over to the next phase. The rehabilitated lands will have the same average soil quality as before the extraction occurred.

Capital has successfully rehabilitated pits back to agriculture uses at other sites, including at its Wellington Pit in Puslinch, Holman Pit in Guelph and Whistle Bare Pit in North Dumfries. The company has received numerous awards from the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association for its progressive rehabilitation initiatives.

For more information about the proposed Shantz Station Pit, contact project manager George Lourenco, 519-822-4511 ext. 219, [shantzstationpit@capitalpaving.on.ca](mailto:shantzstationpit@capitalpaving.on.ca)

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