

# Shantz Station Pit UPDATE

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A newsletter for the community about the proposed Shantz Station Pit

## TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON SHANTZ STATION PIT APPLICATION

Woolwich Township Council is expected to decide on July 13, 2021, whether to accept a staff recommendation to approve Capital Paving's application for an Official Plan amendment and a re-zoning application for the proposed Shantz Station Pit. This after Council deferred the matter at its Committee of the Whole meeting on June 22 in order to provide sufficient time to hear all delegations wishing to speak to the application.

Capital expects that Council will make its decision based on the merits of the application, and whether it has met all of the Township's zoning and official plan policies. Capital has fulfilled all of these requirements for its Shantz Station Pit application.

While there continues to be opposition to the pit proposal from some members of the community, Council will put itself in a difficult position if it decides to go against the report of its own staff, and turn down the application.

Staff reports from both Woolwich Township and Waterloo Region have indicated no objection to Capital's application, nor do the municipalities' own peer reviewers – after Capital made some revisions to its site plans to satisfy issues raised by the reviewers. Furthermore, both the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) have also expressed no objection to the plans for the proposed Shantz Station Pit.

Should Township Council decide to approve Capital's application, those community members who continue to oppose the proposed Shantz Station Pit can themselves appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal. More information about the tribunal's appeals process is available at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/>.

The tribunal makes decisions based on municipalities' – in this case Waterloo Region's and Woolwich Township's – own legislation, as well as provincial planning policies and legislation under the MNRF, and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The tribunal's decisions are based on the applicable legislation and scientific study, and not on public opinion.

Regardless of Council's decision on the Shantz Station Pit application, Capital Paving is committed to continuing to respond to questions and comments from the public.