

Port Colborne Quarry FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

Is a landfill being proposed?

No, the application before Council is not to convert the Port Colborne Quarry to a landfill.

The application before council by Port Colborne Quarry, owned by Port Colborne Quarries Inc. (PCQ), owned by Rankin Construction, is a Site Alteration Permit Request to fill Pit 1 with clean inert fill.

Why are they asking to alter the 1982 site plan agreement?

They are not asking to alter the 1982 Site Plan Agreement. They are applying for a Site Alteration Permit, in accordance with By-Law 5528/125/10, A By-Law to prohibit or regulate the removal of top soil, the placing or dumping of fill and the alteration of the grade of land within the City of Port Colborne.

Where can I find a copy of the Site Alteration Permit Report?

PDF can be made available by visiting www.portcolborne.ca/page/pcq
Alternatively, copies can be made available at the Clerks office, first floor City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street. Alternatively, to access online, residents can visit the Port Colborne Public Library, 310 King Street.

Why is the proposed Site Alteration fee the fee that it is?

In Report 2019-38 a revised fee of \$1,420.00 was recommended. This fee is based on By-Law [5528/125/10](#), A By-Law to prohibit or regulate the removal of top soil, the placing or dumping of fill and the alteration of the grade of land within the City of Port Colborne, and acreage of the site.

To view a PDF of the redacted Site Alteration application, visit www.portcolborne.ca/page/pcq

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When is the next council meeting regarding the Port Colborne Quarry?

Please be advised that the report concerning the Port Colborne Quarry – Site Application Permit, **will not be** coming forward for the May 27, 2019 Council Meeting.

Planning Staff is awaiting comments from the various Provincial Ministries.

We are currently expecting the report to come to the June 24 meeting, but will contact all delegations **1 week** before the meeting to confirm.

How can I speak at a council meeting?

Application forms are available at the front counter of the first floor of City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street. The Clerk's office accepts delegation requests until noon the day of the meeting. Members of the public must register by the deadline in order to speak at the meeting. Our procedural by-law currently states that three delegations are accepted and each delegate is given 10 minutes. It is at Council's discretion to waive the rules of procedures to deviate from this. For the June 24 meeting delegates will be limited to five-minute presentations to ensure that all residents have an opportunity to speak.

What if I can't attend the meeting?

If a member of the public is not able to attend, and wishes to provide further information, or does not feel comfortable speaking at the meeting they may submit written comments. These comments will be circulated to members of Council and included in the public record.

For more information about being a delegate at council, visit:

<http://portcolborne.ca/page/delegations>

Where can I find the 1982 Quarry site plan agreement?

PDF can be made available by visiting www.portcolborne.ca/page/pcq.

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Why is Pit 1 not referenced in the original 1982 Quarry site plan agreement?

Pit 1 was not licenced by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), only Pits 2 and 3 were. Clause 23 in the agreement states that a rehabilitation program for Pit 1 should be compatible to the program for Pits 2 and 3. There is, in the clause, no indication or direction to what is compatible, or a timeframe as to when it should happen.

Why are they being allowed to consider changing from a proposed passive lake to filling in with clean inert fill?

The 1982 agreement does not state that Pit 1 must become a passive lake.

According to the 1982 agreement Port Colborne Quarries is required to undertake a rehabilitation program for Pit 1, which is compatible to the program contemplated for the

other pits. This does not impose an obligation on Port Colborne Quarries to establish a passive recreational lake to rehabilitate Pit 1. This leaves the rehabilitation program open to interpretation as any number of rehabilitation measures could be deemed to be "compatible to" a recreational lake.

How long will it take to fill Pit 1 with clean inert fill?

It is being projected that it could take 15 - 20 years to fill Pit 1.

Will the Site Alteration Permit expire?

If approved, the site alteration permit would expire once Pit 1 has been filled.

Where can I find past reports regarding the Quarry?

All agenda/minutes and videos are available on our website:

http://portcolborne.ca/page/minutes_and_agendas

Below are the past reports that have been presented and deferred:

October 9, 2018

Planning Report [2018-138](#) Pg. 79

<http://portcolborne.ca/fileBin/library/CouncilPackage-OCT092018.pdf>

November 13, 2018

Planning Report [2018-138](#) Pg. 55

<http://portcolborne.ca/fileBin/library/agendas/CouncilPackage-NOV132018.pdf>

March 11, 2019

Planning Report 2019-14 Pg. 49

<http://portcolborne.ca/fileBin/library/agendas/CouncilPackage-MAR112019.pdf>

March 25, 2019

Planning Report 2019-38 Pg. 33

<http://portcolborne.ca/fileBin/library/agendas/CouncilPackage-MAR252019.pdf>

Also of interest could be the delegation material submitted for the March 25 council meeting last meeting which can be found in the March 25 minutes

http://portcolborne.ca/fileBin/library/03-25-19-10%20committee_1904.pdf

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