

# Quarry General Description

- Quarries extract and sell aggregate products that include sand, gravel, clay, limestone, sandstone, marble, granite, and sandstone.
- Province has assured access to aggregate via Provincial Policy Statement and the Aggregate Resources Act
- Municipal Official Plan (OP) protects access to aggregate and has more proactive approach in its recent OP update process by designating “quarry potential” areas and ensuring the incompatible development does not take place in close proximity to these protection areas
- Application Process – requires approval from both Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and municipality (proper Official Plan designation and Zoning)



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- Galway, Harvey & Cavendish (GCH) Township and the Big Bald Lake watershed includes areas deemed as excellent sources of aggregates.
- Aggregates are plentiful and close to the surface in our municipality - especially along Hwy. 36.
- In total there are 24 licensed pits/quarries in our municipality, with 5 located within 5 km of BBL
- Very large “quarry potential” area exists 1.5 km. of the north shore of Big Bald Lake (BBL)
- Locally there are two significant types of quarry activity
  - 1) gravel type aggregates for roads and construction materials
  - 2) dimension stone for large stone work like shorelines landscaping



# Quarry Update

- Quarry activity to mine the aggregates can negatively impact the Big Bald Lake experience
- Negative impacts of quarry activity are related to:
  - noise levels for both blasting and general work
  - dust management,
  - groundwater protection,
  - truck traffic,
  - silt runoff.
- As an important ongoing concern for the BBLCA, the Quarry sub-Committee was created several years ago to act on behalf of the association in this area.
- The committee has renewed its purpose in January 2010.



# Quarry Committee Purpose

- Representing BBLCA in the Quarry process.
  - Update current events, Information gathering
  - Establish relationships and two way dialogue
  - BBLCA representation in approval process, all public meetings
- Lobbying and extending influence
  - Other cottage associations, conservation authority
  - Government and CGH Township
- BBLCA as active participant in local quarry process.
- Look for win/win solutions.
- 2010 focus on: ongoing monitoring for noise, dust and watertable fluctuations
- For questions or comments please don't hesitate to contact [davidfowler@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidfowler@sympatico.ca)

