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Reference number: PN 10-055

April 23, 2021

Mr. Paul Ritchie  
Dewdney Mountain Farms Ltd.

Project: **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT  
LEVEL 1 and LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL REPORTS**

**PPS (2020) compliance letter**

**DEWDNEY MOUNTAIN FARMS LTD. QUARRY  
PART LOTS 28, 29 and 30, CONCESSION 15  
GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF HARVEY  
NOW MUNICIPALITY OF TRENT LAKES  
PETERBOROUGH COUNTY**

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

GHD (formerly Niblett Environmental Associates Inc.) completed the Natural Environment Level 1 and Level 2 Technical Reports for the proposed quarry in the former Harvey Township.

This letter has been prepared to accompany the Municipality applications, in regards to consistency and conformity to the:

- Provincial Policy Statement (May 1, 2020) from a Natural Heritage/environmental perspective.

This is part of the documentation required to request the Municipality to approve the new site specific amending Zoning By-law.

## **Provincial Policy Statement (May 1, 2020)**

The PPS, section 2.1 lists a number of natural heritage features that are covered by the policies. This includes provincially significant wetlands, coastal wetlands, significant valleylands or significant areas of natural and scientific interest. None of these were confirmed on the Site.

Significant woodlands, significant wildlife habitat and habitat of threatened and endangered species were identified and confirmed on site.

The quarry application (zoning amendment) was the subject of part of an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing (Case PL 130149). The three confirmed natural heritage features above, were part of the testimony and evidence presented. The board concluded: *The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence before it at the hearing and finds that the requested amendments to the OP and the By-law conform to the general intent and purpose of both the (Municipality's) OP and the COP, that is, the County's Official Plan. They are, as well, consistent with Provincial policy and in accordance with good planning principles. The Board has also considered its powers respecting the appeals under the Planning Act and the MNRF's powers under the ARA, and has restricted the terms of the Board's Orders accordingly.*

The removal of the woodlands will be temporary/interim as the progressive rehabilitation plan includes replanting of forest in linking blocks across the site. The existing functions of the woodland has been incorporated into the rehabilitation plan design with improvements and enhancements of the linkages, diversity and wildlife values, as well as creating habitat for Species at Risk bird species. This is in keeping with section 2.5.3 of the PPS (2020).

*2.1.7 Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in habitat of endangered species and threatened species, except in accordance with provincial and federal requirements.*

The decision of the OMB included statements on the process that was outlined by NEA during our testimony that will be followed to obtain the necessary Endangered Species Act permits from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. That process is underway and continuing. With that permit, compliance with section 2.1.7 will be achieved.

### *2.5.3 Rehabilitation*

*2.5.3.1 Progressive and final rehabilitation shall be required to accommodate subsequent land uses, to promote land use compatibility, to recognize the interim nature of extraction, and to mitigate negative impacts to the extent possible. Final rehabilitation shall take surrounding land use and approved land use designations into consideration.*

A progressive rehabilitation is part of the license site plan package that was approved. This includes a phased rehabilitation plan to restore woodland, field and rock barren to the site post extraction. This includes recreating habitat for threatened and endangered species through an ESA overall benefit permit.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Ellingwood", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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