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Hardy Bock, President  
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**RE: Application for Expansion of Category 9 Aggregate Permit**

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Dear Mr. Bock,

Thank you for your email dated December 17, 2018 regarding the aggregate permit expansion application #14871 by the City of Kenora, and potential concerns raised by the Lake of the Woods District Property Owners Association (LOWDPOA).

A Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Class Environmental Assessment for Resource Stewardship Facilities Development (EA RSFD) project screening was completed for this project. Subsequently the proposed project was screened to a Category B. For this screening the MNRF reviewed the permit expansion application package submitted by the City of Kenora. No negative impacts to the watershed are anticipated based on our screening and the associated application package. As part of the aggregate permit application, a Letter of Opinion was completed by a registered Professional Engineer stating there would be no known negative impacts to groundwater.

During assessment of the application and existing aggregate operation, it was determined any potential impacts remained localized to the adjacent properties. Therefore, the MNRF consulted nearby property owners and did not expand the consultation more broadly. We recognize and appreciate the LOWDPOA's ability to quickly notify numerous stakeholders and utilize the association as a valuable resource for consultation on projects.

To assist the Kenora District MNRF in our future notification and consultation processes, please let us know if there are certain types of applications the association wants to be directly consulted on.

On November 21, 2018 eight registered letters including the notice and project description were sent to landowners within 120 metres of the site. All notices were received by December 7, 2018. Under the *Aggregate Resources Act*, it is a requirement to notify property owners within 120 meters of the site. Through our MNRF Class EA RSFD process, thirty-eight notice letters including the project description were sent by regular mail to other landowners on the Wynd Road, Ritchie Road and Lawton Drive. Notices are sent to the mailing address of the property owners; many notices were sent out of province to reach the appropriate audience.

A digital copy of the application package was sent to Diane Schwartz-Williams on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 for review, which was posted on LOWDPOA's website. The MNRF agreed this would alleviate the concern that association members would not be able to utilize the opportunity to view the documentation at the local MNRF office. Given the recent disruption to mail service, the notification period has now been extended by an additional 30 days.

As the road(s) accessing the aggregate site are within the municipality, we urge comments and concerns related to potential road damage and associated environmental impacts be submit to the City of Kenora and their consultant.

Please advise your members the public notification period has been extended and comments can be submitted until **January 20, 2019**.

We appreciate your association's continued assistance with public engagement during natural resources management activities. If you have any further questions about this proposed aggregate permit expansion please contact Sonya Zuber, Aggregates Technical Specialist, at 807-274-8609 or via email at [sonya.zuber@ontario.ca](mailto:sonya.zuber@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



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Kenora District

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Mayor Daniel Reynard, City of Kenora

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