



CBM-Caledon Quarry

CAART COMMENT SUMMARY TABLE RESPONSE #1 – [Socio-Economic]

Please accept the following as feedback from the Caledon Aggregate Review Team (CAART). Fully addressing each comment will expedite the potential for resolution of the consolidated CAART comments and individual agency objections. **Additional comments may be provided once a response has been prepared to the comments raised below and additional information provided.**

Colour Code	Description
	Resolved
	Resolved subject to additional information being provided to CAART Reviewers (e.g, Implementation Guide, Report Addendums)
(no colour)	Response provided, but no further action taken or required by Project Team

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1.	Define Terms (High) The different types of impacts should be defined. Ideally, the impacts should be aligned with Statistics Canada terms.	Appendix B					
2.	Improve Clarity of Explanations (Medium) While the methodology of the Economic Impact Report seems reasonable, the Report itself provides few details on the methodology used. Below is a list of clarifications we recommend including in the Report, and further explanations may also be helpful. - How the tonnes of output were converted to a dollar value, including the source used. - Assumptions on stone output vs. sand & gravel output. - Clarify that CBM supplied direct employment figures.	Appendix B					

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	The industries used for the Supply and Use tables.						
3.	Reframe “Indirect Benefits” (Low) The Economic Impact Report estimates the savings in transportation costs in the “Indirect Benefits” section. This is mostly semantics, but in our opinion, calling these “indirect benefits” is inaccurate. Along with providing more aggregate resources for construction projects, reducing the overall transportation footprint (i.e. proximity to market) is one of the central contributions of this project.	Appendix B					
4.	Estimate Value Added of Quarry (High) The value of aggregates produced for construction projects is the primary economic contribution of the project. This value can be roughly estimated in terms of value added. We recommend that at least the direct value added from the project's operations be included in this report.	Appendix B					
5.	Standardize Reference Year (Medium) The Economic Impact Report presents labour income in 2017 dollar values, license fees in 2022 dollar values, and property tax values in an unspecified year, likely 2022. For indirect benefits, effects are indicated using dollar values from 2016, 2017, and 2019. While the effects of inflation are likely small for those years, it would be helpful for all measurable impacts to be stated in terms of the same reference year.	Appendix B					
6.	Conclusions from Existing Condition Review (Low) While the Socio-Economic Assessment Report conducted a thorough review of the	Section 4.2					

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	existing conditions, it did not reach any specific conclusions (i.e., how the existing conditions relate to the proposed project). Based on nature of the data examined, it's likely that not many conclusions can realistically be drawn from them. The Terms of Reference did not require that the existing conditions be tied to the evaluation of the project, so while it would be ideal for this data to be used in a concrete way, it is not required.						
7.	Unemployment Numbers Affected by Covid (Low) The Socio-Economic Assessment Report examined unemployment figures from the 2021 Census. This data reflected conditions near the peak of labour market disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Unemployment numbers decreased shortly afterward across Ontario. Unfortunately, more recent data may not be available for either Caledon or Peel Region. Because no conclusions are drawn from the unemployment data, the use of 2021 Census data may not be problematic. Still, it is worth noting that unemployment figures are elevated in the discussion.	Section 4.2					
8.	Discussion of Residual Impacts (Medium) For each impact, the Report references the findings from the technical reports, which mainly show that planned mitigation measures would decrease impacts to guideline levels (for some impacts, such as noise levels, the mitigation measures would eliminate any significant impacts). Despite mitigation measures, it is likely that some residual impacts would remain. A description of what these impacts are, such as what guideline amounts permit, could be important to understand the potential negative impacts of the project. Reporting the quantitative values of these impacts (e.g., quantitative increase in noise levels or air pollution; likelihood of flyrock escaping	Section 5.2-5.3					

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	the site) may be difficult to measure or quantify, but would be especially helpful.						