

Purpose of the Haul Route Study

St Marys Cement (SMC) is proposing a new limestone quarry on a 158 hectare site located in the former Township of Flamborough, north of Concession 11 between Center Road and Milborough Line.

Applications for planning approvals were submitted to the City of Hamilton in 2004. The City has requested an evaluation be undertaken to select the preferred mode/routes to transport the aggregate material from the proposed quarry site.

The Terms of Reference for the study were established by the City's Combined Aggregate Review Team (CART) and set out identification of potential alternate haul routes, documentation of baseline conditions, and systematic evaluation to select a preferred alternative. CART membership includes representation from the City of Hamilton, the Town of Milton, Halton Region (list all members). SMC has undertaken to complete a study in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Although the Truck Route Study is not an environmental assessment; the Terms of Reference require that the evaluation be completed in a manner consistent with requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act.

The primary activities to be carried out in the study as defined in the Terms of Reference are as follows:

- Define Study Parameter Assumptions;
- Identify and Evaluate Alternative Solutions;
- Identify Reasonable Alternative Routes;
- Identify and describe any needed improvements to the alternative routes;
- Describe Baseline Conditions;
- Develop the Evaluation Approach;
- Assess & Evaluate the Alternative Routes;
- Select the Preferred Route(s);
- Describe Effects for the Preferred Route(s);
- Identify Potential Road Improvement Needs;
- Identify financial implications and proponent and municipal responsibilities;
- Prepare Draft and Final Evaluation Reports;
- Public Consultation; and Agency Consultation.