

# Conestogo Winterbourne Residents Association



## Community Update

April 27, 2009



# Agenda

- Hunsberger Application
- Proposed Pits
- Application Process
- CWRA Activities
- Next Steps

# Hunsberger Pit Application

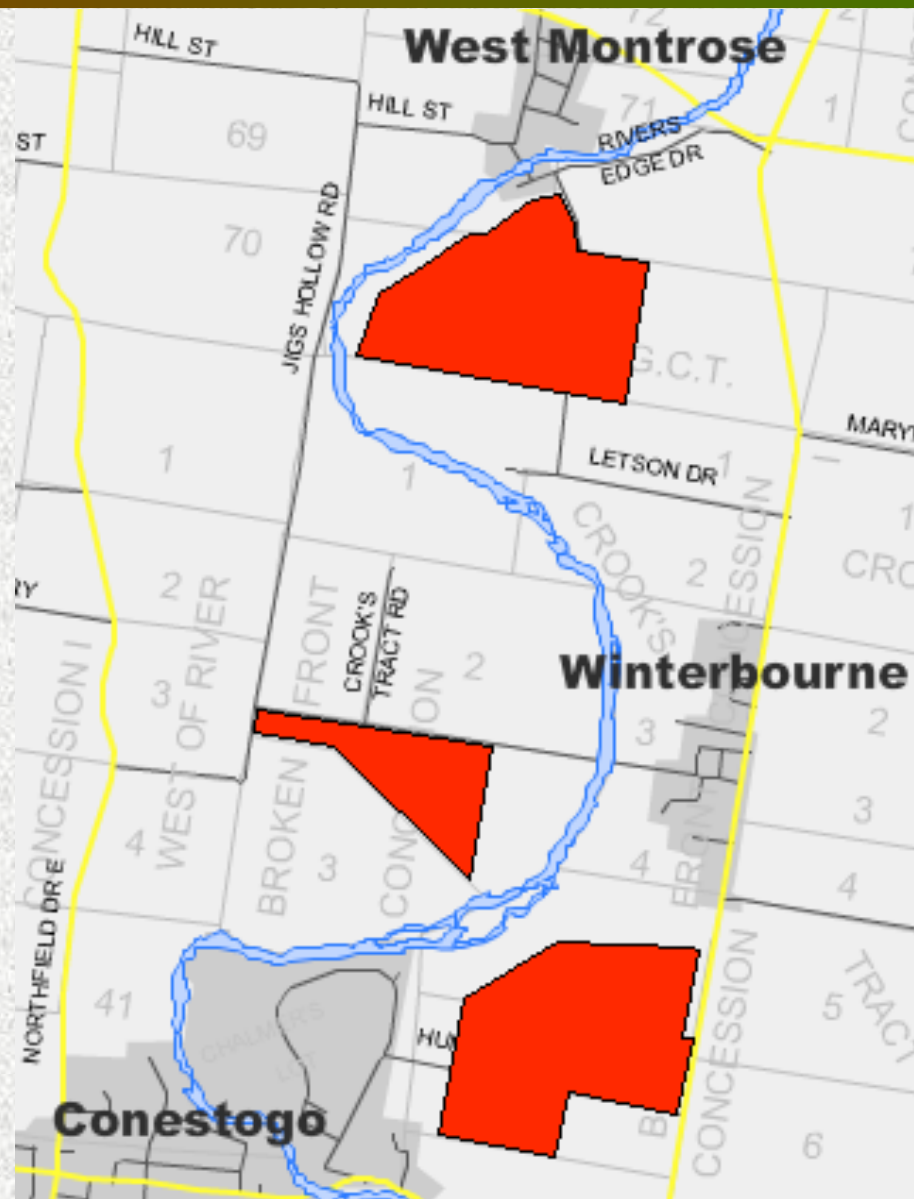
- Application has been made
- The process begins...



# Proposed Pits in the Area

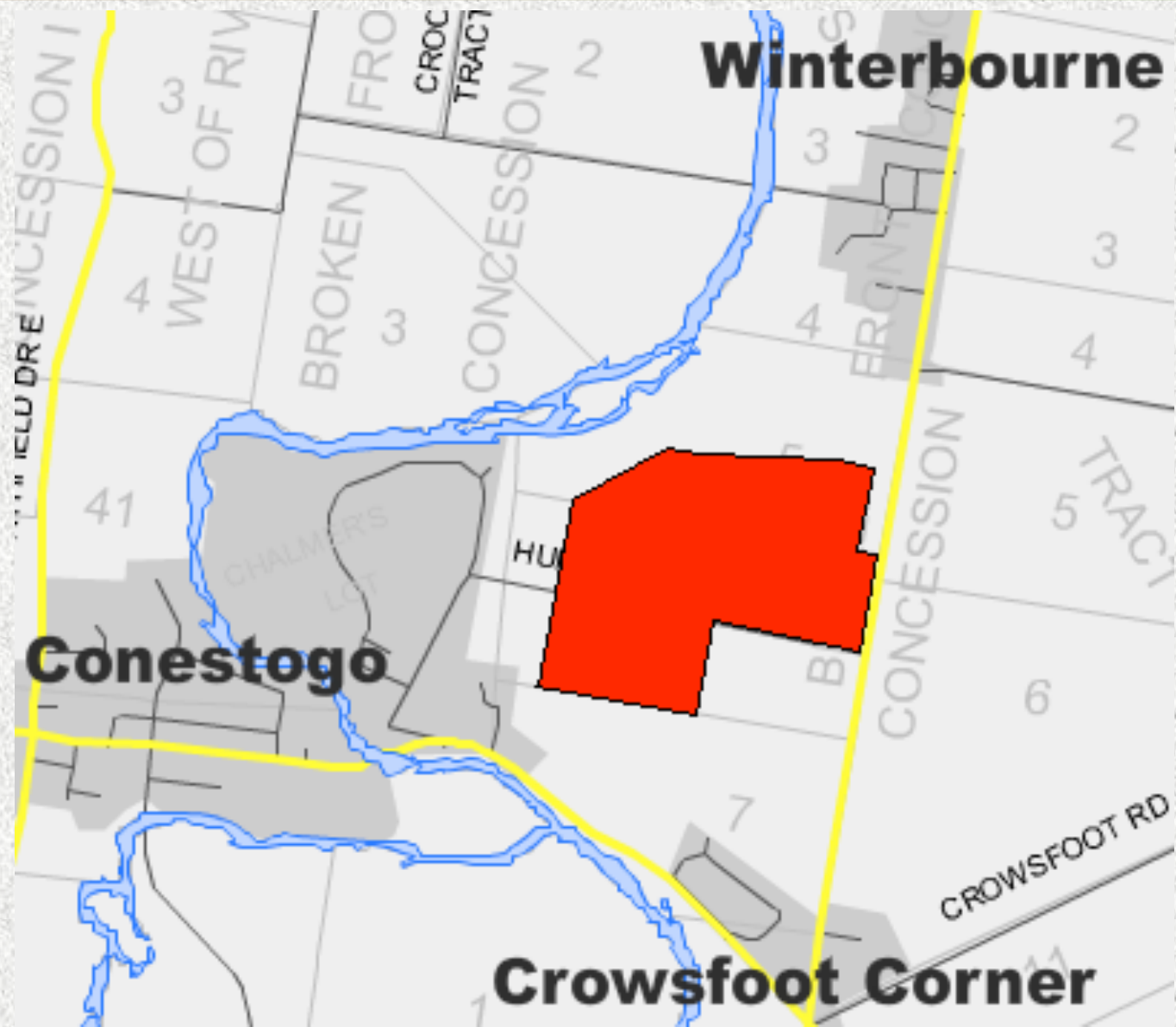
- Three proposed pits in the area
  - West Montrose
  - Jigs Hollow
  - Hunsberger
- Most impact to our community from Hunsberger pit

# Proposed Pits in the Area





# Hunsberger Pit





# Gravel Pit Application Process

- Application for an Aggregate License to operate the gravel pit (to the Ministry of Natural Resources)
- Application for zoning change (to the Township of Woolwich)
- Application has been made for the Aggregate License to the MNR for the Hunsberger pit



# Application for Aggregate License

- Application submitted by the Proponent will include similar reports to those included with the application for a zoning change
- Can happen concurrently, or prior to, the Zoning Change Application



# Application for Aggregate License

- a) Public comment period/review of application to township
- b) Public meeting 30 days after filing
- c) Negotiation of license restrictions with Township
- d) Township can provide comments and recommendations to MNR that can be incorporated into the license
- e) If approved, decision by MNR on mitigative measures on site

# Hunsberger Application

- 500,000 tonnes/yr to be extracted for approximately 8-10 years
- On average:
  - 12 truck trips an hour
  - 5 days a week
  - 12 hours per day (7am to 7pm)
  - 220 days per year
- All traffic to go through the Crowsfoot intersection and then to Conestogo or Bloomingdale
- Proposal includes asphalt and concrete recycling facility



# CWRA Mandate

**Eliminate** and/or **Mitigate** the impact of a gravel pit in the area

Focused on Hunsberger pit  
(likely to have the most impact on the  
community)

# CWRA Activities – Aggregate Policy

- Made recommendations for new Township aggregate policy
- Recommendations were accepted
- Unfortunately new policy is not yet in effect
  - The Township has indicated that their recommendations to the applicant will be based on this policy
  - We were told that the applicant “appears to be following some aspects” of the new policy
- It is unclear if the Hunsberger pit must conform to the new policy (e.g. West Montrose Pit)

# CWRA Activities – Example Costs

## Technical Experts

Ecology	11,000
Geotechnical	13,000
Hydrogeology	12,000
Legal	35,000
Traffic review	10,950
Research Materials	1,000

## Community Activities

Newsletter/flyer printing	2,000
Flyer Deliver	500
Signage	3,000

## Incorporation

Insurance	2300
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## Operating Costs

Web site	400
Office supplies	300
Meeting expenses	500
Bank service charges	50
Meeting expenses	3,000
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Reserve	8,000
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Total	100,000



# Donations

- Thank you for your donations
- Donations can be made by mailing a cheque to:  
CWRA  
4-55 Northfield Drive East  
Suite 178  
Waterloo, Ontario  
N2K 3T6
- Please make cheques payable to: “CWRA”



# CWRA Activities – Engaged Pros

- Lawyer
  - Steven J. O'Melia of Miller Thomson
- Planner
  - Bill Green of GSP Planning (Conducting a conflict of interest check)
- Engineer
  - Peter A. Gray of MTE Consultants Inc.
- Any help from professionals in the community is welcome

# CWRA Activities – Next Steps

- Create response letter
  - Due on May 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Voice opposition to the pit
- Analyze application
  - Hired professionals will provide
- Create detailed response
  - Request restrictions considering likely impact to water, traffic, noise, dust, environment
  - Request restrictions on hours of operation, setbacks, birms, etc.

# What can the community do?

- Donations
- Professional services?
- Has anyone had their wells tested by IBI?
- Go to the meetings and ask questions
- Show up in numbers to Aggregate Resource Act public meeting (MNR Application)
  - IBI to present plan
  - May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM
  - Conestogo Public School
- Go read the application at MNR/Township office
- Forward concerns to CWRA
- Send letters to MNR and Hunder
- If we raise no concerns, pit will likely proceed as proposed
- Anything else?



**Don't let them turn your town into Bedrock!**



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