

Provided below is a brief chronology of events that have transpired at Michipicoten Harbour, leading up to the present-day dissension concerning the proposed traprock quarry:

1890's

- has been used as a port facility since the 1890's to service the iron ore mine in Wawa and for forestry, commercial fishing, and coal for railway locomotives and for petroleum products.

1998

- iron ore mine closed

1999

- Great Lakes Heritage Coast announced as one of nine signature sites in Ontario's Living Legacy
- Land originally owned by Algoma Central Railway then sold to the Sanitary Landfill and Mining Company and then to the current owner, Superior Aggregates Corporation bought the 386h property in 1999
- Current zoning includes Rural; Hazard Lands; M1 General Industrial; and M2 Restricted Industrial. Nowhere on the property is there M3 Extractive Industrial zoning.

2000

- railway to the harbour removed

2002

- Members of CCMB brought this zoning issue to the attention of Town Council in early 2002. They told Council that correct zoning would be required before Certificates of Approval could be issued by the Ministry of the Environment
- Town Council ignored the advice
- In July, CCMB wrote letter to Town Council questioning the zoning
- September 3, Township gets legal opinion that re-zoning not required
- September, CCMB's lawyer provided a legal opinion to the Town Council that re-zoning was required

2003

- In January, CCMB took legal action against the municipality
- Superior Aggregates agreed with the legal opinion provided by CCMB and applied for the re-zoning of the 35h proposed in their first phase of development
- Municipality did not agree that re-zoning was necessary but accepted re-zoning application from Superior Aggregates
- July/August, SAC has geological mapping done for proposed quarry area - report indicates acid containing rock - report not available to the public but copy of report given to Ministry of Northern Development and Mines staff person in confidence*
- October 7, public meeting held for comments on proposed new zoning - Quarry Manager states that there is no acid containing rock at the proposed quarry site
- November, Town Council approves official plan amendment and new zoning that only applies to 35h*
- December, former employee of Superior Aggregates acclaimed as Mayor of Township of Michipicoten

- December, CCMB's legal action heard by an Ontario Superior Court judge - decision in CCMB's favour - judge criticizes the council and says that "project would have proceeded with the resulting illegal non-conforming use of the property."*

2004

- March 27, MMAH replies to zoning application with long list of changes required
- April, MOE posts notice on the Environmental Registry to designate proposed quarry under the Environmental Assessment Act
- August, MNR designates the area under the Aggregates Resources Act
- December, MOE decides not to designate quarry under the EAA
- December, SAC submits application for quarry licence to the MNR - geology report in application does not match the results from August 2003 report*

2005

- January 31, deadline for public and government comments from review of quarry application
- May, MMAH revises letter of changes needed to OPA4 before it gets approved
- CCMB successful in FOI application to obtain copy of August 2003 geology report from Ministry of Northern Development and Mines*
- September, SAC replies to public comments for quarry application
- November 1, Environmental Commissioner report on "Aggregate Extraction on the North Shore of Lake Superior"*
- November 1, CCMB submits application to the Township of Michipicoten for an Official Plan Amendment for Michipicoten Harbour Special District*
- November 15, Township Council approves modified Official Plan Amendment
- November 25, Ministry of Municipal Affairs approves modified Official Plan Amendment*
- December 15, CCMB appeals zoning decision to the Ontario Municipal Board*

2006

- January 19. Superior Aggregates meets with the Ministry of Natural Resources. Superior Aggregates was not able to prove to the MNR that the water table was at the same level as Lake Superior. SAC information showed that the water table was as high as 20 m about the level of Lake Superior. SAC agrees to do more water table testing and to adjust proposed site plan and aggregate application to show higher water table.
- March 21. CCMB makes presentation to Town Council about their Official Plan Amendment for the Michipicoten Harbour Special District.
- April ?. Township Council rejects CCMB's Official Plan Amendment

PRESENT:

Superior Aggregates has applied for a Category 1 & 2 PIT/QUARRY.

Please add your name in support of the Project.

November 14, 2006

**Superior Aggregates Company
Box 3, Michipicoten Harbour
Wawa, Ontario, P0S 1K0**

Attention: Bruce Staines

**Ministry of Natural Resources
64 Church Street
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 3H3**

Attention: Trevor Woods, District Manager

**Re: A Category 1 Class "A" Pit below water and a Category 2 Class "A" Quarry below
Water application by Superior Aggregates Company in Lendrum Township, Wawa, ON.**

Dear Sir:

