



September 9, 2025

**RE: Updates to Cavanagh's Highland Line Pit Application  
 Aggregate Resources Act Application #626599  
 Part of Lot 5, Concession 10 (Dalhousie), Township of Lanark Highlands, County of Lanark  
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The following provides an update on the proposed Highland Line Pit application and additional changes made by Cavanagh in response to comments received.

In January 2025, Cavanagh made the following changes to the application:

1. Reduce the proposed maximum annual tonnage limit from 1,000,000 tonnes to 500,000 tonnes.
2. Reduce the proposed licensed area of the pit from 50.6 hectares to 37.6 hectares. In conjunction with this change, the proposed extraction area is proposed to be reduced from 35.1 hectares to 28.4 hectares.
3. Reduce the maximum hourly number of trucks leaving the pit from 30 to 15 per hour.
4. Remove aggregate recycling activities from the proposed pit operation including asphalt and concrete recycling and storage.
5. Reduction of the proposed hours of operation for the pit to remove overnight operations (from 24 hours to 6 am to 9 pm) with restrictions on operating equipment before 7am and after 7pm.

Cavanagh and the project team have reviewed the additional public comments received in response to these changes and the application. In summary, Cavanagh is proposing to make the following additional key changes to the application:

1. Further reduction of the proposed hours of operation from 6 am to 9 pm to 7 am to 7 pm.
2. Shipping to be prohibited during half load season.
3. Reducing operational entrances from four to two (one entrance per extraction area).
4. Enhancements to visual screening along Highland Line including retaining existing vegetation, where feasible, and planting white spruce, white pine and white birch between the proposed berm and Highland Line.
5. Vegetation within the 30m setbacks in the northwest corner of the site adjacent to road allowance will be fully retained.
6. Phasing and direction of excavation revised to ensure public views into the site are appropriately screened or mitigated.

The Aggregate Resources Act Site Plan has been updated to reflect these changes which are identified in redline. The following additional technical work has also been completed in response to comments received:

- Visual Assessment for Barbers Lake (MHBC); and,
- Updated Noise Report (Freefield).

These updated materials can be viewed on Cavanagh's project website under the "September 2025 Update" Tab: <https://cavanagharaapprovals.com/highlandLinePit/index.html>.

In addition, the project website includes the peer reviews undertaken on traffic, hydrogeology, natural environment and noise, and the responses thereto.

The Township of Lanark Highland is hosting a public meeting under the Planning Act on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the McDonald's Corner's Agricultural Hall. The project team will be present at this meeting to overview updates to the application. A decision on the application will not be made at this Public Meeting.

Thank you for your interest in the Highland Line Pit application. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Yours truly,

**MHBC**



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