A public consultation meeting will be held to gather comments in relation to the development project of a quarry in Campeau township. The meeting will be held on July 8, 2016, at 17h, at Salle Desjardins of Temiscaming City hall (20 Humphrey Street).

The proposed project is the operation of a quarry in the Lake Beauchene sector. The quarry has been in operation since 1999. A public consultation is nevertheless necessary to continue the work. All documentation related to the project is available in English and French on the website www.pierresdunord.ca

To submit comments, you can contact Samuelle Ramsay Houle by email at pierresdunord2015@gmail.com or by phone at 819-277-8666. You have up to 30 days, until August 8, 2016, to issue public consultation feedback.
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SUMMARY

The proposed project is the operation of a quarry in the Lake Beauchene sector. The quarry in question has been in operation since 1999. A public consultation is nevertheless necessary to continue the work. The operation is done directly on a rocky cap. Aventurine, a quartzite green and red is extracted from the cap and then it is crushed, washed and sorted. An annual amount of roughly 5000 tons is extracted during the summer season. The quarry is closed during the winter season. The work will be the same in the coming years that which has been done so far; is the extraction and processing of stone work on an area of less than 37 000 square meters and about 20 meters deep. The subject land is located at the following coordinates (UTM NAD 83, Zone 17):

1-668 400m E 5 173 100m N
2-668 550m E 5 173 100m N
3-668 550m E 5 172 950m N
4-668 400m E 5 172 950m N
**PROJECT PHASES**

The project can be summarized in three distinct phases that repeat annually and which extend from June to September.

**PHASE I: EXTRACTION OF MATERIAL**

The extraction of the stone does not need to be done every year. This phase comprises of drilling and blasting-off which takes place over a period of about 2 to 3 days. When necessary, this phase takes place in the summer, during the month of June, July or August.

**PHASE II: PROCESSING OF THE MATERIAL**

The treatment of extracted material includes crushing, washing and sorting the stone. Crushing is performed by a subcontractor over a period of one to two weeks in the summer, in June, July or August. The machinery is brought on site only for the duration of the work. Following the crushing process, a washing and sorting process is performed via a small machine including a bucket, a sieve and a conveyor. This equipment is supplied by a loader. The work plan requires two to five workers to sort stones and an operator for the loader.

**PHASE III: THE STORAGE AND TRANSPORT**

The final step includes the storage and the transport of the treated material. Indeed, once the material is washed and sorted by color and size, it is stored in different cells until it can be transported. Transportation is provided by a subcontractor and is usually expected during the summer, usually in July, August or September. Following the transport of desired amounts, we close the quarry until the next spring, when we restart Phase I if necessary. If there is available extracted material, we can start the year with Phase II.
IMPACTS AND MEASURES PLANNED

The stone quarry in question in the consultation has been in operation since 1999. Since its inception, the work has not changed much, and the impact is the same. The impact is actually very limited. As the site had a rocky cap in 1999, little or no stripping is required to perform the extraction. Environmental damage is therefore almost zero in this regard.

For the processing process, the company emphasizes employing local workers. When necessary, it hires between two to five employees for washing and sorting the stones. This policy of hiring local workers also applies to subcontractors that crush and transport the material. So, even though it is a small operation, it promotes the employability of local workers in the Temiscaming sector.

At the environmental level, a certificate of authorization from the Ministry of Environment of Quebec is issued for carrying out the work. It's done within all the conditions issued by the government. As the area of the quarry is very limited and no river is affected, the impact is almost zero.

Finally in an effort to ensure harmonious living conditions (or a harmonious environment) with the different land users, the company that operates the quarry remains very open, allowing the hunters to travel on the path and to stop operations that might interfere with the hunters’ activities before the main hunting periods.

**Table 1: Summary of Impacts and Mitigation**

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<td>Environmental damage</td>
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<td>- Limited surface stripping</td>
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<td>- Avoidance of rivers (discharges)</td>
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<td>Employability</td>
<td>- 2 to 5 seasonal jobs available for workers in the sector Temiscaming</td>
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Cohabitation with users

- Right of way for hunters and land users on the site of operation
- Cessation of work during hunting season.

LAND USERS

As mentioned earlier in this document, the area where the quarry is located is used by several categories of people. Harmonious cohabitation has been established since the beginning of operations with the following categories of people. To reach the site located in Campeau township, you must pass along the path of Maniwaki via the path of the Bay of Kipawa. Then you must take the road to Deux Rivières.

Near the site, we find particularly fans of hunting and fishing. The quarry is located near camps and outfitters for this type of entertainment; in fact, it's mostly fishermen and hunters who use the site and surrounding roads. "The users of these public lands go there for fishing, hunting small and big game, trapping, camping, vacationing, picking berries, hiking of all kinds, canoe camping, activities pleasure, operating sugar bush, cutting firewood, work, the pursuit of traditional activities and still others".¹

The paths are already used and maintained by logging companies and the various downtown resorts and outfitters. Furthermore, the different users show a natural and mutual respect for their fellow users, and they coexist peacefully.

CONCLUSION

In summary, the presented project is quite simple and accessible. As the site has been in continuous operation since 1999, and no major changes are anticipated, it is primarily a matter of consulting the public as to the suitability of the current work. Since there are few if any negative impacts associated with the project, and good relations already exist between the different users, it is easy to envision a good future for this project and the region.

¹ For more information on land use, consult the maintenance master plan of forest roads: http://www.conferenceregionale.ca/documents/files/plan_directeur_entretien_chemins_forestiers_temiscamingue_mars2011.pdf
APPENDIX I: LOCATION MAP
APPENDIX II: SITE MAP