

# BACKGROUND



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## **SPRINGHILL GROUP OF COMPANIES**

The Springhill Group of Companies are a fourth-generation family business that has transitioned to an employee owned enterprise. Founded nearly a century ago by Ashley Colter, Diamond Construction (“Diamond”) began operations in the early 1900s, initially building forestry roads and bridges in support of Mr. Colter’s growing lumber business. Over the years, Diamond expanded its business to include asphalt paving, wharf construction and general contracting for larger commercial and institutional buildings. By the late 1990s, Diamond was building roads, highways and marine structures, and operating commercial aggregate quarries throughout Atlantic Canada. About 15 years ago, Diamond reorganized to form a leaner, employee-owned New Brunswick-based group of companies that specialize in various types of commercial construction, asphalt paving and road building.

Springhill Infrastructure Limited (“SIL”) is our commercial quarrying, asphalt paving and road building company. This company operates six commercial rock quarries throughout New Brunswick, and is engaged in road building and asphalt paving activities, primarily for the New Brunswick Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Through a sister company, Springhill Construction Limited (“SCL”), we build larger commercial and institutional buildings such as schools, nursing homes, hospitals, courthouses and arenas. Over the years, we have built many prominent Fredericton landmarks such as the Playhouse, the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, the new YMCA, Leo Hayes High School, Fredericton High School and many of the buildings on the campuses of UNB and St. Thomas University.

We are a seasonal business, and we employ up to 150 New Brunswickers during a typical construction season. Our employees are skilled operators and tradespeople who are proud to be able to practice their craft right here in New Brunswick.

Springhill Infrastructure Limited has operated a commercial rock quarry off the Springhill Road in Fredericton for more than 60 years, and employs more than 30 people at that location. In the past few years, historical geological mapping has changed, and now indicates that rock suitable for use in the construction of roads and buildings is located between the Royal Road, and Claudie Road. In order for Springhill Infrastructure Limited to remain competitive from a geographic perspective, it has acquired approximately 450 acres of land in this area, and has applied to operate a rock quarry on a portion of those lands.

## **RE-ZONING AND PERMIT**

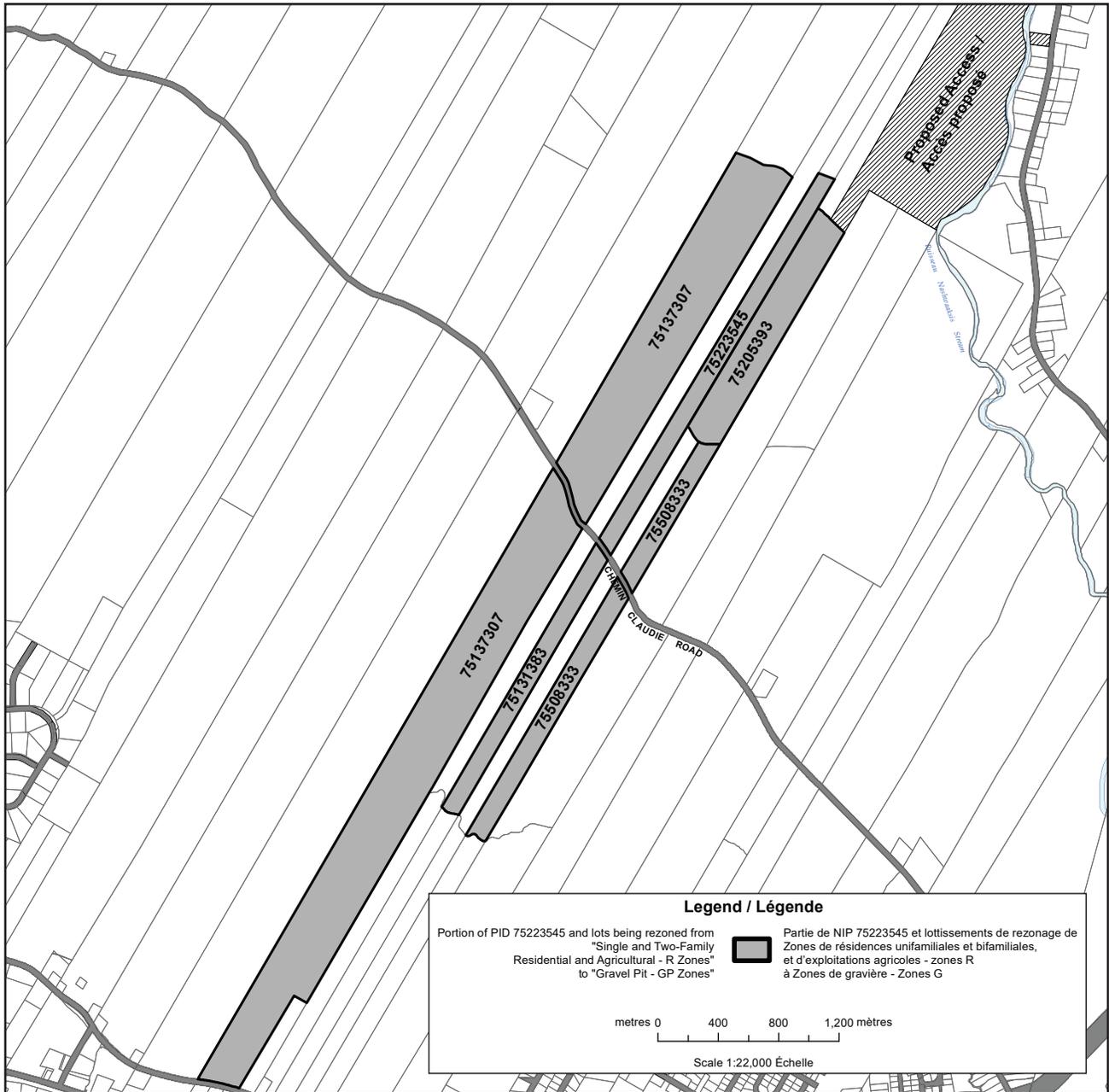
New Brunswick quarries are strictly regulated and monitored by the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government under the authority of the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Clean Environment Act.

The approval of this project is a 2-step process. Firstly, lands must be re-zoned through a process administered by Regional Service Commission 11, which is the Planning authority outside Fredericton city limits. Secondly, an Approval to Operate must be granted by the Minister of Environment and Local Government. Both the re-zoning and Approval to Operate would include many conditions designed to protect nearby residents from potential impacts of a quarry operation. A core value of our company is to strictly and faithfully abide by all conditions related to our Approvals to Operate.

## **OPERATIONS AND TRUCKING**

The proposed development would include a quarry, crushers, screens, conveyers, scales and front-end loaders to transport the crushed rock to stockpiles. The operation would employ about a dozen people, and would operate seasonally between May and December. Operating hours would be as stipulated in the Approval to Operate.

Trucks hauling crushed rock from our development will travel on the Royal Road. This access route has been mandated by the Province of New Brunswick for developments of this nature in this area. The access point for our proposed quarry will be at 1211 Royal Road.



It is a condition of our re-zoning that our access road is paved, so we will also work to minimize the transfer of dust from the quarry site onto nearby roads by regularly spraying water and sweeping the access road. We do not anticipate that residents in the area will be affected by noise from the day-to-day rock crushing operation at the quarry site.

**BLASTING AND MONITORING**

Springhill Infrastructure Limited expects to blast rock at the site a few times each year in order to create material suitable for processing in our rock crushers. An Approval to Operate would restrict the timing of these events to weekdays, during daytime hours, and require comprehensive monitoring of ground vibrations and air concussion against pre-determined limits.

Our blasting plan will include procedures for advance notification of upcoming blasts. This plan would be developed in conjunction with a professional engineering firm that has expertise in this area.

**OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

Our company has always worked hard to establish and maintain good relations with our neighbours and follow all guidelines associated with our operating approvals and environmental regulations. This is a core value of our business. Our commitment to our neighbours is that our company will be open and transparent about all our plans for this development and that we will be available to address all your questions throughout this process and into the future.