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Nelson Contributes to Urban Creek Restoration Program as Resolution to a Permit Oversight

Nelson Aggregate Co. is pleased to announce the resolution of a fill placement charge laid by the Halton Region Conservation Authority in the summer of 2006. The charge resulted when a contractor undertook maintenance work on farm drainage ditches located on Nelson's property south of No. 2 Sideroad in Burlington and placed the excavated soil beside the ditches. The company subsequently learned that it should have applied for a fill placement permit from Conservation Halton before commencing the work, even though the fill placement was temporary and was intended to be removed.

Nelson Aggregate operates Managed Forests on several of its properties surrounding the GTA and has received recognition in the past from the Ontario Government for its excellent forest management practices.

"The company takes its regulatory responsibilities very seriously and we certainly would have requested the necessary fill placement permit had we known it was needed," said Nelson's president Norm Elmhirst. "Not applying for the permit was an oversight".

The farm property is criss-crossed with a network of drainage ditches that has been there for many years. In the tree plantation on the property, a registered Ontario Managed Forest, tree growth was being stunted due to the poor drainage and sections of access roads had become impassable. The company undertook to clean out some of the ditches to restore their function.

Grass and soil removed from the ditches was placed in temporary piles alongside them with the intent to remove the piles subsequently. Under the Conservation Authorities Act and regulation, however, even the temporary placement of fill is considered a violation in regulated areas.

Nelson thanks the staff of Conservation Halton for assisting in the development of a remediation plan for the ditches. With the Authority's approval, Nelson Aggregate voluntarily performed the remediation work. The ditch areas have now been successfully re-vegetated with plants.

Both parties have agreed that Nelson will make a donation of \$10,000 to the Field and Stream Rescue Team (www.streamrescue.com). FSRT will use the funds to sponsor its

Urban Creek Restoration Program. The program will see several creek areas throughout Halton being restored through tree planting and cleanup operations.

“It is the long-standing policy of Nelson to assist environmental and community organizations, and we’re pleased to see this money applied to a worthwhile cause so closely aligned with our environmental beliefs” said Elmhirst. Nelson Aggregate Co. is well recognized for its environmental stewardship in Halton Region and beyond.

In view of Nelson Aggregate’s voluntary remediation combined with the donation to the local environmental group, the Court accepted the joint submission of the Conservation Authority and the company that the court should impose a suspended sentence.

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Nelson Aggregate Co., www.nelsonaggregate.com, was formed in 1983 and is a partnership between Lafarge Canada Inc. and Steed and Evans Holdings Inc. Nelson offers quarry, sand and gravel and asphalt products, which are used extensively in Sewer and Watermain Construction, Road Construction, and in Commercial and Residential Construction. Nelson’s locations are strategically situated in Lincoln, Burlington, Cambridge, Orillia and Oneida to serve the southern Ontario market. A major contributor to the local and regional economy in which it operates, Nelson Aggregate is a recognized industry leader for best practices in aggregate operations, environmental management, rehabilitation and community relations.

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