

# BLACK POINT QUARRY PROJECT

## WINTER 2014 - 2015 NEWSLETTER

### Hello

We are excited to update you on the progress of the Black Point Quarry Project.

The Team is committed to transparent communication and providing all stakeholders with accurate information as the project progresses.

In this newsletter, you will read about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submission to Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the next steps in the Environmental Assessment process. We also introduce you to the Community Liaison Committee (CLC), a diverse group of volunteers who have committed to meeting regularly, providing input and facilitating open communication between the local community and the Project Team. We continue to stay busy and active in the province and municipality. For a list of recent community outreach events, see page 3.

In October, you may have been one of the 350 residents polled about your awareness of the Black Point Quarry Project. According to the poll, commissioned by the MODG, residents overwhelmingly support the Black Point Quarry Project, citing job creation and economic growth as major benefits. The poll also indicated that more information about the project is desired by the public. In response, we have mailed a four page "Frequently Asked Questions" document to each home in the Municipality of the District of Guysborough (MoDG). We trust that the additional information will be helpful, but as always, please check out our website at [www.blackpointquarry.ca](http://www.blackpointquarry.ca).

And lastly, we ask you to join us this Winter as we host our second open house meeting on March 11, 2015 at the Queensport Fire Hall. We will have visual boards on display, along with subject matter experts to answer your questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

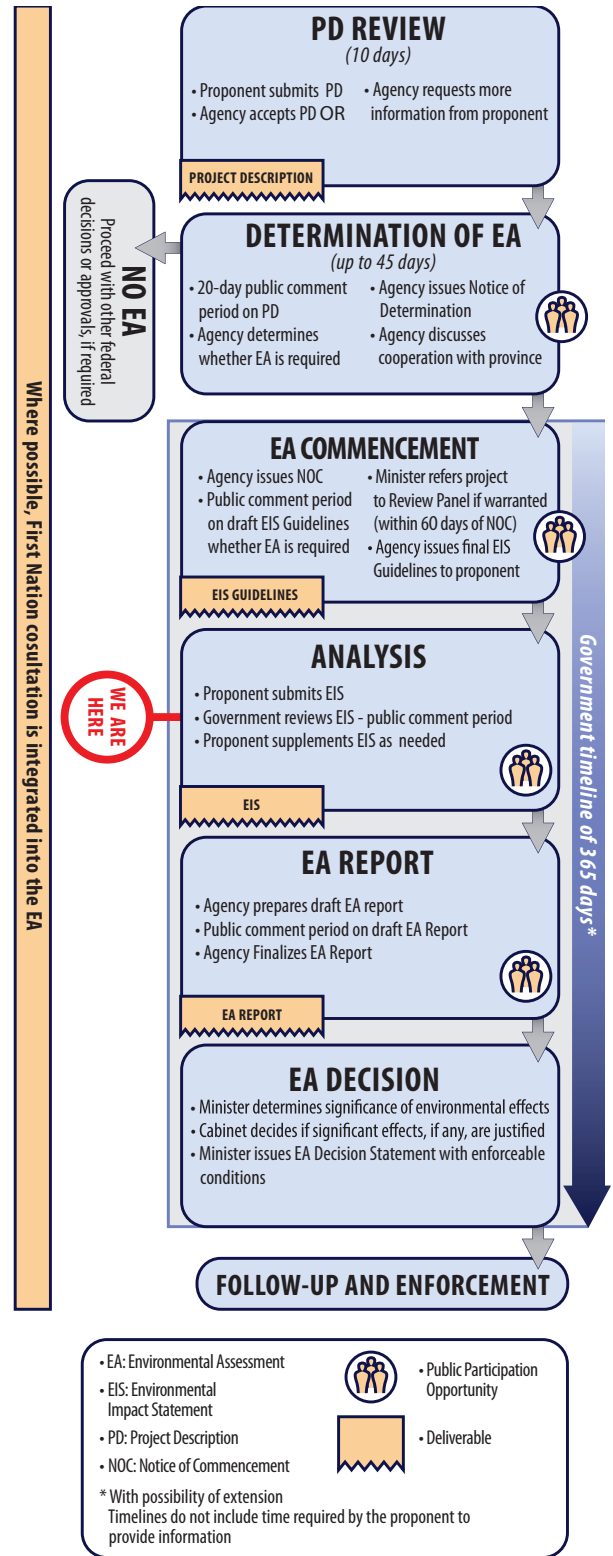
*The Black Point Project Team*

## BLACK POINT QUARRY PROJECT RECEIVES MAJOR ENDORSEMENT FROM FISHERMEN

The Black Point Quarry Project started the New Year with a major endorsement from the Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association of the Black Point Quarry Project.

"We are grateful to receive the support from the members of the Guysborough County Inshore Fishermen's Association," said Frank Liefh, Director of Geological Services, Vulcan Materials Company. "We believe this endorsement by the Association for the Black Point Quarry Project reflects the overall desire of the community and validates the ongoing dialogue we have had and continue to have with the fishing industry here in Guysborough County."

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"We are very appreciative of the support we have been receiving from all parts of the community," added Lieth. "We intend to keep working hard to ensure that we earn the trust of residents in Guysborough by delivering on our commitments and continuing our open and transparent relationship with people throughout the community."



## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

On October 31, 2014 we successfully submitted a draft of the Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA, <http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/>). The 2,100 page document provides a detailed project description of the Black Point Quarry and addresses any environmental effects of the proposed project, as well as actions to mitigate any adverse impacts. Analysis in the EIS include air and noise studies, surface water and groundwater quality, mainland moose and other threatened or endangered species, archeological studies, in addition to social and economic assessments. We have received the first comments back from CEAA and are in the process of preparing the final version. Despite its length, there will be a summary document once the final version of the EIS is submitted in the next two months. This will be available online and at select public viewing locations in MoDG.

## COMMUNITY LIASON COMMITTEE

The Black Point Quarry Project Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was established in August 2014. Meetings have taken place on August 12, 2014 and October 15, 2014. The next CLC meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 2015.



CLC Members continue to be available to take suggestions, answer questions or convey concerns about the Project to the Project Team.

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### MODG POLLS THE COMMUNITY

During October 24-31, 2014, the Municipality of the District of Guysborough commissioned a study to poll the community's awareness of the Black Point Quarry. 350 residents were randomly selected and asked about their awareness and knowledge levels, and their support or opposition of the Project.

**The results?** Participants overwhelmingly support the Project. Seventy six percent of the respondents registered their support of the Project, with half of those declaring that they "strongly support" the Project. Eighteen percent stated that they neither support nor oppose it, while only 6% of interviewees said they "oppose" the Project. It is noteworthy that of those neutral respondents, over half lean in support of the Project.

While awareness of the Project is high at 84%, our work continues. Poll respondents, although favorable to the Project, consider themselves to have low levels of knowledge about the Project. The Black Point Quarry Project Team is committed to transparency and information sharing. We will continue to update and engage with all stakeholders. Whether it is through periodic newsletters, website updates, open houses and other community outreach, we are committed to enhancing the community's awareness and knowledge of the Black Point Quarry Project. We encourage you visit our Black Point Quarry project webpage at [www.blackpointquarry.ca](http://www.blackpointquarry.ca) for updates and additional information.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH



- October 15, 2014: Community Liaison Committee Meeting at the Queensport Fire Hall
- October 16, 2014: Visited the 4th grade class at Fanning Academy, teaching a session on rocks and minerals
- October 16, 2014: Presented an overview of the Black Point Quarry Project to the high students at Fanning Academy, and discussed future job opportunities
- October 27, 2014: the Black Point Quarry Project Team provided a tour of the proposed quarry site to Chief Wilbert Marshall (Potlotek First Nation) and Kerry Prosper (Paq'tnkek First Nation)
- October 28, 2014: Presented an overview of the Black Point Quarry Project to the high school students at Guysborough Academy, and discussed future job opportunities
- October 28, 2014: Visited middle school students at Guysborough Academy, teaching a session on rocks and minerals



- November 13, 2014: Team member Chris Ridgway (Vulcan) was a featured speaker at the Department of Natural Resources' annual Geology Matters conference in Halifax, providing an introduction to Vulcan Materials Company and the Company's social responsibility programs, as well as an update on the Project

- December 2, 2014: Project Manager, Frank Lieth (Vulcan), provided an overview and update on the Project to the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce

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## OPEN HOUSE

Black Point Quarry Project Open House

DATE	March 11, 2015
TIME	3:00 – 7:00 pm
	A brief presentation will be given at 3:30 pm and 6:00pm
LOCATION	Queensport Fire Hall 5615 HWY 16 Queensport, NS



The Black Point Project Team invites you to attend an open house meeting on March 11, 2015 at the Queensport Fire Hall.

As a follow up to our April 2014 Open House, we will be providing visitors with an update on the Project. Subject matter experts will also be on hand to answer your questions.

For more information about the meeting, visit: [www.blackpointquarry.ca](http://www.blackpointquarry.ca), or call (205) 298-3189.

## CONTACT US

For more information on the proposed Black Point Quarry Project visit [www.blackpointquarry.ca](http://www.blackpointquarry.ca)