

**XYZ Aggregate's Big City Pit and Quarry
APAO Community Relations Award**

October 1, 2005

Background Information

XYZ's Aggregates Big City Pit and Quarry operations consist of 500 acres of licensed lands. The Big City Pit and Quarry has operated since 1968. To date, approximately 75% of the property has been rehabilitated. There is a 150m buffer zone of grasses and shrubs between the active pit and the rehabilitated lands. The Big City Pit and Quarry



has operated since 1968. The pit is located on the well-known Ontario glacial outwash spillway, which resulted from the melting of the glacier during the last ice age. The high quality sand and gravel was deposited in a river-like environment. Beneath these deposits dolostone bedrock is quarried.

XYZ Aggregates is a large supplier of construction aggregates across the Greater Big City Area. Major XYZ Aggregate's projects include the repaving of the Trans Canada Highway, and the construction of the Big City Children's hospital. The Big City Pit and Quarry also supplies aggregates for local small-scale construction projects.

The Big City Pit and Quarry site received the APAO Community Relations Award in 2000, 2003 and 2004.

Being a Good Neighbour

Noise



A series of vegetated berms and tree screens are used along the road boundaries of the pit. This reduces the amount of noise and visual impact.



Dust



The front entrance and roads within the pit are paved to reduce the dust being created. Water trucks routinely water the plant entrance and all internal haul roads and there are spray nozzles on the processing plant



to reduce dust within the site. Speed limits are also restricted on site to reduce dust being created.

Traffic



A sign has been placed at the pit entrance to remind all drivers and operators not to speed.



Other

XYZ Aggregates has a company policy in place to have management return a neighbour's phone call within 24 hours.

Getting Involved



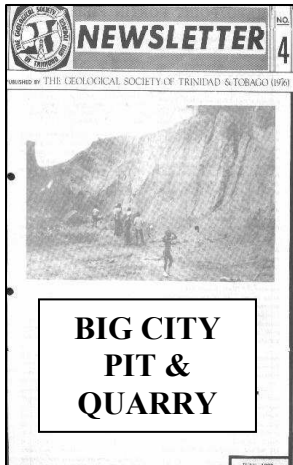
The Big City Pit and Quarry sponsors a local community hockey team providing team uniforms as well as recently aiding in the funding of a new arena.

A trail has been constructed throughout surrounding areas of rehabilitated pit lands. This trail is open to the public.



Every year the pit participates in Project Share fundraising activities, including collection of canned goods, and sponsoring families for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Publications



A monthly newsletter is sent out to all employees to keep them informed on any news in the company, changes in company policies, employees, etc.

A semi-annual newsletter is sent out to surrounding residents and is available in all grocery stores and banks in Big City informing the public of pit developments, news and open houses. The newsletter discusses the importance of aggregates in building communities. A website of the pit is also maintained: www.bigcitypit.com. This website has links to the APAO. The pit is often featured in the local newspaper, updating the community on how its sponsored hockey team is doing and on its community involvement, Project Share.

Education



Tours are held twice a year, May and October, which are open to the public. They include tours of the pit, the processing plants, as well as childrens' activities, and displays.



Local schools frequently visit the Big City Pit and Quarry. Participants learn about extraction and the importance of aggregates in their lives.

