

# Sand and Gravel Extraction

*A guide to application referrals from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources for the extraction of sand and gravel*

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## This Guide explains:

- Applications for Sand and Gravel Extraction
- The application review process
- Commonly asked questions

## How are applications made?

Applications and enquiries about the extraction of sand and/or gravel within the Regional District of Central Okanagan can be made to:

Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; Mining and Minerals Division  
441 Columbia Street  
Kamloops, BC V2C 2T3  
Phone (250) 828-4131

## How does the Ministry of Energy and Mines review applications?

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources refer applications to the Regional

District and other agencies for comments and recommendations.

It is important to make an appointment with Planning Staff at the Regional District prior to submitting an application to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. Staff will outline the Regional District policies that will be considered when a referral of the application is received from the Ministry.

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources may or may not require the applicant to undertake public notification.

## How do Regional District policies affect an application?

The Regional District reviews applications in light of regulations, policies, and local issues such as environmental quality, neighbourhood characteristics, transportation and access.

Official Community Plans are documents

containing policies that guide decisions about future land use. These policies are considered when reviewing applications for sand and/or gravel extraction.

Where permanent buildings or processing are being proposed in addition to the extraction, the Regional District may request that a zoning amendment application be completed. A rezoning application cannot be required where only extraction is proposed.

### For more information...

For more information about making an application, or for public inquiries about an application in progress, please contact the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources at (250) 828-4131

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*This brochure does not apply to incorporated areas within the Regional District of Central Okanagan such as Peachland, Kelowna, West Kelowna, Lake Country, nor First Nation land.*

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## Summary of Steps in a Sand & Gravel Extraction Referral

**Application made with the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources**

**Application may be referred to the Regional District**

There may be a referral to the Regional District and other relevant agencies.

**Application referral reviewed**

Regional District Staff are asked to provide comments on the proposal. Planning Staff then prepares a report to the Regional Board.

**The Regional Board considers the application**

The Regional Board may indicate to the Ministry:

- Support for the application,
- Support for the application with certain conditions,
- Defer making a recommendation,
- No support for the application

**Response to the application**

The Regional Board recommendation and the Development & Environmental Services Department report is forwarded for the consideration of the Ministry of Energy,

**Ministry considers the application**

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources makes a decision on the application and notifies the applicant.

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