MNRF Technical Discussion Proposed Burlington Quarry Extension Nelson Aggregates Co.

Medad Valley Follow-up

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Baseline Areas of Water Levels above Ground Surface

- **BASELINE**
- Baseline L4 average water level above ground surface





P3456 Areas of Water Levels above Ground Surface

- Original P3456 Infiltration Pond Design
- L4 average water level above ground surface





P3456 Change in Areas of Water Levels above Ground Surface

- Original Design
- L4 change in area where average water level is no longer above ground surface





Assessment of Enhanced Infiltration: Deep Ponds

- Current pond purpose and design: Replicate golf course ponds
 - Shallow ponds completed in Halton Till
 - Limited leakage
- New "Deep Pond" Scenario
 - Deepen ponds: Excavate ponds to bedrock
 - Increase lakebed conductance from 1x10⁻⁶ m/s to 1x10⁻⁵ m/s
 - Lake bed K still ½ order less than bedrock K = **Conservative assumption**
 - Raise height of outlet weir at SW1 by 1 m (from 269 masl to 270 masl)



Seepage Increase in Deep Pond Scenario

Lake seepage almost doubles (778 to 1405) m³/d between P3456 and Deep Pond.



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Increase in Heads

- Shallow heads (Layer 1) increase
 compared to P3456 along Cedar Springs
 Rd.
- Head increase can exceed 4 m.
- Heads increase up to 0.5 m at valley bottom edge





Increase in Heads

- Similar results in Layer 4
- Figure compares baseline (dashed) to P3456 (blue) and Deep Pond (green)



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Change in areas of upward gradient: P3456 vs Deep Pond

L4 change in area where average water level is no longer above ground surface
 P3456 Scenario (116 cells)
 Deep Pond (55 cells – 52% reduction)





Change in areas of upward gradient: P3456 vs Deep Pond

L4 change in area where average water level is no longer above ground surface

Deep Pond Scenario



Green cells are no longer affected

Remaining affected area is patchy and related to local topographic variation

Deep Infiltration Pond Summary

- Deepening the infiltration pond and raising the outlet weir increases seepage out.
 - Conservative lake bed assumption: ½ order of magnitude lower K than bedrock
- Heads in the Cedar Springs Road area increase up to 4 m.
 - Heads increase up to 0.5 m in Medad Valley because they are generally close to land surface already
 - Upward gradients are restored in most of the area impacted under P3456.
- Remaining affected area is patchy and related to local topographic variation
- Monitoring will ensure system is working as designed.

