

Welcome to our Open House.

Parsons Creek Aggregates Limited is a Joint Venture of Graymont Western Canada Inc. and Lehigh Cement Limited. Both partners are leaders in the production of rock and stone products throughout North America.

Parsons Creek Aggregates is a proposed limestone quarry to be located 800 metres north of the Fort McMurray Urban Service Area boundary on Alberta Metallic and Industrial Minerals Lease #9404120901.

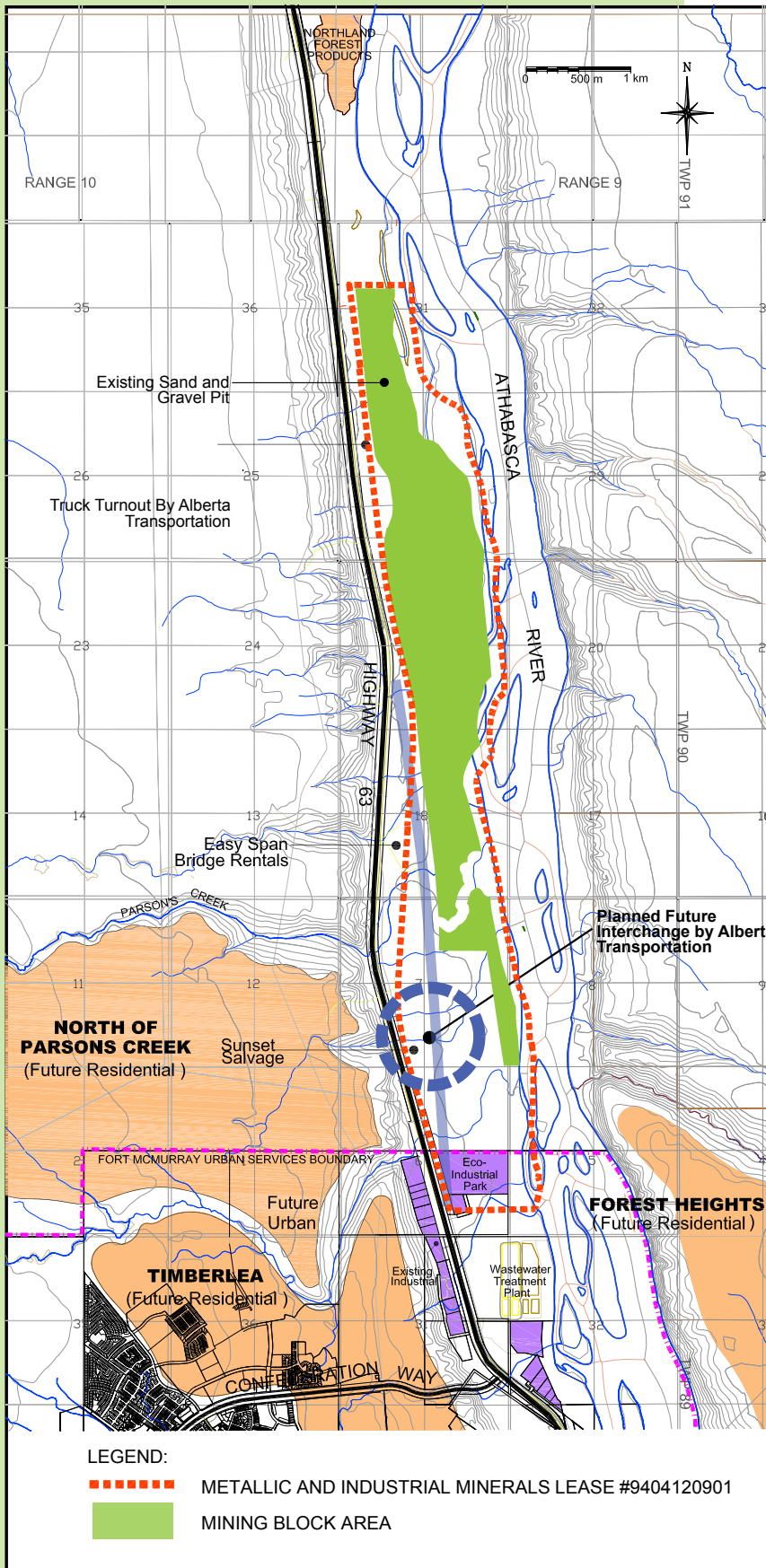
The lease site contains a unique limestone deposit that can supply "close to market" aggregates in support of local infrastructure projects and the Fort McMurray economy.

Crushed limestone from the Project would be used in road construction and as an aggregate in concrete. A second potential market in the future is to provide crushed limestone for environmental uses such as scrubbing sulphur from air emissions, repairing soil acidification and treating wastewater.



Project Introduction
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Noise

Parsons Creek Aggregates is located close to future Fort McMurray urban and industrial growth corridors.

During peak production, noise levels at the nearest planned residential areas (North Parsons Creek) will be below Energy Resource and Conservation Board (ERCB) permitted levels.

Best practices for noise control will be implemented as required to meet ERCB noise standards. These may include the use of an enclosed crusher, improved exhaust silencers and onsite berming.

Air Quality

Our air quality study shows that project air emissions will be less than the Alberta Ambient Air Quality Objectives. This indicates that emissions from the project will not have an adverse effect on the environment or human health.

Dust from the project will be controlled by a dust suppression system for the crusher, watering of haul roads and seeded stockpiles.

A closer source of aggregate material to Fort McMurray markets is expected to result in lower overall air emissions related to aggregate hauling within the region and reduce truck mileage on Highway 63.

Visual Impacts

The project will be setback 45m from Highway 63 and 150m from the Athabasca River to help reduce the visibility of project operations and protect riverbank habitat.

Highway 63

Access to the project from Highway 63 will be taken from the existing intersection at the north end of the project. Permanent project access will be taken from the interchange to be built by Alberta Transportation at the south end of the lease.

Athabasca River

The project will use a small quantity of water from the river for aggregate washing. Sediment in the water used for washing limestone will be allowed to settle, and clean water will be returned back to the river. Surface drainage will be diverted around the operation.

Any release to the river will be carefully monitored to protect water quality.



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Stakeholder Concerns



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Quarry Project Area

The Project Area has been reduced to 391 hectares (966 acres) and setback at least 800 metres from the Fort McMurray Urban Services Boundary. This will ensure the project is integrated with Alberta Transportation's new "North Parsons Creek" interchange and highway realignment project.

Lifespan

The quarry lifespan would be about 40 years based on anticipated product demand.

Depth

Final quarry depth would be 24m below grade (approximately 15m below the normal Athabasca River level).

Operations

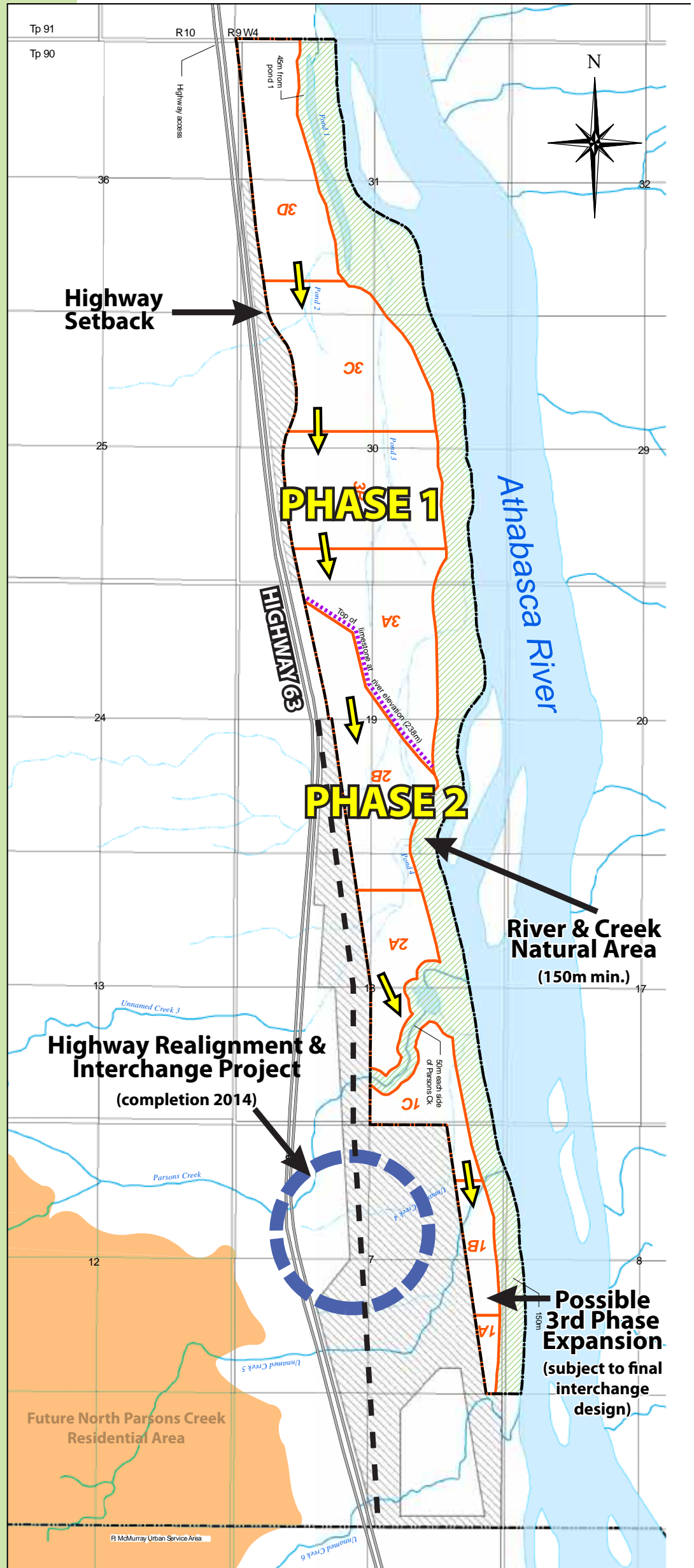
Operations will involve drilling, blasting, hauling, crushing, screening, washing, stockpiling, loading and shipping of limestone aggregate.

The quarry is expected to operate up to eight months of the year. Initially, the project would operate 10 to 12 hours per day. At peak demand, the project would operate 24 hours per day up to 7 days per week.

A temporary asphalt plant (operated by others) may be located onsite from time to time for specific highway or road paving projects.

Reclamation

Quarry mining and reclamation will advance sequentially from block to block. Extraction will start in the next block while reclamation is occurring in preceding blocks.



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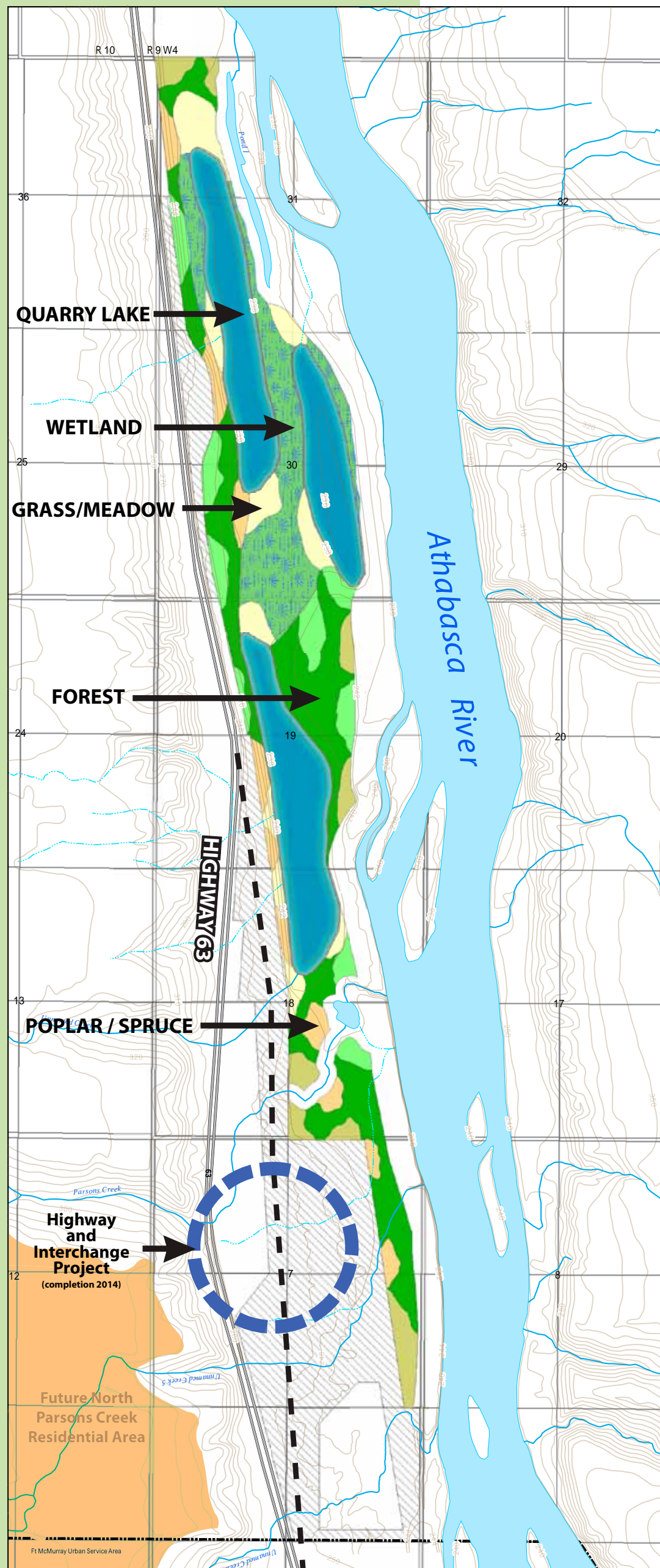


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The project will use proven quarry reclamation techniques. Salvage and replacement of topsoil will support revegetation. Large freshwater quarry lakes could provide improved habitat for fish.

Our proposed end-use and reclamation plans are based on input received from the Municipality, aboriginal groups, regulatory agencies and other local stakeholders.

The RMWB has designated the entire property for future parks and recreation uses. Aboriginal groups would like to see the north end of the site reclaimed as natural areas.

The proposed reclamation plan includes quarry lakes, wetlands areas, meadows and forest.

The reclamation goal is to protect and reconstruct transitional natural areas adjacent to the City.

Northern areas of the site could remain as reconstructed natural areas for traditional hunting and fishing uses and/or extensive recreational uses (e.g. hiking and cross-country skiing).

Southern parts of the site could be suitable for more intensive uses such as riverbank pathways, picnic areas, boating, rowing, sports fields, etc.

Opportunities for specific recreational uses will be determined by the Regional Municipality and ASRD in consultation with other stakeholders.



Parsons Creek Resources is working to minimize the impact of the project through a number of environmental commitments.

1. Natural buffers will be retained

Buffers will protect important natural features, preserve natural habitat along the river, and reduce the visual impact of the Project from the Athabasca River and Highway 63.

- 150 metre setback from the Athabasca River
- 45 metre setback from the Highway 63 road allowance
- 30 to 50 metre setback from important creeks and ponds

2. Reclamation plans are designed to reconstruct natural areas adjacent to the city for traditional uses and to enhance the long-term recreational value of the riverbank.

The proposed end-use and reclamation plans are based on input received from the Municipality, aboriginal groups, regulatory agencies and other local stakeholders. These plans will continue to be refined through ongoing consultation with stakeholders.

3. Reclamation will be progressive and ongoing throughout the project.

Project reclamation will be phased with a maximum of 400 acres of land open at any one time.

4. The project will reuse aggregate wash water and will use only a small quantity of water from the River.

Water removed from the River will be used for aggregate washing and for lake evaporation. Sediment in the water used for washing limestone will be allowed to settle and clean water will be returned back to the River.

5. Best practices for noise and dust control will be implemented to ensure that local air quality and noise regulatory standards are met or exceeded with respect to nearby land uses.

Noise and air emission studies have been submitted to Alberta Environment with our Environmental Impact Assessment application. These studies show that air and noise levels at nearby receptors will be within ERCB and AENV guidelines.

Environmental Commitment



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An Environmental Impact Assessment application and associated applications under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Water Act were submitted to Alberta Environment and the Natural Resources Conservation Board in June 2010.

Feedback from stakeholders has recognized there is a need for a “close to market” supply of high quality aggregate material to support affordable infrastructure projects in the Fort McMurray area. Stakeholders also understand the potential for quarry reclamation to create a mix of replanted natural areas and recreation areas that will complement the natural riverbank environment.

We have established ongoing consultation relationships with five aboriginal groups and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. We will continue to work closely with our stakeholder partners throughout the project design and operations phases to address concerns and identify opportunities for working together.

Thank you for attending our open house.

Please pick up a newsletter or comment sheet from the front desk and let us know if you want to be added to our mailing list for information about the project in the future.

EIA Process & Consultation



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