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Company still interested in Belleoram rock quarry

Actual work still long ways off



Belleoram could be an extremely busy site in the future if conditions become suitable for the development of a crushed rock export quarry near the community. Pennecon Ltd. has reapplied for a work permit for the project and officials are continuing to evaluate markets and assess potential buyers.

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Sarah Constantine-Layman, the Corporate Communications Manager with Pennecon Ltd., said the company is still interested in the possible development of a crushed rock export quarry project near Belleoram.

The project was originally released from Environmental Assessment back in 2007. However, due mainly to a downturn in the American economy, work on the proposed project did not begin during the time frame permitted by the Environmental Assessment Regulations.

Continental Stone Limited is again proposing to develop a granite aggregate export quarry on the site that is one km north of Belleoram in Belle Bay.

Constantine-Layman said it's a project the company still has interest in which accounts for the reapplication for a permit to begin work if conditions are suitable.

She said, "We still believe this project has merit for the future, and we are continuing to evaluate markets and assess potential buyers. This is a good time to pitch the quarry project as the Canadian dollar is down which makes exports from the quarry more attractive to American companies.

"However, I want to stress that the start of work and jobs at the quarry are not imminent, as we have no solid plans for development at this time."