

# **ALDRESHOT EAST PROJECT FACT SHEET**

## **ABOUT MERIDIAN BRICK**

- Operating within Burlington for nearly 60 years
- Built its first factory on Dundas St. in Burlington in 1956 and produced its first brick in 1957
- Canada's largest manufacturer of clay brick, producing 55% of the clay brick manufactured in Canada
- 45% of Canadian clay brick production is undertaken by Meridian Brick in Burlington
- Employs approximately 164 people at three clay brick plants and four quarries in Burlington
- Local economic investment of more than \$150 million
- Strives to be a good corporate citizen – for example, supplied brick to clad approximately 140 Habitat for Humanity homes throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

## **THE ALDRESHOT EAST QUARRY**

- Quarrying has been conducted at the Aldershot location since the 1920s, licensed since 1972
- The third segment of a single licensed quarry owned by Meridian Brick – West, Centre and East cells
- Aldershot Quarry is fully compliant with the Aggregate Resources Act and the Greenbelt Plan
- In 1990, Meridian Brick (then Canada Brick) bought the Aldershot Quarry with the intention of building a \$60 million brick plant, relying on the long-term, fully-permitted Queenston shale reserves
- When the plant opened in 2000, 38% of the shale reserves were in the Quarry's east cell
- In 2010, a revised Site Plan was approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to meet Provincial standards, and to account for the Tyandaga subdivision, which was registered in 1999
- Currently, Aldershot West has 3 to 5 years of shale left; Aldershot Centre has 6 to 8 years remaining; Aldershot East has approximately 25 to 30 years of shale
- Meridian Brick has agreed not to excavate the north corner of the East site until late in the site's lifespan, approximately 15 to 20 years from now. This setback will ensure approximately 90-150 metres between fencelines and the quarry, an increase from 39 metres. This last portion would be under excavation for about 5 years and will be rehabilitated quickly
- The site will be progressively rehabilitated and forested as the site is excavated