

Meeting Date: 04/19/2011

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## City Council Agenda Report

### City of Scandia

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**Action Requested:** Receive a status report on Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project EIS (Environmental Impact Statement.)

**Deadline/ Timeline:** N/A

**Background:**

- The environmental review process for the Tiller Corporation's project has been underway for more than two years. Delays have occurred at a couple of points in the process as Tiller made changes to their proposal and the City's consultants have waited for information needed for the EIS.
- The last time the City Council discussed the project was at the December 21 meeting when the attached timeline for completion of the EIS was presented. It established a number of deadlines for Tiller to submit required data, and (if the data were complete and new issues did not arise) when meetings of the PAC (Project Advisory Committee) could be scheduled and when the draft EIS could be ready for public review and comment.
- Since then some, but not all, of the information was submitted as indicated by notes on the attached copy of the timeline.
- While progress has been made the missed deadlines indicate that the proposed June meeting of the PAC will not occur on schedule, and that preparation of the draft EIS may be delayed by 60 to 90 days or longer.

**Recommendation:** I recommend that the Council receive this report. No action is necessary. Mike Caron of Tiller Corporation and staff will be available to answer questions.

**Attachments/  
Materials provided:**

- Annotated Timeline for Completion of EIS (12/17/201)
- E-mail dated April 4, 2011 from Lisa Schlingerman

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**Prepared by:** Anne Hurlburt, Administrator

(Zavoral EIS Update)

Submitted = ✓  
Not Submitted = N  
4/15/11

**Timeline for Completion of  
Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project EIS  
City of Scandia, Minnesota  
December 17, 2010**

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|---------------|---|
| 12/27/2010    | Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ • general phasing plan and minimum reclamation grades (CADD files)</li><li>✓ • equipment lists &amp; locations for site prep, operations &amp; reclamation for each phase</li></ul>   |
| 1/3/2011      | Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>N • economic data</li><li>✓ • sanitation/solid waste information</li></ul>  |
| 1/17/2011     | Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ • detailed descriptions, site maps, phasing and operation plans for all alternatives</li><li>N • conceptual planting and forest management plan</li><li>✓ • operation and post-reclamation storm water plan</li><li>✓ • visual analysis &amp; proposed mitigation</li><li>✓ • data for air quality analysis</li><li>✓ • wetland mapping</li></ul> |
| 1/31/2011     | Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ • AOP application for Scandia Mine</li></ul>  |
| 2/18/2011     | Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ • noise analysis (<i>under review</i>)</li></ul>  |
| 3/4/2011      | Tiller submits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>N • detailed reclamation/habitat restoration plans</li><li>N • invasive species management plan</li><li>✓ • detailed tree/woodland survey</li><li>N • results of meeting with MnDOT</li></ul>   |
| June          | PAC meeting—review of technical data & issues   |
| Aug. or Sept. | PAC meeting—review draft EIS  |
| 9/30/2011     | Draft EIS submitted to City   |
| Oct. - Nov.   | Public review and comment on Draft EIS  |
| Nov. - ?      | Respond to comments, prepare Final EIS  |

## Anne Hurlburt

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**From:** Anne Hurlburt [a.hurlburt@ci.scandia.mn.us]  
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**Subject:** FW: Zavoral Gravel Pit project

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**From:** Lisa Schlingerman [mailto:[lisaschlingerman@gmail.com](mailto:lisaschlingerman@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2011 1:40 PM  
**To:** [council@ci.scandia.mn.us](mailto:council@ci.scandia.mn.us)  
**Subject:** Zavoral Gravel Pit project

Dear Scandia Council Members:

At the Dec.7 City Council meeting, the Scandia Council and Tiller Corp agreed on a time line for providing information about the Zavoral Gravel Pit Project. Tiller was to complete all EIS information including the traffic analysis and reclamation plans by March 4. I checked with Anne Hurlburt today, April 4 and Tiller has yet to complete this information.

As a concerned Scandia citizen and a member of Take Action Conserve Our Scandia I am frustrated by Tiller's lack of response to the Scandia Council and to the citizens. The Council unanimously approved the time line and Tiller has ignored the Council's request.

This project has dragged on far too long. At the Dec 7 meeting the citizens were told to be "fair" to Tiller and let them finish the EIS. How much "fairness" does Tiller get? What is Tiller waiting for? When will this end?

Sincerely,  
Lisa Schlingerman

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