

Media Release

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Southwestern Landfill - Terms of Reference Approved

March 18, 2016, Ingersoll, Ontario - Walker Environmental's Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of its Southwestern Landfill Proposal has been approved by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (Ministry). The Terms of Reference is the roadmap or work plan for how the project will be studied during the next phase of the EA.

The Terms of Reference was developed in consultation with stakeholders and submitted to the Ministry in 2014. It has remained under review by the Ministry since that time. The approval of the Terms of Reference is an initial step in the overall EA process and does not signal the approval of the project. It will take several more years to complete the full Environmental Assessment.

"The approval of the Terms of Reference is a significant milestone for everyone involved with the Southwestern Landfill EA. It confirms that there is a rationale for this project and that a robust framework is in place to guide us through the next phase. This approval now allows us to begin the technical and scientific studies that will provide answers to the many questions the community has raised" said Darren Fry, Director of Strategic Growth for Walker.

As a next step, Walker will publish a Notice of Commencement that identifies the official start of the Study Phase of the EA. "Opportunities to participate and provide input during this next phase will be clearly communicated and explained. We look forward to continuing to work with the Community Liaison Committee, Technical Experts, Municipalities, First Nations and interested members of the community" said Fry.

Fry went on to add, "We are committed to straightforward and respectful engagement with all interested parties. We appreciate the involvement and input from all stakeholders. It was through this community input and dialogue that we were able to create a comprehensive plan to study this proposal."

Mike Watt, Executive Vice-President of Walker Environmental concluded "We are committed to investing in infrastructure in Ontario to stimulate economic development and create new employment while protecting the environment within Oxford County."

About the Southwestern Landfill Proposal

The Southwestern Landfill Proposal seeks to develop a modern non-hazardous solid waste landfill in a mined quarry in the Township of Zorra. The Proposal represents an important infrastructure development in Oxford County and a major investment for Walker Environmental. Walker Environmental is considering this Proposal because Ontario is facing an increasing need for new, safe and reliable waste disposal capacity..

More details on the Proposal can be found on the Proposal website, www.walkerea.com.

About Walker Industries and Walker Environmental

Since 1887, Walker Industries, the parent company of Walker Environmental, has proven to be a dynamic and diversified company. Walker Industries is a 5th generation, family-owned Canadian company that has operated from a base in the Niagara Region for over 125 years. Now employing more than 600 people across North America, Walker Industries takes pride in providing infrastructure that builds communities. The company is comprised of three divisions: Walker Aggregates, Walker Emulsions and Walker Environmental.

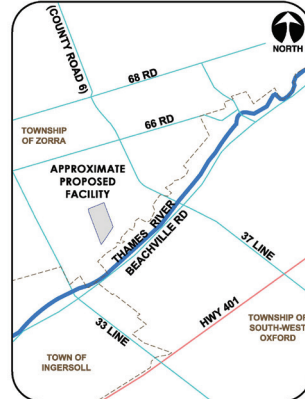
Walker Environmental is a leading waste management and resource recovery company. The company operates two landfills, a waste transfer facility, six biosolids stabilization plants, two composting facilities, four food/residual organic processing facilities, several landfill gas renewable energy projects in Ontario and Manitoba, and a waste haulage company. Walker Environmental has successfully and safely operated waste management facilities for three decades.

Commitment to the environment, communities, and tomorrow's generations is the foundation for growth at Walker Industries. To learn more about Walker Industries and Walker Environmental, please visit www.walkerind.com

For further information, contact Darren Fry at dfry@walkerind.com or 905-329-4265.

Walker Environmental Group (WEG) is beginning an Environmental Assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to provide future waste disposal capacity for solid non-hazardous waste generated in the Province of Ontario.

The Southwestern Landfill Proposal seeks to develop a modern landfill in a mined quarry in the Township of Zorra – specifically, the Carmeuse Lime (Canada) Ltd. Beachville Operations located at 374681 37th Line (Oxford County Road 6), Zorra Township. If approved, the site will receive solid non-hazardous waste generated in the Province of Ontario. The proposed site will have an estimated total waste volume of about 17 million cubic metres over a planning period of approximately 20 years.



Map is for illustrative purposes only.

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Consultation

Members of the public, agencies, Aboriginal Communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of this undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout development of the EA. Public consultation events will be clearly explained in advance and advertised in local newspapers, posted on our website, (www.walkerea.com) and sent to our electronic and paper mailing lists. Proposal information will also be communicated through newsletters, called Community Exchange, on our website and through other methods. We welcome comments via email (info@walkerea.com), phone (1-855-392-5537) or in person at our office, located at 160 Carnegie Street, Ingersoll. We will also continue to meet with our Community Liaison Committee during the Environmental Assessment process.

If you would like to be regularly informed about the EA development and consultation opportunities, please subscribe on our website (www.walkerea.com) or contact us to be added to our mailing list.

Darren Fry, Project Director, Southwestern Landfill
Walker Environmental Group

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The Process

On March 17, 2016, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change approved the Terms of Reference with Minister's amendments for the Southwestern Landfill Proposal. A copy of the approved amended Terms of Reference is available at:

- www.walkerea.com
- Our office, located at 160 Carnegie Street, Ingersoll, ON N5C 4A8

This study will be carried out according to the approved Terms of Reference and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an Environmental Assessment, which will be submitted to the Ministry for a review. At that time, the public, Aboriginal Communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed. This final review will take place after numerous consultation activities that will take place during the development of the EA to include input from the public, Aboriginal Communities and other interested persons.



Subscribe on our website to receive email updates

You can now select what categories you would like to receive alerts for, regarding the Southwestern Landfill Environmental Assessment.

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May 13, 2016

Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment

You are receiving this letter because you are part of mailing list for the Walker Environmental Southwestern Landfill Proposal. This letter is to inform you that the Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment (EA) was published on May 11, 2016. A copy of the Notice is attached.

The intent of the Notice of Commencement is to announce that the EA process has formally begun. This means that we will be starting the activities that are described in the Approved Terms of Reference, as amended by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

During the Environmental Assessment phase, we will be consulting with interested members of the community, government, and Aboriginal Communities. We will be discussing 'alternative methods' on 5 topics over the next few months:

- Haul route and site entrance
- Landfill footprint (placement on Carmeuse property)
- Landfill design (height above/below ground, liner design)
- Leachate treatment (how to treat water that comes into contact with waste)
- Landfill gas management (examples: flaring, power generation)

What are "Alternative Methods"?

"Alternative Methods" are different ways of carrying out the proposed project. For example, various potential haul routes. Through consultation, the "Alternative Methods" are narrowed down to one "Preferred Alternative", which will be studied.

We'll be talking to people about what alternative methods we should consider for each topic, and how we evaluate those different methods to come up with the design that will be studied. Opportunities to be involved in consultation and engagement activities will be clearly explained and advertised in advance, and you are always welcome to contact our team if you have input or questions.

If you no longer wish to receive updates on the Southwestern Landfill Environmental Assessment, please let us know by calling us at 1-855-392-5537 (toll free) or by emailing us at info@walkerea.com.

Sincerely,



Becky Oehler
Consultation Manager



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May 24, 2016

Subject: Southwestern Landfill – project status and your communication preferences

As you might have seen in the news, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (Ministry) approved the Terms of Reference for the Southwestern Landfill on March 17, 2016. This approval does not mean that the project is approved to be built. It means that we can move forward with the Environmental Assessment, which will assess the potential for impacts and how those impacts can be prevented and mitigated. Once the Environmental Assessment is complete, the Ministry will decide if the landfill is approved to be developed.

To develop a modern and responsible landfill, Walker is committed to collaborating with neighbours, community organizations, other interested stakeholders, government, and First Nations. For that reason, we would like to provide you with first-hand information, hear your concerns, and discuss the way you would like to be informed and involved.

We are available to meet with you at your home or at our office in Ingersoll, whatever is easier for you. Please contact me to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Oehler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Becky Oehler
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Tuesday August 16, 2016

Dear Name of Person,

Walker Environmental would like to personally invite you and [members of your organizations/your administration] to attend a Public Event concerning the Southwestern Landfill Project. This event is an opportunity for Walker Environmental to meet with you and the community to provide you with information on the status of the project, and gather feedback during this planning and environmental assessment phases of the project.

Public Event Details

Date/Time: Thursday, September 1, 2016 from 3pm – 8pm

Location: Colombo Club – 434719 West Hill Line, Beachville, Ontario

The topics covered at the event include:

- Discuss Questions & Concerns
- Update on Project & Timeline
- How Modern Landfills Operate
- Ways You Can Provide Input
- Next Steps in This Process
- Upcoming Bus Tours to Niagara

Thank you in advance for taking the time out of your schedule to participate at this event.



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Project Director
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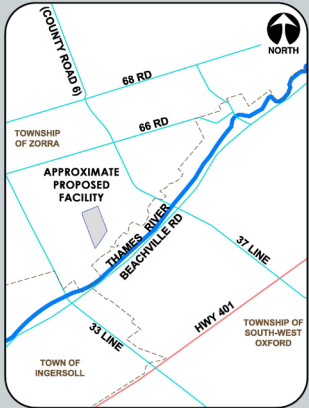
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An update on the Southwestern Landfill EA

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September Event Topics

- Update on Project & Timeline
- How Modern Landfills Operate
- Ways You Can Provide Input
- Next Steps in This Process
- Upcoming Bus Tours

Stay Tuned!

OCTOBER 2016 PUBLIC EVENT

Discussion on different options:

- Landfill Footprint
- Landfill Design
- Haul Route & Site Entrance
- Leachate Treatment
- Landfill Gas Management

For More Information

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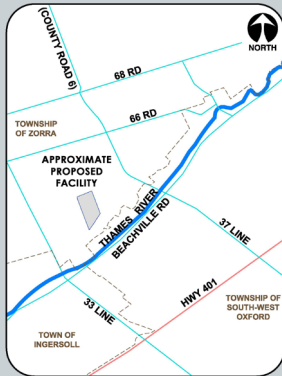
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Provide Input on Five Key Landfill Components

Thursday, October 13, 2016

Colombo Club - 434719 West Hill Line, Beachville, Ontario

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To register for the Public Workshop:

- Visit SWLFPublicWorkshop.Eventbrite.ca,
- Call 1-855-392-5537 or email info@walkerea.com, or
- Register at the door.

* **Register in advance to receive materials before the workshop**

Landfill Components for Discussion

1. Landfill Footprint
2. Landfill Design
3. Haul Route/Site Entrance
4. Leachate Treatment
5. Landfill Gas

Workshop Schedule

Session 1

Presentation Starts at 3 pm

Session 2

Presentation Starts at 6 pm

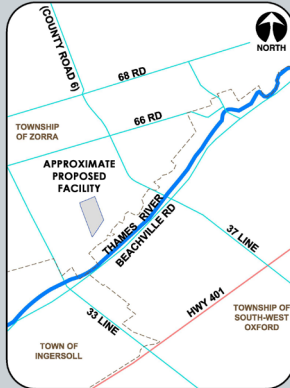
* Both sessions will have the same agenda.

Provide Input on the Preferred Alternatives (Options) for Five Key Landfill Components

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Please register to receive workshop materials in advance:

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- Call 1-855-392-5537 or email info@walkerea.com

* **Please identify if you attended the October Workshop**

Discussion Topics:

Selection of the Preferred Alternatives (Options) for 5 key landfill components

1. Landfill Footprint
2. Landfill Design
3. Haul Route/Site Entrance
4. Leachate Treatment
5. Landfill Gas

This event is a requirement of the Approved Amended Terms of Reference (Section 10.2)

Workshop Schedule

Session 1

Starts at 3:30 pm

Session 2

Starts at 6:30 pm

* All sessions will be 1.5 hr & have the same agenda.

The Proposal

Walker Environmental is proposing a landfill in the Township of Zorra. If approved, it would accept only solid non-hazardous waste that is created in Ontario. The landfill proposal is undergoing a provincial process called an Environmental Assessment (EA). An EA is a planning and decision-making process that considers potential environmental, social and economic effects. Once complete, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change will decide if the landfill is approved.

Key Landfill Components Selected

From July to December 2016, the community was consulted on different aspects of the proposed landfill. Below is a summary of the five key landfill components that were selected to be studied.

Landfill Footprint

- In active portion of quarry (once mined out)

Landfill Design

- Using 12-foot thick Generic Double Composite Liner Design (O.Reg.232/98)
- Average of 15 metres (49 feet) of soil beneath the liner

Haul Route

- 401 Exit 222, north on County Road 6, left onto quarry property

Leachate Management

- On-site treatment plant
- Treated water must meet strict requirements

Landfill Gas Management

- Create renewable energy and flare gas that is not used

Additional Information:

More information on the selection of the key landfill components is available at www.walkerea.com or by contacting our office.

Community Exchange Newsletters

- September, November and December 2016

Public Event Materials

(October 13 & November 16, 2016)

- Hand-outs
- Display boards
- Summaries

Documents

- Alternative Methods Interim Report
- Facility Characteristics Assumptions



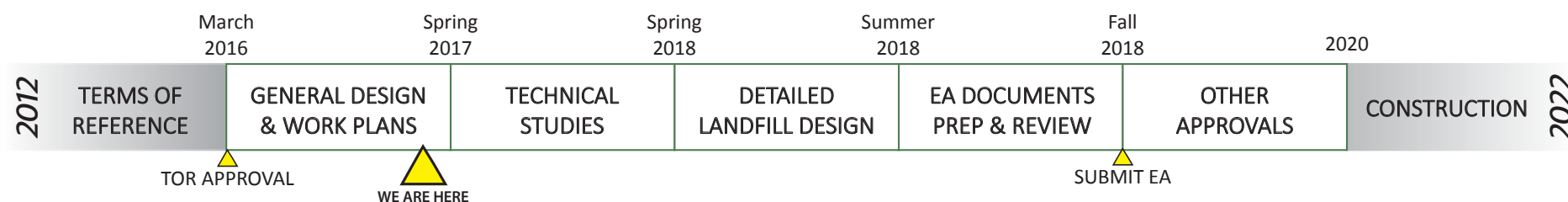
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Southwestern Landfill Proposal Timeline



Stay tuned for more details about the Spring 2017 Public Event

Topic: Technical Work Plans

You can add your perspective and community knowledge to the studies that will assess the proposed landfill.

Learn more about the EA:

-  Visit www.walkerea.com
-  Call 1-855-392-5537
-  Email info@walkerea.com
-  In-person: 160 Carnegie Street, Ingersoll

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If approved, it would accept only solid, non-hazardous waste created in Ontario.*

What is a Technical Work Plan?

A Technical Work Plan is a detailed guide for how a technical study will be conducted.

For the Southwestern Landfill Environmental Assessment there will be 12 different technical studies.

Each technical study will include data collection, sampling/computer modelling, and data analysis.



Why are we talking about Technical Work Plans now?

The Technical Work Plans are being updated and finalized prior to the studies beginning in the spring of 2017. Right now, our technical experts are incorporating:

- Characteristics of the landfill facility (example: preferred haul route)
- Projections about the local land use and climate change
- Input from government technical reviewers, First Nations, local municipalities, and community members

Your Input

You can provide your perspective and community knowledge on how the studies will assess the landfill. There are several ways to participate:

- Attending the April 19 Public Event
- Submitting comments by mail or email
- Discussing your input by phone or in person, we are happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Additional Information:

More information on the Technical Work Plans is available at www.walkerea.com or by contacting our office.

Community Exchange Newsletters

- January to April 2017

Public Event - April 19, 2017

- Register in advance to receive an information booklet before the event. (Contact our office)

Documents

- Summary of each Technical Work Plan in plain language
- Updated Technical Work Plans

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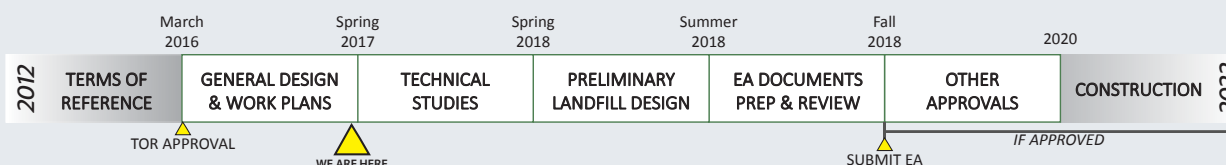
Public Event - April 19, 2017

Topic: Finalization of Technical Work Plans

You can add your perspective and community knowledge on how the studies will assess the proposed landfill.

Two Sessions: 11 am - 2 pm and 5 pm - 8 pm
Colombo Club, 434719 West Hill Line, Beachville, ON

Southwestern Landfill Proposal Timeline



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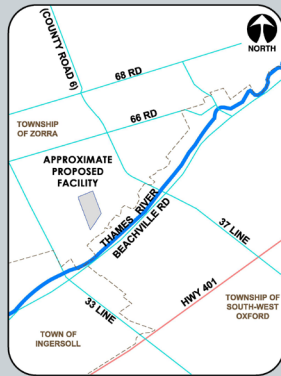
Finalization of Technical Work Plans

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

11 am - 2 pm and 5 pm - 8 pm

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At the April Public Event:

- Review and discuss the updates to technical work plans
- Provide input prior to the start of the technical studies
- Learn more about how the technical studies will be carried out
- Ask questions and provide input

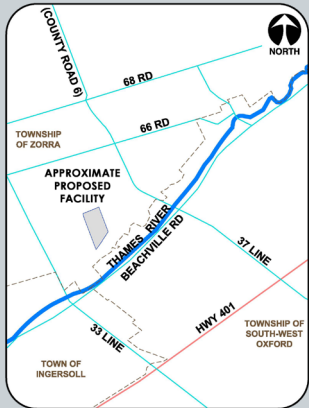
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Office Open House - November 28-30, 2017

Walker Environmental Office - 160 Carnegie Street, Ingersoll, ON

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Do you have questions about how the landfill is being studied?

Come to the Office Open House:

- Get an overview of the current studies
- Find out what study activities you could see in the community
- Learn more about the proposed landfill

Let us know if you plan to attend:

- Call 1-855-392-5537, or
- Email info@walkerea.com

Office Open House

Tues - Nov 28 3 pm - 8 pm
Wed - Nov 29 9 am - 2 pm
Thurs - Nov 30 3 pm - 8 pm

If you are not able to attend, please visit us during our regular office hours (Monday - Friday, 9 am to 4 pm) or contact us to book a time and place that is convenient to you.

For More Information

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