

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Draft 2 of Discussion Paper 1 on the proposed public consultation program has been released for review and comment (see below for more information);
- The first public Open House for the EA will be held Wednesday, July 26th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Centennial Hall;
- The Township of Warwick and CWS will continue to work towards the timely completion of an agreement for a peer review process;
- The initial meeting of the proposed EASG will be organized; and
- CWS consultants will begin the EA studies through the preparation of the initial Discussion Papers.

WHO TO CONTACT...

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PROPOSED CONSULTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE EA

The Schedule below is preliminary and may change over time.

Early Summer 2000

- EA Newsletter #1
- Discussion Paper #1 (Proposed Public Consultation Program)
- EA Open House #1/Workshop
- Initial meeting with EASG

Early Fall 2000

- EA Newsletter #2
- Discussion Paper #2 (Alternatives Evaluation)
- EA Open House #2/Workshop

Late Fall 2000

- EA Newsletter #3
- Discussion Papers #3 (Preferred Alternatives) and #4 (Impact Assessment Process)
- EA Open House #3/Workshop
- Small group discussions with local residents
- Discussion Papers #5 (Baseline Conditions) and #6 (Facility Characteristics Assumptions)

Winter 2000

- EA Newsletter #4
- EA Open House #4
- Workshop
- Discussion Paper #7 (Impact Assessment)

Spring 2001

- EA Newsletter #5
- EA Open House #5/Workshop
- Discussion Papers #8 (Conceptual Design and Operations Plan) and #9 (Impact Management Plan and CCA)

Late Spring/Summer 2001

- EA Newsletter #6
- Notice of EA Submission
- Formal Public and Agency Review of EA Documentation

Late 2001

- EA Newsletter #7
- Notice of decision on EA

Ongoing

- Meetings with the EASG

WARWICK LANDFILL EXPANSION THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Canadian Waste Services Inc. (CWS) has now begun the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Warwick Landfill Expansion. As CWS proceeds to undertake the EA studies, it has committed to fully involve local municipalities, the public, community interest groups and government agencies throughout the EA. As part of the EA, regular newsletters will be developed, of which this is the first.

MINISTER APPROVES WARWICK LANDFILL EXPANSION ToR

On January 11, 2000, then Minister of the Environment Tony Clement approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Warwick Landfill expansion proposed by CWS. The ToR was submitted to the MOE August 18, 1999 and amended October 15, 1999. The ToR guides the EA in terms of what must be studied in relation to the proposed landfill expansion.

THE MINISTER'S REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Minister of the Environment indicated in his Reasons for the Decision that "an environmental assessment carried out in accordance with the Terms of Reference (ToR) will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) and with the public interest." The Minister's Reasons for the Decision are summarized below:

Addressing Concerns...

The ToR provides that the following issues be considered by CWS:

1. Potential over supply of landfill capacity in the Province.
 - How capacity might affect waste diversion and 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle);
 - How much capacity is environmentally appropriate; and
 - Examine the environmental effects associated with extending the operating lifespan of the landfill beyond 25 years which could potentially occur if less waste is received than anticipated.
2. Potential environmental impacts of the site expansion on the Village of Watford, having considerations for the existing facility, including odour, noise, dust, traffic, air quality, loss of agriculture, archaeology, health effects, visual impacts, economic impacts, increase in birds and wildlife, leachate, surface and groundwater quality and property values.
3. Public consultation and related issues.
 - Proposed consultation for the EA;
 - Role for a Public Advisory Committee as one vehicle for public consultation for the EA;

- Need for consultation for the proposed site operation;
- Consultation on criteria, impacts and study methods;
- Flexibility to make changes based on issues arising during the course of the EA; and
- Time allowed for consultation.

Other Considerations...

In addition, the Reasons for the Decision state that:

- The Government Review team has indicated that they have no outstanding concerns which cannot be addressed in the EA; and
- If the EA is approved, CWVS is required to develop the landfill site in accordance with provincial landfill standards under Regulation 347 and 232/98 which together control the design and operation of landfill sites in Ontario.

If you would like a complete copy of the Minister's Decision and Reasons for the Decision, call 1-800-555-3561 or e-mail your request to ier@inforamp.net

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED LANDFILL EXPANSION

The existing Warwick landfill site is located on part of Lot 20, Concession 3 in the Township of Warwick. The CWS proposal to expand the landfill includes the following:

- Additional landfill capacity for up to 750,000 tonnes per year for approximately 25 years;
- Expansion on lands owned or controlled by CWS;
- Solid, non-hazardous domestic, commercial, industrial and institutional waste;
- Waste generated in Ontario, primarily central and southwest Ontario; and
- No hazardous or liquid waste.

Draft Public Consultation Discussion Paper Now Available
Discussion Paper #1 - "Proposed Public Consultation Program" is now available for public review and comment. Copies will be available at the Open house, or call the toll-free information line (1-800-555-3561) for your copy.

Come to Our First EA Open House Wednesday, July 26th, 2000 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Centennial Hall, Watford
Come to the Open House to Discuss:
• Environmental assessment (EA) process/schedule; and
• The public consultation program proposed for the EA Program.

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WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

THE EA

As outlined in the ToR, the EA will be carried out in two parts:

The Evaluation of Alternatives

- The EA includes the evaluation of alternative:
- landfill footprints (area to be covered by landfill);
 - site access routes;
 - leachate treatment methods; and
 - end uses (uses of the site once the landfill is closed).

Overall Impact Assessment

- The impact assessment will determine the net effects that might reasonably be caused by the proposed landfill expansion, taking into consideration:
- any mitigation to reduce or eliminate impacts;
 - monitoring and contingency plans; and
 - impact management plans.

The EA documents will be prepared by CWS's consultants and reviewed by peer reviewers and government agencies. This review is in addition to the public information and consultation program that will ensure that local residents, other members of the community and interested parties are fully aware of the EA process and its findings. The public consultation program will ensure that there is an opportunity to provide comments throughout the process.

PEER REVIEW OF THE EA

An important aspect of the EA phase is a formal, professional and independent peer review. CWS proposes to enter into an agreement with the Township of Warwick to provide reasonable and appropriate funding for an independent technical peer review. The Township will select the consultants and will manage the peer review process.

THE TECHNICAL REVIEW

The analysis that will be carried out as part of the EA process will be presented for technical and public review in a series of Discussion Papers. CWS and its consultants have identified a preliminary list of nine Discussion Papers. The Discussion Papers will be developed at different stages of the process and will be distributed for review and comment.

PROPOSED DISCUSSION PAPERS

The following Discussion Papers are proposed:

1. **Proposed Public Consultation Program** - description of the opportunities for consultation with all the stakeholder groups.
2. **Alternatives Evaluation** - description of the alternatives and the proposed criteria and indicators to be used to evaluate them.
3. **Preferred Alternatives** - presentation of the results of the alternatives evaluation.
4. **Impact Assessment Process** - documentation of the proposed impact assessment criteria, study areas and study methods for each of the impact assessment studies.
5. **Baseline Conditions** - description of the environment, for each of the EA studies, during the key time frames of the impact assessment.
6. **Facility Characteristics Assumptions** - description of the proposed landfill facility, based on the results of the evaluation of alternatives.
7. **Impact Assessment** - summary of impacts, mitigation and net effects for each of the impact assessment studies.
8. **Conceptual Design and Operations Plan** - summary of the design and operations plan, building on landfill facility characteristic assumptions and incorporating mitigation.
9. **Impact Management Plan** - description of the management plan for net effects after mitigation; will include a discussion of the Community Commitments Agreement (CCA) [see Page 3 for more information on the CCA].

WHAT IS THE EA STUDY GROUP?

CWS is proposing an Environmental Assessment Study Group (EASG) that, when established, will provide an opportunity for representatives of major stakeholder groups in the community (including the general public) to discuss the detailed environmental assessment. The EASG will play a role in the ongoing work during the EA process, reviewing documents and providing advice/comments to CWS. The Warwick PLC played a significant role during the process of creating the ToR, but have decided to focus on the operations of the current Warwick landfill.

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE ON THE EASG?

The EASG is proposed to include many stakeholders from the community, including the general public. Newspaper advertisements were used to invite local residents and members of the public to participate. Invitations to participate have been sent to representatives from key organizations. The membership of the EASG is proposed to be as follows:

- The Township of Warwick
- Lambton County
- The Warwick Watford Landfill Committee
- Sarnia-Lambton Office of Economic Development
- Residents living in the vicinity of the landfill site
- Members of the public living in the broader community
- Canadian Waste Services

It is also proposed that MOE representatives will be involved in the EASG as resources and in a support role.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS AGREEMENT

What is a Community Commitments Agreement?

A Community Commitments Agreement (CCA) will document CWS' commitments to the community. Measures in the CCA will be identified to:

- prevent or reduce potential negative effects;
- monitor environmental and socio-economic effects and deal effectively with unanticipated effects;
- provide for communication and problem solving protocols;
- compensate for unavoidable negative effects;
- provide benefits to the community that are not directly related to landfill operations; and
- provide financial assurance to ensure funds are available for site closure, post-closure care, and contingencies.

Who will be Drafting the Agreement?

The CCA will be developed jointly by the Township of Warwick and CWS. An approach to developing the CCA will be discussed at the next open house. Elements of the CCA will be included in Discussion Paper 9.

When will the CCA be Developed?

Development of the CCA will begin in Summer 2000, and is expected to be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2001.

THANK YOU TO THE PLC

Letter to the Warwick Public Liaison Committee:

Now that the EA for the Warwick landfill expansion process is underway, I would like to express my appreciation to the Chair and members of the Warwick Public Liaison Committee (PLC) for their dedicated assistance and hard work during the preparation of the Terms of Reference.

The PLC, as part of its regular meetings, provided a public forum for asking questions, clarifying issues and reviewing documentation with respect to the ToR for the proposed Warwick landfill expansion. The PLC played a crucial role in assisting the community and CWS in better understanding the issues and looking for ways to come to common ground.

After completion of the ToR phase, the PLC decided to focus once again on its mandate of discussing issues associated with the current Warwick landfill operations. CWS understands and respects this decision.

Based on the interaction with the PLC, CWS recognizes the value that a community-based committee of interested residents and stakeholder groups can bring to an EA process. As a result, CWS is now seeking to form an Environmental Assessment Study Group whose mandate would be to provide a forum for discussions of issues and review of documentation regarding the CWS landfill expansion EA.

On behalf of CWS and the Warwick landfill consulting team, I again offer my thanks to the PLC.

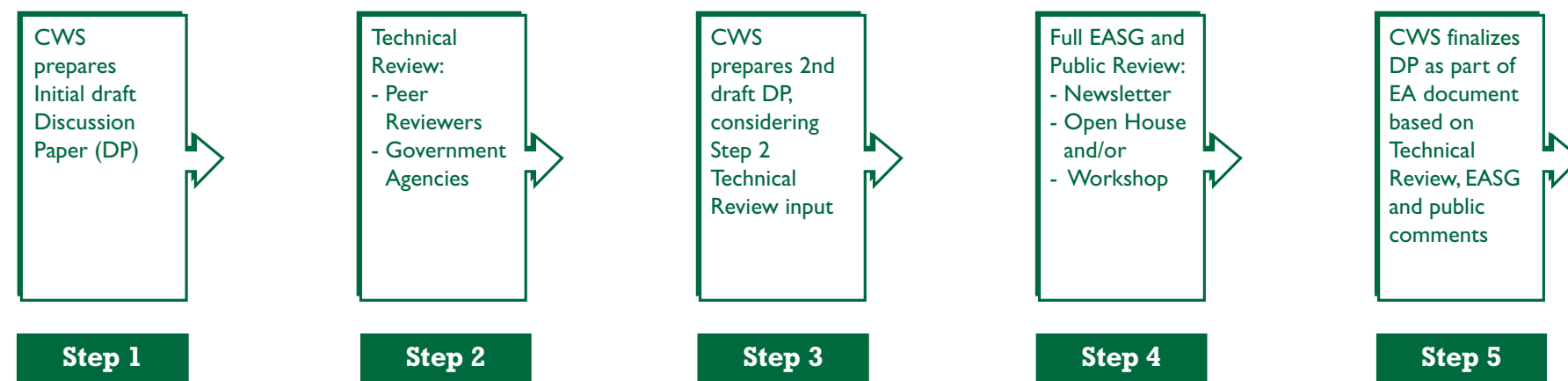
Yours truly,



Kevin Bechard
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WHAT IS THE DISCUSSION PAPER PROCESS?

The following flow chart outlines the steps through which the Discussion Papers will generally be made available for review and comment.



Step 1
CWS and its consultants prepare the initial draft of a Discussion Paper on an aspect of the environmental assessment.

Step 2
The draft is provided to peer reviewers and relevant government agencies for technical review and comment.

Step 3
CWS, using the comments from the review in Step 2, prepares Draft 2 of the Discussion Paper.

Step 4
Draft 2 of the Discussion Paper is made available for EASG (see Page 3) and public review. This may include summaries provided in a newsletter, copies of the Discussion Paper made available to all interested parties, and an open house and/or workshop to permit more in-depth public review and comment.

Step 5
Based on comments from the technical review, the EASG, and the full public review, CWS will finalize the Discussion Paper, which will become a part of the formal EA submission.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION DURING THE EA

The ToR document contains a number of consultation activities that CWS proposes for the EA phase of the project:

- 'Environmental Assessment' newsletters;
- Public Open Houses/Workshops;
- Meetings and workshops with the proposed EASG;
- Meetings with the WWLC;
- Contact interviews with the community leaders;
- Consultations with local residents;

- Telephone and 'face-to-face' interviews with representatives of community facilities (e.g. community centres, schools, churches);
- Letters to non-resident property owners;
- Operation of the toll-free information line (1-800-555-3561);
- Media communications;
- Ongoing contacts with MOE and other government agencies;
- Distribution to the public and stakeholder groups of Discussion Papers; and
- Preparation of a public consultation report for inclusion in the EA submission.