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**WARWICK LANDFILL EXPANSION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO RESUME**

WARWICK, ON - Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WM) announced today that the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the proposed Warwick landfill expansion is underway once again, with the public consultation process resuming in early November 2004.

The EA is being carried out through the development of nine discussion papers, which are distributed in draft form and finalized based on public consultation and peer review. WM will release the remaining three discussion papers on November 9, followed by newsletters summarizing the papers. The consultation period for discussion papers 7, 8 and 9 is 150 days, beginning in early November and ending in late April, and will include public open houses, workshops and meetings with the Environmental Assessment Study Group (EASG). Once the discussion papers are finalized they will become part of the formal EA submission provided to the Ministry of the Environment for its review.

"We are pleased that we can once again proceed with the EA for Warwick and engage with the community," says Brad Muter, WM's Market Area General Manager for Southwestern Ontario.

In order to bring the Warwick community up to date with the proposed landfill expansion project, WM is today publishing a Community Update that explains what has happened so far and how the public can continue to get involved. A web site has also been launched to provide community members and others with on-line information (warwicklandfill.wm.com.) The storefront Information Centre on Nauvoo Road in Watford is open every Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The EA process for the Warwick landfill began in 1998 with the development of Terms of Reference, which were approved by the provincial government in January 2000. The EA process came to a halt in June 2003 after two groups initiated a legal challenge to the Terms of Reference for another proposed landfill expansion by WM in Napanee, Ontario. Expansion plans were stalled for Warwick and Napanee because the court ruling had implications for both. A provincial court ruled in favour of the groups initiating the legal challenge. WM appealed and in August 2004, the higher court ruled in favour of WM.

The EA includes a peer review process, where a team of experts conducts its own independent review into WM's scientific studies. The peer review process is funded by WM but works under the direction of the Township of Warwick.

WM is proposing to build an environmentally safe, multi-purpose waste management facility that will expand the Warwick landfill site on Zion Line in the Township of Warwick. The current Warwick site is nearing capacity. If the expansion proceeds, it will ease the growing pressure for landfill capacity in western Ontario. The expanded site will include recycling and composting operations and a modern landfill. Plans for the landfill include capturing the landfill gas and turning it into energy.

"We'd like to thank community members who have participated in the EA process to date and we encourage citizens to continue their involvement as we bring forward the last three discussion papers," Mr. Muter said.

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