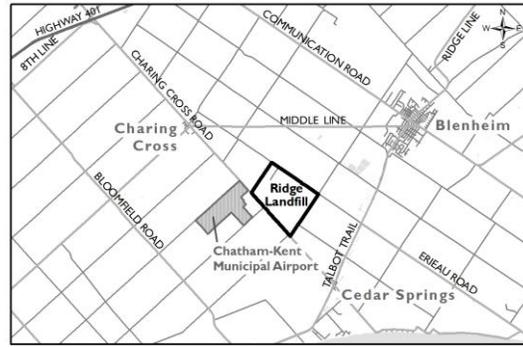


Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment Ridge Landfill Expansion, Waste Connections of Canada

Waste Connections of Canada is beginning an environmental assessment study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to expand the existing Ridge Landfill.

The Ridge Landfill has been serving the Municipality of Chatham-Kent community for 50 years and will reach its approved capacity by approximately 2021. An expanded Ridge Landfill would continue to provide long term residual waste disposal capacity to industrial, commercial and institutional customers in southern and central Ontario and to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.



The Process

On May 1, 2018, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change approved the Terms of Reference for the Ridge Landfill Expansion Environmental Assessment (EA) with amendments. The approved amended Terms of Reference is available on the project website www.ridgelandfill.com.

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the approved amended EA Terms of Reference. The EA will consider site development alternatives for expanding the landfill to provide waste disposal capacity over a 20-year planning period as well as alternatives for the management of leachate and landfill gas. Waste Connections is committed to enhancing waste diversion and will also consider the feasibility of on-site diversion programs.

Results from this study will be documented in an EA, which will be submitted to the ministry for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the EA can be reviewed.

Consultation

Public consultation is a very important aspect of the EA process. Our first public open house will be held on July 25th, 2018 (see text box above). Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation events or contacting Waste Connections to provide information and comments or to ask questions.

Consultation events will be held throughout the EA planning process and notice of those events will be published in local newspapers, distributed to those on the project contact list; and posted at www.ridgelandfill.com. Please visit the website under our Contact Us page to be added to the project contact list.

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You are invited to our first of three EA Public Open Houses!

This first Public Open House will introduce the EA process, provide background information on the site and project, and describe the alternatives being considered and how they will be evaluated. The purpose of the Open House is to get your input on study areas, alternatives being considered, work plans and evaluation criteria.

Time & Date: July 25, 2018 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: St. Mary's Hall, 94 George St, Blenheim, ON