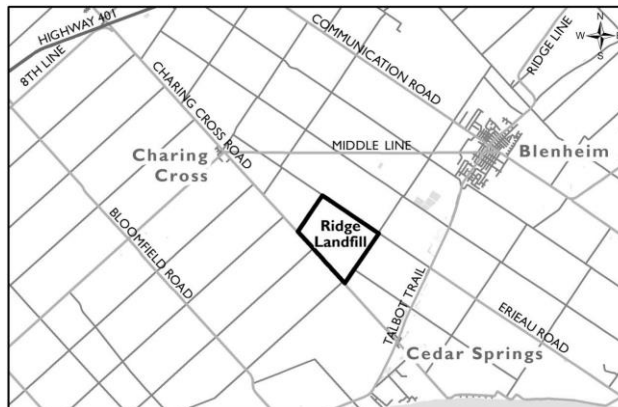


Notice of Commencement –Terms of Reference & Notice of Public Open House Ridge Landfill, Blenheim, Ontario

Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc. (PWS, formerly BFI Canada Inc.) is initiating a study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to expand the footprint of the existing Ridge Landfill. The Ridge Landfill has been serving the Chatham-Kent community for 50 years and will reach its approved capacity by approximately 2022. An expanded Ridge Landfill would continue to provide long term residual waste disposal capacity beyond this time frame to help Chatham-Kent and Ontario meet the needs of a growing population.



The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA). The first step in the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR will set the framework for addressing the EAA requirements, including the alternatives that will be considered and the public consultation activities that will be carried out. The ToR requires approval by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

Consultation

Public consultation is a very important aspect of this process. Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting PWS to provide comments or ask questions.

Consultation opportunities will be held throughout the planning process and notice will be provided through advertisement in the Blenheim News Tribune, Chatham Daily News, Chatham This Week and Chatham Voice; distribution to the project contact list; and through postings at www.ridgelandfill.com. Please visit the website to sign-up to be on the project contact list.

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You are Invited to a Public Open House!

The first Public Open House for the proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion will introduce the project and provide information on the terms of reference process.

Time & Date: May 3, 2016 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: St. Marv's Hall, 94 George St. Blenheim, ON

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

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