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Definitions

Alternatives to – The Environmental Assessment Act (the “Act”) requires that Undertakings being reviewed within the framework of the Act consider “alternatives to” the undertaking, or functionally different ways of addressing the problem statement (in this case, managing waste). This is also known as an “Alternative to the Undertaking”.

Alternative Methods – The Act requires that “undertakings being reviewed within its framework consider “alternative methods” of carrying out the undertaking or various ways of carrying out the preferred undertaking that are technically and economically feasible” (CEAA, 2016).

Focused EA – An EA prepared in accordance with Subsection 6.1(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act, 1990* which excludes one or more requirements of the Act from the EA.

Haul Route – refers to Communication Road, Drury Line and Erieau Road which are identified and used as the designated route for trucks entering and exiting the Ridge Landfill from Hwy 401.

Haul Route Study Area – The residences and businesses abutting the Haul Route.

Indigenous Communities – The First Nations and Métis communities identified by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) that have potential to be interested in, or impacted by the Undertaking. These groups include the Caldwell First Nation, Walpole Island First Nation, Chiefs of Ontario, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Moravian of the Thames, Munsee-Delaware Nation, Oneida of the Thames, Métis Nation of Ontario and the Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

Off-Site Study Area – The area within 1 km of the maximum expanded fill area of the landfill.

On-Site Study Area – The Ridge Landfill property including the Landfill Site Area, plus the proposed expansion areas.

Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc. – (“PWS”) is the proponent for this undertaking. PWS was formerly BFI Canada Inc. PWS and Waste Connections Inc. merged in an all-stock transaction as of June 1, 2016. The company will continue to be branded as Progressive Waste Solutions for its operations in Canada.

Ridge Landfill – Property that encompasses existing Landfill Site Area and proposed expansion. The site is owned by Ridge Limited Partnership. Ridge (Chatham) Holdings G.P. Inc., is the general partner and Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc. is the limited partner.

Stakeholders – This refers to ‘interested persons’ as defined in the “Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario” (Ministry of the Environment, 2014b) (January 2014).

Undertaking – The proposed expansion of the Ridge Landfill with resource recovery opportunities (also described herein as the “Project”).

Acronyms

EA – Environmental Assessment

EA Act or the Act – the Environmental Assessment Act

LTVCA – Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority

MNRF – Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

MOECC – Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

PWS – Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc.

ToR – Terms of Reference

1.0

Introduction

1.1

Report Organization

This document highlights the communication and consultation that took place during the development of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the proposed Project including activities undertaken and input received. The Project includes the proposed expansion of the Ridge Landfill with added resource recovery opportunities and is also referred to as the proposed Undertaking. The report includes the following sections:

- **Section 1 – Introduction:** highlights the objectives of the ToR consultation program.
- **Section 2 – Communication Mechanisms:** documents the methods used to inform people about the Project including the identification of interested stakeholders. Stakeholders are defined as those who may have an interest in the Project (see Section 2.1 for list of stakeholders).
- **Section 3 – Public Consultation:** documents the consultation undertaken with the public during the development of the ToR and the input received.
- **Section 4 – Agency Consultation:** highlights the consultation undertaken with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and review agencies (i.e., MNRF, MOECC) during the development of the ToR and the input received.
- **Section 5 – Indigenous Community Consultation:** highlights the consultation with Indigenous Communities during the development of the ToR and the input received.
- **Section 6 – Consultation on the Draft EA Terms of Reference:** summarizes the input received during the public and agency review of the draft ToR.
- **Section 7 – Next Steps:** documents the next steps in the Project.

1.2

Consultation Objectives

Consultation on Environmental Assessment (EA) projects is guided by the MOECC Code of Practice “Consultation in Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Process”, January 2014. Progressive Waste Solutions (PWS) is committed to engaging stakeholders in the Project to ensure that residents and businesses within the Off-site Study Area and Haul Route Study Area as well as in Blenheim, Charing Cross, Cedar Springs and elsewhere within the Municipality of Chatham Kent have the ability to provide their input. PWS met with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) in December 2015 to receive additional guidance on methods of stakeholder engagement. This document outlines required consultation as well provides guidance on consultation best practices.

The objectives of the consultation program for the ToR development include:

- to generate awareness of the Project;
- to inform and educate stakeholders about PWS, the EA process, and the Project;
- to gain insight into how the community wishes to be consulted; and
- to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions, voice their concerns, and provide input on the ToR.

The following guiding principles reinforce the consultation objectives and will continue to help guide the design of consultation and communication activities:

- **Make it timely** – Consultation activities will be conducted so as to ensure stakeholders and the general public have the opportunity to provide feedback and participate in the development of the EA.
- **Make it inclusive** – Ensure a broad range of stakeholders and the general public can access Project information, participate, and interact with the Project Team. Consultation and communications material is designed to be easy to understand and a variety of communication consultation methods will be used.
- **Make it community-focused** – Consultation activities are held in proximity to the Ridge Landfill to make it easy for the Project neighbours to participate. Project information will also be available online for ease of community use and engagement.
- **Make it productive** – Continuous measuring and monitoring of events and input will ensure that the positions of stakeholders are being considered contributing to the EA in line with the consultation objectives.
- **Make it transparent** – The consultation process will be open and transparent so that the many different perspectives of stakeholders and the general public can be received and the way in which that input is considered can be seen.

2.0 Communication Mechanisms

This section documents the development of the stakeholder list for this project and provides an outline of the various notification procedures that were followed as part of the consultation program.

2.1 Project Contact List

It is important to ensure that those who might be interested or affected by the proposed expansion of the Ridge Landfill be provided the opportunity to participate in the development of the ToR. As such, PWS developed a comprehensive project contact list. To ensure the accuracy of the contact list, property assessment information was collected for landowners within 1 kilometre of the property, and along the haul route. Other stakeholders within the community were also identified and placed on the list (e.g. Blenheim Business Improvement Association, Kent Federation of Agriculture, etc.). In a dedicated effort to keep everyone informed, contacts from the Ridge Landfill EA expansion project (1998) and the EA process to increase daily/annual waste inputs (2011) were also included. It is noted that the project contact list was discussed with representatives of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to ensure that the list reflected their knowledge of community members and interested groups. The following lists the categories of stakeholders that are included on the contact list. These stakeholders were consulted throughout the ToR and will continue to be consulted during the EA:

- landowners within 1 km of the site and along the haul route;
- Ridge Landfill Liaison Committee;
- Ridge Landfill Community Trust;
- Chatham-Kent elected officials;
- provincial and federal elected officials;
- Chatham-Kent municipal staff;
- adjacent municipalities;
- provincial and federal regulatory agencies;
- participants from past EA processes;
- Indigenous Communities;
- other stakeholders (e.g. agricultural organizations, businesses and business organizations, school boards).

Appendix A includes further details on the stakeholders that were consulted with during the ToR. The initial Notice of Commencement of the ToR was distributed to residents and businesses in Blenheim, Charing Cross and Cedar Springs. People within these communities were added to the contact list as they expressed interest. As a living document, the contact list will continue to be updated through the EA.

2.2

Mandatory Notices and Other Notifications

There are two mandatory notification points in the development of the ToR – *Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference*, and *Notice of Submission*. Other notices included notices of Open Houses and the opportunity to review the draft ToR.

The Ridge Landfill has been a business in the community for 50 years and values the positive relationship developed with the Chatham-Kent community and the landfill neighbours. As such, it was considered important to take a personalized approach to notification. A personalized letter was distributed along with the newspaper notice to neighbours in the site vicinity and along the haul route as well as others on the contact list. The letter included the contact information for the PWS Project Manager and encouraged the recipient to follow-up with any questions. In all cases, effort was made to ensure that local elected officials, residents and other stakeholders received the information concurrent with placement in the newspapers. This included hand delivering the information to residents on-site and immediate landfill neighbours where possible.

The *Blenheim News Tribune*, *Chatham Daily News*, *Chatham Voice* and *Chatham This Week* are the newspapers that were used for the *Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference*.

Table 1 describes each of the notifications. Copies of the newspaper notices and letters can be found in **Appendix A**.

TABLE 1: TOR NOTIFICATION DETAILS

Notice	Newspaper Insertion Dates	Other Notification Comments
Combined Notice of Commencement of the ToR and Open House #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blenheim News Tribune – April 20th and 27th • Chatham Voice – April 21st and 28th • Chatham Daily News – April 21st and 28th • Chatham This Week – April 27th • Blenheim News Tribune – June 15th and 22nd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice and letter hand-delivered to residents on-site and adjacent neighbours. • Notice and letter mailed and emailed to all other contacts.
Notice of Open House #2 and Draft ToR Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatham Voice – June 16th and 23rd • Chatham Daily News – June 16th and 23rd • Chatham This Week – June 22th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice and letter mailed/emailed to all on contact list
Notice of ToR Submission	It is anticipated that the Notice of Submission will be placed in the same local newspapers as per previous notices as well as mailed out to those on the project contact list.	

2.3 Landfill Website and Contact Information

PWS established a dedicated website for the Ridge Landfill. The website is easily navigable for viewers providing information on the proposed expansion, landfill contact information, information on landfill operations, and community partnerships. On the date of the release of the Notice of Commencement, PWS launched a “Future Plans” page of the website announcing the proposed expansion. The website (www.ridgelandfill.com) provides an online form for members of the public and interested stakeholders to submit questions and comments. As of June 17, 2016 there have been 587 individual visits to the website and 3 comments received via the online form. A screen capture of the landfill website is included in **Appendix A**.

2.4 Community Newsletter

“The Ridge” community newsletter was distributed to landowners within 1 km of the site and along the haul route as well as a mail drop by Canada Post to residents and businesses within Charing Cross, Cedar Springs and Blenheim. In addition to informing them of the proposed landfill expansion it reminded them of PWS’ commitment to keeping the community informed about landfill operations at the Ridge, the site’s environmental management system, and PWS’ commitment to being a good neighbour in the local community. The newsletter was also posted on the landfill website and distributed with the Notice of Commencement to all

government agencies, elected officials and organizations identified on the project contact list. A copy of “The Ridge” community newsletter and map of the mail drop area can be found in **Appendix B**.

2.5 Media Relations

Immediately following the publication and release of the *Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference*, PWS staff made themselves available for media inquiries to answer questions about the proposed expansion with the goal of ensuring the media understood the Project. Prior to the second Open House on June 28th, PWS offered briefings to local media to help inform them on the EA process as it pertains to the Project. **Table 2** lists the media articles written about the Project during the ToR development.

TABLE 2: MEDIA NEWS STORIES

Media Outlet	Article Title	Date Published
Newspaper: The Chatham Voice	“Ridge Landfill Expansion Sought” by Jim Blake	April 22, 2016
Newspaper: Chatham Daily News	“Owner Wants to Increase Lifespan by 20 Years” by Ellwood Shreve	April 22, 2016
Television: CTV News	Interview by Chris Thompson	April 25, 2016
Radio: 99.1 FM	“Landfill Expansion Planned” Chatham-Kent Radio	April 26, 2016
Newspaper: The Chatham Daily News	“Proposed Ridge Landfill Would Make it One of the Largest in Ontario” by Ellwood Shreve	May 3, 2016
Newspaper: The Chatham Daily News	“Development of Biogas Facility in Works at Ridge Landfill” by Ellwood Shreve	May 4, 2016
Newspaper: The London Free Press	“Biogas Facility Slated for Ridge Landfill Site”	May 5, 2016

Copies of media articles are located in **Appendix C**.

3.0 Public Consultation

Public consultation is a critical part of a project as it aids in developing a clearer understanding of community issues and priorities. It allows the Project Team to gain information and perspectives from the local community helping to inform and improve the overall process. As the primary provider of waste management services, PWS has a history of positive relations

with the local communities of Charing Cross, Cedar Springs, Blenheim and the broader community of Chatham-Kent. To maintain this strong relationship, PWS put considerable effort into developing a public consultation program that was inclusive and flexible to meet the needs of the community. This section of the Record of Consultation documents the consultation aimed at informing and generating input from the public.

3.1 Open Houses

Two Open Houses were held (May 3 and June 28, 2016) during the ToR development. The focus of these Open Houses was to provide an opportunity for local residents and businesses to learn more about the Project, ask questions and provide their feedback. Both events used a drop-in style meeting format which allowed attendees to review material at their own pace and time. Project Team members were available for discussion with attendees. The following sections briefly describe each Open House. The Open House materials are included in **Appendix D**.

Open House 1

The first Open House was held on Tuesday May 3rd, 2016 at St. Mary's Hall in Blenheim, and was attended by 60 members of the community. The purpose of the Open House was to introduce people to the Project Team, and provide them the opportunity to learn about the Project, and ask questions. Information was provided on display boards and provided information on the following topics:

- PWS's history at the Ridge Landfill and relationship with the community;
- PWS's socio-economic contributions to the community;
- the current environmental management system at the landfill;
- future plans for expansion and other proposals;
- the need and rationale for the proposed expansion;
- alternatives to expansion that PWS has considered;
- an explanation of the EA process; and
- information on the consultation process and how to stay involved in the Project.

A large-format map was displayed on a table, to allow people to look at the site and haul route in relation to their property. Eleven members of the PWS Project Team were in attendance to discuss the Project with attendees and answer questions.

Comment forms were available for attendees to identify how they heard about the event and provide their feedback on the proposed expansion project. The majority of attendees heard of the Open House through the personalized letters, while a few read about it in the newspaper or heard of it by word of mouth. The feedback from the Open House was primarily positive

with some areas of concern raised around future compensation, visual impact, odour, property values, groundwater and traffic.

Full details on comments raised and the responses to these issues can be found in **Section 3.3**. The input received will help PWS identity the concerns of the community and address them. Following the Open House, PWS posted the presentation boards on the landfill website allowing residents who couldn't attend the event an opportunity to understand the information presented.

Open House #2

The second Open House is being held on June 28, 2016 at St. Mary's Hall in Blenheim. The focus of this event is to review the information included in the draft ToR. Display panels will provide information on:

- the future EA activities to be undertaken to define the environment;
- study areas to be used for defining the potential effects of the proposed landfill expansion;
- proposed evaluation criteria for the comparison of alternative methods (to expand the landfill and divert additional waste materials) and to assess impacts; and
- the proposed consultation activities to be undertaken during the EA.

Further information on Open House #2 including the input received will be documented in the final Record of Consultation.

3.2 Stakeholder Meetings

3.2.1 Residents/Landowners and PWS Staff

As part of the initial notification of the proposed expansion, the PWS Project Manager and District Manager of the Ridge Landfill personally met with on-site residents and as many adjacent neighbours as possible to discuss the Project on the day the first notice was published to ensure they knew about the proposal to expand the landfill, and to maintain good neighbour relations. Four meetings were held. In general, these meetings were introductory in nature, introducing the Project and the EA process that will be undertaken. The goal of this personalized approach was to alleviate concerns with respect to expansion timing for the three on-site residents who currently rent property and to ensure that long-time close neighbours were notified personally as opposed to reading about the Project for the first time in the newspaper. Comments raised at the meetings have been included in **Section 3.3**.

PWS also made a point of meeting with their waste collection and landfill staff the morning of the project announcement to give them information about the Project. In many cases, front-line staff live in the community and also have routine interaction with the public in the course of their duties. PWS felt it was important that they were fully aware of the proposed Ridge

Landfill expansion and able to direct members of the public to the website and/or Project Manager for further information.

3.2.2 Ridge Landfill Liaison Committee

The Ridge Landfill Liaison Committee is a long-term committee that was established to provide feedback on the operation of the landfill. It was developed in response to a condition of approval of the 1997 expansion EA. The committee includes representatives from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent (staff and elected officials), public members, a representative from the Ridge Community Trust, the MOECC and PWS.

While the mandate of the committee is to focus on the operation of the landfill rather than the proposed expansion, this committee has a long history with the site and thus a valuable perspective on the Project. PWS met with the Ridge Landfill Liaison Committee on April 5, 2016 to inform them of plans to initiate the Project in advance of the formal announcement. The Ward 2 Councillor whose riding includes the Ridge Landfill, was also invited and attended this meeting. The overall response from the Committee was positive. Specific comments have been included in **Section 3.3**.

3.3 Response to Public and Stakeholder Comments

Fifteen (15) comment forms and eleven (11) other correspondence pieces (i.e., letter, email, web form), were received during the ToR development. **Table 3** provides an overview of the public and stakeholder comments received. Also included in the table is the PWS response to these comments indicating how they will be considered in the EA where appropriate. Written comments received are included in **Appendix E**.

TABLE 3: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
Waste Management Service	
Would like to see hazardous waste collection happen more frequently.	PWS will evaluate hazardous waste collection as part of their assessment of resource recovery alternatives in the EA.
Those in rural areas don't receive residential pick-up. Would they be able to drop off things and would there be a fee attached?	During landfill operating hours residents can bring waste for drop-off at the landfill. PWS, however, encourages residents to use one of the eight municipal transfer stations as PWS has a minimum one-tonne fee of \$80.00 at the landfill site.
Community Funding and Support	
<p>A number of requests for funding were made including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to erecting signs for the Village of Erie Beach centennial celebration. • Support for a Non-Profit Hockey School/Camp. • Support for a men's shelter in Chatham. • Support for a local BMX bicycle club. 	All funding requests should be directed to the Ridge Landfill Community Trust.
<p>PWS is trying to make the project more palatable by talking about the money they are investing in the community, but not mentioning the huge profits being made from the landfill.</p>	<p>PWS is a private waste management company providing a needed community service, and as all private companies, PWS is in business to make a profit.</p> <p>PWS is proud of its contribution to the Chatham-Kent community and wished to ensure that there was awareness about level of investment in the community.</p>
<p>Quantity and Source of Waste</p> <p>Concern that the landfill will become a burden on the community as it grows, as seen in the landfill south west of London.</p> <p>Concern that landfill will start accepting too much waste if expanded.</p>	<p>The annual volume of waste will not increase for the planned site life and PWS has no plans to receive residential waste from the City of Toronto as they own their own landfill near London.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
<p>Opposed to the proposed expansion of the Ridge Landfill. I believe the real reason for expansion is to serve the needs of Ontario, i.e. Toronto and the GTA as well as other large centres in southwestern Ontario where local opposition to landfill expansion closer to home is more politically charged. It is high time that Toronto/the GTA, etc. found a better solution to their garbage disposal needs than to ship it to Chatham-Kent.</p> <p>C-K has more than paid its dues to benefit Toronto, the GTA etc. for several years. The Ridge Landfill should be used primarily to benefit the residents of C-K, and I oppose the proposed expansion.</p> <p>The people of Chatham-Kent have done their share in waste management and it is time for other areas to step up.</p> <p>Against bringing waste in from outside of Southwestern Ontario, especially from the USA.</p> <p>It was noted that the community may be concerned if intention is for Ridge to accept waste from all of Ontario.</p>	<p>A Needs/Opportunities Assessment Report was completed and is included as a supporting document to the ToR. This report demonstrates that there will be a need for disposal capacity in southern Ontario as of approximately 2022 when the Ridge Landfill is currently expected to reach capacity.</p> <p>The Ridge Landfill is currently approved to accept industrial, commercial and institutional waste from anywhere in Ontario and residential waste from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the surrounding Counties of Essex, Lambton, Middlesex and Elgin. As part of the proposed expansion, PWS is seeking a revision to the residential service area to allow for residential waste from all of Ontario. It is noted that the annual volume of waste the Ridge is permitted to accept will not increase and PWS has no plans to receive residential waste from the City of Toronto as they own their own landfill near London.</p>
<p>Agriculture</p> <p>C-K is an agriculturally based community. The landscape should be used for food production, not waste disposal.</p>	<p>Much of the Ridge Landfill Property is already recognized in the Chatham-Kent Official Plan as a waste management site and the proposed expansion of the landfill will be within the Ridge Landfill Property. During the EA an agricultural assessment will be completed to determine the potential for the proposed expansion to impact farmland and farming. PWS will continue to accommodate farming on the on-site lands not being used for waste management until they are needed for landfilling.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
Landfill Gas and Odour	
Support for the proposal of the addition of a biogas facility.	PWS has plans for the development of a biogas facility at the Ridge to convert landfill gas into a pipeline quality natural gas. This would be the largest biogas facility in Ontario and one of the largest in North America.
Methane issue needs to be utilized in reusable resource.	
Start collecting biogas for good use.	
Asked what the proposed biogas facility will look like and how much land would be needed.	
Smell is already an issue that needs to be addressed before expansion.	The proposed biogas facility is a separate project that PWS is pursuing. It is not included as part of the EA for the proposed Ridge Landfill expansion. It is anticipated that the biogas facility would require approximately one acre.
East wind seems to have odour issues.	The following odour management controls are in place at the Ridge Landfill:
Worried about the smell if household garbage is accepted from Southern Ontario.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily covering of waste and small working area to mitigate odour;• Regular inspection for fissures which could allow odour to escape;• Leachate collection and an enclosed leachate pretreatment facility;• Landfill gas collection system which collects and flares gas;• Systems to minimize fugitive odours including a portable unit which can be moved around depending on wind conditions and direction.
Are there health risks from being downwind of the landfill and smelling the strong odours?	This system uses eco-friendly materials mixed with water to suppress odors. The system is deployed in the spring and operates through to the fall as long as night time temperatures stay above freezing. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Odour complaint process as part of a broader nuisance complaint process that people can use to contact PWS if they believe they smell an odour from our site. On-site wind direction and other weather related information is recorded at the time of the complaint so that current site conditions are known.

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
<p>There is already a lagoon and lots of smell. Some days the smell is bad enough you can't go outside.</p> <p>Significant concerns about odour. The landfill west of London north of the 401 always smells.</p>	<p>Odour is a nuisance effect and does have health impacts. Landfill gas constituents that are health related are monitored and are within compliance levels. Odour will be one of the technical studies that will be completed as part of the EA. The odour assessment will look at the existing odour management system and identify opportunities to improve the management of fugitive odours.</p> <p>The landfill near London referred to in the comments is the Green Lane Landfill. This landfill is operated by the City of Toronto.</p> <p>It is noted that the Blenheim Sewage Treatment Plant is managed by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Concerns about odour from this facility should be directed to the municipality.</p>
<p>Compensation, Property Values and Social Impact</p> <p>Level 4 compensation does not adequately take into account what residents have to look at. No one has come to see what it is like for residents close to the landfill.</p> <p>Currently at level 2 compensation but expecting to move to level 1 as the landfill moves closer due to noise, dust, traffic, prevailing wind, odours, and obstruction of view.</p> <p>Currently not being compensated whereas some neighbours are being compensated.</p> <p>There needs to be an increase in property compensation.</p>	<p>PWS has a history of positive relations with the Chatham-Kent community and is committed to being a good neighbor. In addition to the annual royalty payments to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and contributions to the Ridge Landfill Trust Fund, PWS provides compensation to residents living in proximity to the landfill and along the haul route. The compensation paid is based on the level of impact. Once the EA for the proposed expansion is complete, PWS will review the existing compensation agreements.</p>
<p>How will the expansion effect property values?</p> <p>Now that our properties will be at the landfill's doorstep, we expect that these properties will now be protected. When these changes occur, we would like to be notified in writing.</p>	<p>Property value questions are valid and legitimate concerns for any landowner. There is a Property Protection Program in place that PWS will re-assess based on the results of the EA for the proposed expansion.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
<p>Social impact on homes and businesses nearest to the landfill and a loss of enjoyment of property.</p> <p>Home/farm has been here since 1881. Fear that children will no longer want to continue the family farm due to the proximity of the landfill.</p>	<p>One component of the EA will be a social impact assessment. This work will look at the potential for the expansion to negatively impact local residents and change their enjoyment of their property.</p>
<p>Groundwater and Surface Water</p> <p>Worried about household well, and groundwater contamination.</p> <p>Who is going to monitor groundwater for contamination?</p> <p>The landfill should pay for municipal water to the site.</p>	<p>The Ridge Landfill has an environmental management system in place that follows stringent Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regulations. Annual independent groundwater and surface water monitoring is undertaken with reports submitted to the MOECC.</p> <p>The current facility has been designed, built and is operated to contain and collect the leachate generated (water either from rain or decomposition that percolates through the waste) in order to protect groundwater. The thick clay till that underlies the site provides a natural liner protecting the groundwater.</p> <p>The leachate that drains through the landfill is collected and treated at the municipal treatment plant to standards approved by the MOECC. The Ministry is updated annually on the operation of our leachate collection system.</p> <p>An assessment of the potential for groundwater impacts as a result of the proposed expansion will be an important part of the EA. This work will look at existing groundwater information, complete additional testing in areas where limited data exists and model potential groundwater impacts. Measure to mitigate potential impacts and contingency plans will be proposed.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
<p>Flooding is a problem during the spring. Don't see where all the snow melt is going to go if site is expanded.</p>	<p>Currently there is a flood control facility at the site to manage spring melt conditions. The EA will look at the potential for the proposed expansion to impact drainage.</p>
<p>Traffic and Airport</p> <p>The steady stream of large tractor-trailers hauling waste to C-K is impacting the traffic congestion on Hwy 401. This happens all year around, regardless of weather, and increases traffic hazards. It also increases the rate of deterioration of the road surface of Hwy 401, resulting in more maintenance costs. It also requires substantial fuel costs for all of that transport traffic.</p> <p>Noise and truck traffic along the haul route is already a current issue and the speed limit for non-truck traffic.</p> <p>How will this expansion affect the local traffic patterns?</p>	<p>Currently there are approximately 200 waste haul trucks and small trailers per day that come to the Ridge Landfill. These trucks come from a number of different locations.</p> <p>With the proposed expansion, the amount of waste the site can accept each year will not change so the volume of waste disposal traffic coming to the site will remain similar to what is experienced today. In the EA, PWS will look at resource recovery alternatives which could result in some additional traffic to the Ridge Landfill Property. During the EA a transportation study will be undertaken to assess potential impact associated with transportation on the haul route (i.e. from Highway 401 to the site) and to develop measures to mitigate impacts. Highway 401 is designed to handle the transportation of goods and materials and the traffic associated with Ridge Landfill is a small fraction of the total traffic on the highway.</p> <p>There will be no increase in the amount of waste disposal traffic to and from the site as the amount of waste PWS is currently permitted to accept at the Ridge Landfill will not change following the proposed expansion. With the proposed expansion it is intended that the current haul route remain in place. . In the EA, PWS will look at resource recovery alternatives which could result in some additional traffic to the Ridge Landfill Property.</p>
<p>Road maintenance on haul route due to slime and mud.</p>	<p>PWS has two sweepers and two water trucks that are used to sweep and clean the roads during and after storm events, and clean up sporadic mud drop events from the trucks where they may arise along the designated haul route.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
Request that arterial roads (Allison Line between Lagoon and Erieau) to the landfill are hard surfaced for convenience and safety. Is a main artery between Blenheim & the landfill for our curbside trucks.	This road is not part of the designated haul route. This is a municipal responsibility.
Concerned about height of landfill in relation to the airport.	The landfill height is restricted to 241.3 metres above sea level (masl) due to the proximity of the site to the Chatham airport. Sections of the West Landfill are at the maximum allowable height. The proposed expansion will stay within the maximum height allowed for the airport.
Increase Diversion	
Reduction of waste is the solution not expansion. Implement a stricter recycling program; don't accept waste that is not recycled.	<p>As a private company PWS does not have authority to require its customers to reduce, reuse or recycle. PWS does however work with its customers to encourage and assist them in increasing the quantity of waste they recycle. Ridge only accepts residual waste, following waste diversion processes.</p> <p>The Ridge Landfill also accepts residual waste materials from many other independent Ontario companies. Waste materials being received at the landfill are continually monitored and for those materials identified and considered recoverable, further discussion with generators occurs to encourage at-source separation and identify opportunities for direct transport to recycling/organic waste recovery facilities. Where possible, the identified materials are also diverted from landfill disposal to a designated area at the landfill for further material segregation.</p> <p>It is noted that while the provincial Waste-Free Ontario Act promotes a reduction in the amount of waste generated and disposed of, it also recognizes the ongoing need for disposal as the population of Ontario increases.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
Other Comments	
<p>Add vegetation to the berms to break the wind and prevent garbage from blowing out.</p> <p>Was listed as supportive of berm. This is incorrect. Berms do not make a difference unless you are right beside the landfill.</p>	<p>The EA will determine the potential for negative impacts from the proposed expansion including potential impacts such as litter and visual impacts. To minimize these impacts, mitigation will be proposed which could include planting vegetation on berms.</p>
<p>Cover and seal the garbage.</p>	<p>Each day, cover material is placed on the active landfill area to reduce dust, odour and litter. Once a section of the landfill is completed a final cover is put over the waste. This represents best practice in landfill operation and would continue with the proposed expansion.</p>
<p>Have lived beside the landfill since its creation and have had no complaints and built a good relationship and hope to continue this in the future.</p>	<p>PWS strives to be a good neighbour, and appreciates the comment.</p>
<p>Asked about potential to 'give land back' to the community at time of site closure.</p>	<p>There are situations where lands associated with closed landfills have been repurposed to provide a beneficial use to the community. The opportunity to accomplish this at the Ridge Landfill can be considered during preparation of a closure plan. It is noted that this would happen once landfilling at the site had ceased.</p>

4.0 Indigenous Communities Consultation

Consultation with Indigenous Communities is an important part of conducting an EA. Engagement with First Nations and Métis provides an avenue to understand their perspectives regarding the proposed project. PWS can then incorporate their issues and concerns into the EA and work with Indigenous Communities to find ways to avoid or mitigate issues.

4.1 Potentially Interested Indigenous Communities

During the ToR development, PWS worked with the MOECC to identify Indigenous Communities that may have a territorial interest in the Ridge Landfill. The environmental screening process in 2011 provided an initial list of Indigenous Community contacts. This initial contact list was vetted through the MOECC and a final list was established. The Indigenous Communities contacted as part of the proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion ToR include:

- Caldwell First Nations;
- Chiefs of Ontario;
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation;
- Moravian of the Thames;
- Munsee-Delaware Nation;
- Oneida Nation of the Thames;
- Walpole Island First Nation;
- Métis Nation of Ontario; and
- Aamjiwnaang First Nation.

These Indigenous Communities and organizations will continue to be engaged during the EA and the MOECC will be consulted during the EA for any updates to this list.

4.2 Correspondence with Indigenous Communities

In recognition of the special interests associated with Indigenous Communities, PWS retained Counsel Public Affairs Inc., specifically Mr. John Beaucage, a well-respected First Nation leader to lead the engagement process. There were three points of contact with the above noted Indigenous Communities during the course of the ToR development. In each of the above instances, a letter was mailed to the community followed by an email with letter attachment. Letters and emails were sent so that the Chiefs of the Indigenous Communities received notice of public Open Houses before announcements were made through the local media. The following explains each point of contact; letters are included in **Appendix F**.

- April 7, 2016 – Initial letters were sent to the Chiefs of each of the Indigenous Communities. These letters were distributed in advance of the Project’s formal announcement to inform them of the upcoming announcement and offer to meet.
- April 18, 2016 – A second letter was distributed to inform Indigenous Communities of the formal announcement of the Project and outline the EA process.
- May 11, 2016 – A third letter was distributed to inform Indigenous Communities of the results of the first Open House, and make them aware of the date of the second Open House.

The letters requested the communities to contact John Beaucage if they wanted an in-person meeting. John Beaucage personally contacted Walpole Island and Caldwell First Nation by telephone when they expressed interest in setting up a meeting. In total there were two phone conversations with the Administrative Assistant at Caldwell First Nation, and two phone conversations with Dr. Dean Jacobs at Walpole Island First Nation. Meetings with these communities are scheduled for June 27 and June 28, 2016.

4.3 Response to Indigenous Communities Comments

To date no comments have been received. As noted above, meetings with the Caldwell First Nation and Walpole Island First Nation have been scheduled.

5.0 Agency Consultation

Throughout the ToR development, regulatory, local and other agencies were invited to participate and provide comments. PWS reached out to key agencies to solicit their input where appropriate. The objectives of consultation with agencies was to inform them of the Project, understand their issues and obtain their feedback on the data collection, evaluation and assessment steps proposed for inclusion in the EA. As noted in **Section 2.1**, local, provincial and federal agencies were included on the project contact list and received all project notices.

5.1 Agency Meetings

PWS proactively set up meetings with agencies that were expected to have an interest in the Project and who may have important information related to completion of the EA. The following sections document the meetings that were held during the development of the ToR. Specific comments raised at these meetings can be found in **Section 5.3** and meeting minutes are included in **Appendix G**.

5.1.1 Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)

The Project Team met with the MOECC at their Toronto office on December 16, 2015. The meeting included MOECC representatives from the EA Branch and the District. An overview of the Ridge Landfill and the proposed expansion was provided, including a discussion of the need for additional disposal capacity. A key purpose of this meeting was to ensure that the MOECC were comfortable with the proposed approach for the ToR, specifically PWS's intention to submit a focused ToR. PWS also reached out to the MOECC for guidance on stakeholder consultation as this was one of the top priorities of the Project Team. A second meeting was held on June 6, 2016 to update MOECC on the status of the ToR development and the timing of the release of the draft ToR for review.

5.1.2 Municipality of Chatham-Kent

PWS provides waste management services to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and over the years has developed a very strong relationship with the Municipality. As such, PWS set up an advance meeting with members of the municipal Engineering and Planning Departments to discuss the proposed expansion and the Project announcement. The meeting with Chatham-Kent was held on March 30, 2016.

An advance meeting was also held with the Mayor of Chatham-Kent to ensure he was aware of the Project and informed of PWS's intentions for the future of the Ridge Landfill and commitment to a continued good relationship with the municipality and landfill neighbours. This meeting was also held on March 30, 2016.

5.1.3 Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA)

The Project Team met with the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA) on March 30, 2016 at their office in Chatham, Ontario. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Project, discuss the Ridge Landfill site and go over the proposed expansion and EA work. LTVCA's main interest in the Project will be the stormwater management system.

5.1.4 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)

The Project Team met with the MNRF at their office in Aylmer, Ontario on April 5, 2016. The focus of discussion at this meeting related to the existing on-site woodlots. With the proposed expansion it is anticipated that one or both of the South-east and South-west woodlots may be removed. The team met with the MNRF to obtain input on the studies that would be required during the EA to assess the habitat within these woodlots and MNRF's expectations regarding compensation should the woodlots be removed.

5.1.5 Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport and Transport Canada

The Project Team met with the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport Manager and Chatham-Kent staff who oversee the airport on May 12, 2016. The existing Ridge Landfill site is within 800

metres of the airport and the two facilities have co-existed for over 25 years. The main concern associated with the airport relates to birds and nuisance wildlife that could come into contact with aircraft. As the proposed expansion is moving away from the airport, it was identified to be of limited concern assuming existing bird management practices are continued. Airport staff indicated that they would prefer to see any necessary woodlot compensation areas as far away from the airport as possible. The proposed expansion would require an extension to the existing Transport Canada zoning exemption. The Chatham-Kent Airport Manager and the Project Team have reached out to Transport Canada to obtain their input on the Project and confirm the requirements to get an extension to the current exemption.

5.2 Response to Agency Comments

Table 4 provides an overview of the agency comments received during the development of the ToR. Also included in the table is PWS's response to these comments identifying how they will be considered in the EA.

TABLE 4: SUMMARY OF AGENCY COMMENTS

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
<p>Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)</p>	<p>Meeting on December 16, 2015</p>
<p>MOECC agreed to review and confirm the list of Indigenous Communities.</p>	<p>PWS used the list of Indigenous Communities as confirmed by MOECC as the basis for contact during the ToR development.</p>
<p>MOECC noted that they expect diversion to be considered in the alternative methods evaluation.</p>	<p>PWS intends to consider diversion in the evaluation of alternative methods. This will include considering the following diversion alternatives: PWS' existing resource recovery system; centralized processing at the Ridge site for Southern Ontario; and centralized processing at the Ridge site for Local Markets. See Section 5.2 of the ToR.</p>
<p>The MOECC indicated that new climate change guidance would be issued in the spring of 2016. It was suggested that the EA should address how climate change will impact the Project as well as how the Project may impact climate change.</p>	<p>PWS will address climate change in the EA, both in how the landfill will minimize the release of greenhouse gasses and how the landfill design will adapt to changing climate conditions. See Section 2.2 of the ToR.</p>
<p>MOECC to provide updated Government Review Team (GRT) List – PWS to notify MOECC prior to publishing the Notice of Commencement to ensure GRT is correct.</p>	<p>PWS used the updated list as the basis for GRT contact during the ToR development.</p>
<p>It was suggested that landfill mining be considered in the EA.</p>	<p>PWS intends to consider landfill mining as part of site development alternative methods. See Section 5.2 of the ToR.</p>
<p>The evaluation of alternatives should demonstrate consideration of various factors (not just cost), including social, heritage, and natural environment criteria.</p>	<p>Proposed evaluation criteria consider all aspects of the environment when evaluating site development alternative methods. See Section 5.2 of the ToR.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
<p>MOECC recommended the following be considered in the ToR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – how stakeholders will be engaged in the Project – discussion on how the ToR was modified based on feedback from stakeholders – include a summary of the work plans for each environmental component (i.e., air) to define the studies that will be completed, timing, testing, how the results will be reviewed, etc. 	<p>See Section 6.0 of the ToR for a description of stakeholder engagement. See Appendix A for workplans.</p>
<p>Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority (LTVCA)</p>	<p>Meeting on March 30, 2016</p>
<p>Due to potential for relocation of the Howard Drain; LTVCA would like to know if the Scott Drain can handle the additional capacity.</p>	<p>Potential impacts from relocating the Howard Drain to the Scott Drain will be included in the EA.</p>
<p>Interested in potential windbreak around the property across Erieau Road.</p>	<p>Berms are being considered to reduce visual impacts and may also provide a wind break.</p>
<p>LTVCA's main interest in the Ridge Landfill Expansion will be the stormwater system.</p>	<p>PWS will continue to liaise with the LTVCA during the EA on matters related to stormwater and drainage.</p>
<p>It was noted that the CA is no longer an acting agent of DFO and the PWS would need to do an online review process.</p>	<p>PWS has reached out to DFO and will continue to liaise with them during the EA.</p>
<p>PWS proposed to plant the north woodland potentially starting in spring 2017. LTVCA is willing to help with the tree planting, including applying for grant programs if available. It was noted that there is also an opportunity for PWS to support other LTVCA planting projects. (i.e. at the SW corner of Hwy 40 and Hwy 401).</p>	<p>PWS will continue to liaise with the LTVCA on tree planting.</p>
<p>Municipality of Chatham-Kent (CK)</p>	<p>Meeting on March 30, 2016</p>
<p>The need for the proposed expansion was discussed along with the Chatham-Kent Official Plan requirement to demonstrate that the current facility is within 10 years of the expected site life.</p>	<p>It was confirmed that the ToR will include a demonstration of the need/opportunity for additional capacity. See Section 3.2 of the ToR.</p>

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
PWS noted that the MOECC is interested in higher diversion in the province and that the Project will consider further diversion opportunities with C-K.	The alternative methods include resource recovery system alternatives for future waste diversion opportunities. See Section 5.2 of the ToR.
Planning Approvals; The proposed expansion will require Planning Act approval as some of the expanded site is outside of the area zoned for landfill. Once the preferred site development alternative is known for the expansion, the Planning Act process can be initiated. The application can be put forward once the EA is submitted to MOECC.	During the EA, the PWS will continue to liaise with the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to confirm land use approval requirements for the Project along with appropriate timing.
Chatham Airport - PWS indicated that there will be discussions with Transport Canada (TC) regarding the airport zoning exemption. It was noted that TC is mainly concerned with meeting height limits and bird control.	PWS has followed-up with both TC and the Chatham-Kent airport manager.
Woodlands - If an OPA for woodland removal is needed, CK would like to see Endangered Species Act (ESA) permits (MNRF clearance) before the OPA is undertaken to change land use zoning.	This request will be considered as timing and scheduling for the EA unfolds.
Consultation – The consultation program was discussed and meeting participants reinforced the importance of making sure the Mayor and Councillors were kept informed of the Project.	Mayor and Councillors were notified of the Project immediately prior to the formal public announcement to ensure they had the information needed to advise their constituents.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	Meeting on April 5, 2016
MNRF indicated that it is the municipality's responsibility to determine significant wildlife habitat. MNRF will provide technical advice and recommendations for demonstrating no impacts.	Studies will be undertaken during the EA to characterize the natural environment conditions on site and in the vicinity. This information will be used to assess the potential impact of the proposed expansion on the natural environment. It is noted that there are no ESAs or wetlands on-site.
MNRF would specifically comment on ESA and wetland features if they exist on-site as well as providing technical advice on other natural features. MNRF noted that there is no regulated habitat on site.	

Comments and Concerns Received	Consideration of Comments and Concerns
MNRF indicated that PWS needs to make sure consideration given to the form and function of features being removed and that this form and function is incorporated where features are recreated.	PWS will consider the form and function of natural features during the EA.
MNRF noted that Amphibian breeding occurs in April/May.	This timing will be considered in the undertaking of field work and in the determination of the potential for impacts associated with the proposed expansion.
The swampy area noted on-site may require additional evaluation to determine whether it should be considered a wetland according to MNRF protocol.	The potential need for a wetland evaluation will be considered during the EA.
Regarding hedgerow removal MNRF indicated that the requirements depend on the hedgerow structure and whether there are trees with potential habitats.	PWS will appropriately consider hedgerows in the evaluation of alternatives and the impact assessment to be completed during the EA.
The number of stations for bat monitoring was discussed to confirm the field protocol. Subsequent to the meeting MNRF confirmed the number of monitoring stations required.	PWS will continue to use best practices and MNRF guidelines and requirements for conducting field work.
Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport No concerns raised regarding extending the Transport Canada zoning exemption as long as we maintain the height restriction.	Meeting on May 12, 2016 PWS will continue to reach out directly to Transport Canada
The key concern regarding the landfill's proximity to the airport relates to the potential for birds to come into contact with aircraft. It was expressed that they would prefer to see any necessary woodlot compensation as far away from the airport as possible. Ministry of Transportation, West Region	PWS will continue discussions with agencies on potential woodlot enhancement. Correspondence by email
Information about the Project is being circulated within MTO and comments will be sent. A date for providing comments was requested.	MTO will have the opportunity to comment on the draft and final ToR. When documents are distributed for comment a clear indication of the due date for comments will be provided.

Comments and Concerns Received		Consideration of Comments and Concerns
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency		Correspondence by email
Based on the information provided this project does not appear to be described in the Regulations. Requested that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency be removed from the distribution list.		Confirmed applicability of regulations to the proposed Project and agree that the Project is not subject to a federal environmental assessment. Removed from distribution list.

6.0 Consultation on the Draft Terms of Reference

The draft ToR and supporting documentation were made available to the public and engaged agencies for a 30-day review period from June 28, 2016 to July 28, 2016.

The draft ToR and supporting documentation were posted on the landfill website and available at the second Open House, as well. As stated in **Section 2.2** of this Record of Consultation, notification of the opportunity to review the draft ToR was published in newspapers and sent out to those on the project contact list.

Written comments received from the public, landowners, Indigenous Communities, agencies and other interested stakeholders on the draft ToR and the responses of the Project Team, will be included in the final Record of Consultation.

7.0 Next Steps

As described throughout this report, a combination of public, stakeholder, Indigenous Communities, and agency input was used to assist the Project Team in preparing the draft ToR for the Project.

Following the comment period on the draft ToR, a final ToR and associated Record of Consultation will be submitted to the MOECC. As part of the EA review process, the final documents will be made available for the formal 30-day public and agency review. During this time, the ToR will be available for public and agency review both electronically on the landfill website and in hard copy in various community locations.

If the ToR is approved by the MOECC, the Project Team will proceed with the EA preparation. The Consultation Plan for the EA is provided in the ToR.

Appendix A

Notice of ToR Commencement Information

Summary of Project Contact List

Landowners within 1 km of the site and along the haul route

Ridge Landfill Liaison Committee

Ridge Landfill Community Trust

Chatham-Kent Staff

- Mayor Randy Hope
 - Ward 2 – Councillor Karen Herman
 - Ward 2 – Councillor Trevor Thompson
 - Ward 2 – Councillor Frank Vercouteren
 - Ward 1 – Councillor Bryon Fluker
 - Ward 1 – Councillor Mark Authier
 - Ward 3 – Councillor David VanDamme
 - Ward 3 – Councillor Steve Pinsonneault
 - Ward 4 – Councillor Joe Faas
 - Ward 4 – Councillor Leon Leclair
 - Ward 5 – Councillor Carmen McGregor
 - Ward 5 – Councillor Jeff Wesley
 - Ward 6 – Councillor Michael Bondy
 - Ward 6 – Councillor Darrin Canniff
 - Ward 6 – Councillor Brock McGregor
 - Ward 6 – Councillor Bob Myers
 - Ward 6 – Councillor Derek Robertson
 - Ward 6 – Councillor Doug Sulman
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Provincial Elected Officials

- MPP (Chatham-Kent Essex) Rick Nicholls
- Minister Glen Murray
- Senior Policy Advisor Colin O'Meara

Federal Elected Officials

- MP (Chatham-Kent Essex) Dave VanKesteren
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Adjacent Municipalities

- Lambton County - Clerk
- Middlesex County - Clerk
- Elgin County – Clerk
- Essex County - Clerk

Regulatory Agencies

- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
 - Ministry of Transportation
 - Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
 - Municipal of Chatham-Kent
 - Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
 - Environment Canada
 - Transport Canada
 - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
 - Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority
 - Chatham-Kent, ON-Kent Fire Department
 - Ontario Provincial Police
 - Chatham-Kent, ON-Kent Police Services
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Summary of Project Contact List

Participants during the EA Terms of Reference

Participants from the Ridge Landfill EA expansion project (1997) and the EA process to increase daily/annual waste inputs (2011)

Indigenous Communities

- Chiefs of Ontario
- Caldwell First Nations
- Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
- Moravian of the Thames
- Munsee-Delaware Nation
- Oneida Nation of the Thames
- Walpole Island First Nation
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Aamjiwnaang First Nation

Stakeholders

- BIA Blenheim
 - Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce
 - Thomson Seed
 - Union Gas
 - Community Living Chatham-Kent
 - Golden Kiwanis
 - Rotary Club
 - Kent Federation of Agriculture
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Pegg gains valuable experience in tech skills competition

Although he didn't finish in the top three, Brayden Pegg felt like a winner at the Ontario Technical Skills Competition Western Area competition on Saturday.

He was among 17 other secondary school students entered in the welding category at Fanshawe College.

"It was a good experience in that kind of environment, I learned a few tricks," Pegg said.

"I'd recommend it to anyone," Pegg said of the OTSC.

He qualified by winning the local competition in Sarnia on March 30.

"I didn't really expect that," Pegg said of his first-place finish.

Pegg, along with classmate Jack Noble, were the first Blenheim District High School students to enter the OTSC.

The top three from Sarnia advanced to Fanshawe, where the top three from the

Western Area competition move on to the OTSC provincial competition on May 2-4 in Waterloo.

There is a slight chance Pegg could still go to the provincials, as there are three wild cards available, if any competitors drop out, to be announced today.

"There was a lot of good competition, a lot of them are all ticketed welders who have full welding classes at their schools," said Pegg.

"Their class entails they have to pass their ticket," he said.

B.D.H.S. offers welding as a portion of its manufacturing class.

Pegg was able to enhance his welding skills through the school's co-op program at Kent Fabricators Ltd.

His goal is to become a commercial diver for underwater construction, following in his father John Pegg's footsteps.

Pegg will be taking a three-month aquatics



B.D.H.S. student Brayden Pegg won the local Ontario Technical Skills Competition in Sarnia, which allowed him to go to the Western Area regionals at Fanshawe College this past weekend.

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.

For further information please contact:

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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.

Notice published (April 20, 2016)

science course at the Canadian Working Divers Institute in Chapleau, Ont. Beginning in August.

B.D.H.S. will sending a bus load of its co-op and SHSM students to Waterloo for the OTSC, as there will a number of

manufacturers and post-secondary schools on site to promote their job availability and courses for students in various fields.

B.D.H.S. plans on sending more students - welders and carpenters - to the OTSC next year.

Domestic charges laid

A 41-year-old Blenheim man was arrested last Wednesday by the CKPS and charged with three counts of assault stemming from an incident a day earlier.

The man attended his ex-girlfriend's home in Blenheim to retrieve personal belongings.

An argument ensued

resulting in the man assaulting the woman.

The man fled the area prior to police arrival and through investigation, the woman disclosed that this was not the first time she had been the victim of domestic violence.

Police located and arrested the man on Wednesday morning.

Bothwell man charged in shooting

A Bothwell man, Dylan Jacobs, was arrested by the Essex detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police Crime Unit after an incident on March 11 that left a 22-year-old Ridgetown woman with non-life threatening gunshot wounds.

Chatham-Kent Ontario Provincial Police officers responded to a report regarding an injury sustained by the Ridgetown woman around 7 p.m. on that date while she was fishing on the banks of the Thames River near Bothwell.

An investigation by members of the Essex OPP Crime Unit, Middlesex OPP Crime Unit, Moraviantown First Nation Police, Chatham Kent OPP, Chatham-Kent OPP Identification Unit, OPP Canine Unit and

Provincial Liaison Team led to the identity of suspect.

Jacobs was charged with Criminal Negligence Cause Bodily Harm, Careless Use of a Firearm, Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm and Fail to Comply with Probation Order.

The accused was held for a bail hearing to answer to the charges.

Any person with information regarding this incident should immediately contact the Ontario Provincial Police Criminal Investigation Branch at 1-888-310-1122 or (705) 329-6111, or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2000.

OPP remind motorists about slow moving farm machinery

The Ontario Provincial Police Chatham-Kent Detachment remind all motorists travelling in rural areas, around the municipality to be mindful when you may see farm machinery being operated on roadways.

Slow-moving farm equipment on roadways can present significant challenges for both motorists and farmers, particularly at this time of year.

As farmers begin to prepare for planting season in good weather

conditions, the OPP encourage farmers, and motorists, to review road safety practices.

While farm equipment is permitted on roadways at all times of year, it is a more common sight during the busy season.

Motorists who are unaccustomed to encountering farm equipment on the road are often unprepared to safely follow slow-moving tractors towing large, specialized pieces of equipment such as combines and grain

wagons.

The OPP reminds farmers there are specific rules farm equipment operators are required to follow to keep our roads safe.

For example, drivers must be at least 16 years of age and all farm equipment drivers should practice a 'no rider's policy.'

Farm vehicles must yield half the roadway to oncoming traffic, they must be properly lit and have signal turns. Farm vehicles should be driven on the travelled por-

tion of the road, because road shoulders may not support the weight of farm equipment.

Tractors and farm equipment still follow the rules of the road, and that means no cell phones while driving.

It's always good practice to keep your lights on when travelling roadways - especially around dawn and dusk.

Every tractor, combine, or towed implement must display a slow moving vehicle sign to warn motorists that the vehicle will not reach highway speeds.

Equipment displaying a slow moving vehicle sign is limited to a maximum speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour.

Equipment often requires operators to travel at lower speeds because wide turns and heavy loads make it difficult to stop quickly or turn easily on roadways.

The OPP encourages everyone - farmers and motorists - to consider road safety practices when farm equipment travels on roadways.

For more information visit www.ofa.on.ca on farm safety please

RM Classic Car Exhibit bringing back Cars & Coffee on select Saturdays

The first of three scheduled 'Cars & Coffee' events will take place on Saturday, May 7, from 8-11 a.m.

The other confirmed dates are June 11 and July 9.

Cars & Coffee is open to everyone, offering a relaxed morning for guests to take exclusive tours of the RM Classic Car Exhibit and the RM Auto Restoration Shop.

Cars & Coffee was first introduced last summer via a series of Saturday-morning meets at RM Auto Restoration's facilities, with each event attracting more than 100 cars.

The event is an impromptu car show, as enthusiasts are encouraged to bring out their classic rides for display.

Complimentary donuts and coffee will be supplied at each event for the first 250 guests, courtesy RM Auto Restoration and Tim Hortons.

The RM Classic Car

exhibit closed on Dec. 31 after the municipality closed the Chatham-Kent Visitor Information Center inside the facility at One Heritage Drive.

However, RM Classic decided to continue holding the Cars & Coffee events on select dates.

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There will be a raffle draw to win a test on the RM dynamometer. Tickets will be available for \$2 each or three for \$5, with proceeds benefitting the Dana Brezzi Memorial Fund - a charity established at the Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance in the name of RM's dear friend and colleague.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to get to know the RM team and get a glimpse inside

the world-renowned RM Auto Restoration shop, as well as preview auction vehicles slated to go under the RM gavel this summer.

Further details on the upcoming RM Cars & Coffee events are available on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rmcarscoffee



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Pilot makes emergency landing

A 58-year-old Chatham man was not injured after making an emergency landing near the Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport on Sunday morning.

Chatham-Kent Police received information that a plane had just been seen landing in the area of Drury Line.

Officers located the pilot in a field on Erieau Road, south of Drury Line.

His Challenger Ultralight airplane ran out of fuel before he could return to the airport forcing him to make an emergency landing.

The plane sustained

damage to its landing gear.

It was the second emergency landing at the airport in the past six months.

A 66-year-old pilot from Thamesville suffered non-life threatening injuries after his plane crashed near the airport on Oct. 2.

The pilot had just taken off from the airport and appeared to be having a mechanical failure in the small-craft plane.

The pilot tried to return to the airport but had to make an emergency landing in a corn field on the east side of Charing Cross Road.

Man faces domestic charges

A 36-year-old Blenheim man was arrested and faces charges after a domestic incident last Wednesday.

Chatham-Kent Police were responded to a disturbance at an apartment in Blenheim around 6 p.m.

Police learned that a man had choked his wife during an argument.

The 31-year-old woman was transported to the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance for medical attention. She was treated and released.

Officers further learned that this was not the first time the woman had been the victim of domestic violence.

The day before, the man assaulted her and broke her Samsung tablet.

The Blenheim man was charged with assault, mischief under \$5,000 and overcoming resistance to commission of offence.

He was held in custody pending a bail hearing.

NEWS

Two local ECE students heading to China

The Chatham Voice

Two of St. Clair College's Early Childhood Education (ECE) students headed off to China this week to experience the field placement of a life time.

Victoria Horrobin and Delta Haymes, both second year ECE students at the college's Thames Campus, are in Taiyuan, China for an eight week placement at the King Sun Primary School located in China's Shanxi Province, with all expenses paid by the school.

Program Coordinator Brenda Huff found out about the opportunity and offered it to the students, who both jumped at the chance to go. When asked why she wanted to go, Horrobin answered, "Why wouldn't I want to

go?"

"I believe that travel is one of the best educators, and this opportunity is a great way to enrich my education. I aspire to become an elementary school teacher and this opportunity to go and teach in a school in a completely different culture will give me a new look at teaching, and a unique experience I would not have had here in Canada," she said.

The pair took a variety of teaching materials with them for the children to use in hands-on activities.

"I hope the children discover that learning can be interactive and fun and that they will learn some English from the activities we will be implementing," said Horrobin.

Horrobin is excited to be a student and have the chance

to learn about Chinese culture, along with different learning styles and new ways to teach literacy to children whose first language is something other than English. She believes is a great asset as the world becomes more globalized.

The two students will be back in home in mid-June just in time to graduate.

"This is an incredible opportunity that has been offered both Delta and I," Horrobin noted. "I am so grateful to everyone who has helped make this happen, particularly Brenda Huff, Quan and Peter Shi, and St. Clair College. I hope to bring much into this school, but even more so, take much away from it as you should never stop learning."

Legion event features Voice



Bruce Corcoran/The Chatham Voice

Some 200 members of the Royal Canadian Legion were in Chatham during the weekend as Branch 642 hosted this year's District A Convention. There are 58 branches in the district that stretches from Windsor to London. Delegates discussed new policies and programs, and ways to help communities through programs. Here Gabriele Maynard and Sharon Chapple place copies of The Chatham Voice in each delegates' welcome package. The event concluded with a parade from the branch to the Cenotaph Sunday morning.

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RM brings back Cars & Coffee

The Chatham Voice

Glance inside one of world's leading restoration facilities for collector cars at this year's Cars & Coffee events kicking off on May 7 at RM Auto Restoration.

Cars & Coffee was introduced last summer with each event attracting more than 100 cars, and enthusiasts, travelling from as far away as Toronto.

Auto enthusiasts are encouraged to bring out their classic rides for display of an impromptu car show.

Preview auction vehicles slated to go under the RM gavel this summer, and tour the exclusive RM Classic Cars Exhibit that is opening its doors specifically for the event,

providing attendees with the opportunity to inspect an incredible assortment of historic and rare rides.

Win a test on the RM dynamometer through a raffle draw. Proceeds will benefit a charity established at the Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance in the name of RM's dear friend, Dana Brezzi.

Complimentary donuts and coffee will be supplied at each event for the first 250 guests, courtesy of RM Auto Restoration and Tim Hortons. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., rain or shine.

Cars & Coffee will continue on June 11 and July 9.

RM Auto Restoration is located on 1 Classic Car Dr., north of Blenheim.

Miss Retrofest is revamped

The Chatham Voice

The Downtown Chatham Centre is announcing that the Miss Retrofest online photo contest has been revamped and is continuing for 2016 in time for Retrofest weekend on May 27 and 28.

Some changes will be made to improve the contest for its third year.

Submissions will require a photo of the contestant dressed in retro fashions and a few words on why they love being "retro." Interested participants must be 18 years or older.

Submissions will be accepted at facebook.com/downtownchathamcentre until April 29.

From there a panel of judges will select a winner then release five runners-up to a voting process to win the title of "People's Choice."

Miss Retrofest 2016 will be announced on May 4. Voting for the "People's Choice" will start May 10 both online and inside the mall.

All contestants that entered will be part of a special display inside the mall that will recognize the ladies leading up to the Retrofest weekend.

The winner will receive a VIP treatment during Retrofest which includes riding as a guest of honour in the OLG Classic Car Cruise, a personal stylist and shopping spree at Suzy Shier, retro make-over from The Hair Studio at Sears and Gloss Wedding Make-up & Esthetics, a pin-up inspired photo shoot with April Colby Photography, and presenting plaques at the Retrofest award ceremony.

The Miss Retrofest contest is open to all women but are asked that all photos are kept classy - no lingerie, nude or overly sexual pictures will be accepted.

For further details visit downtownchathamcentre.ca or e-mail Jaclyn Gillier, Miss Retrofest organizer and fellow retro fashion enthusiast at jaclyn@downtownchathamcentre.ca.

Crawford named prez of OCSOA

The Chatham Voice

One of the St. Clair Catholic District School board's superintendents of education was recently named president of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association at the annual general meeting in London recently.

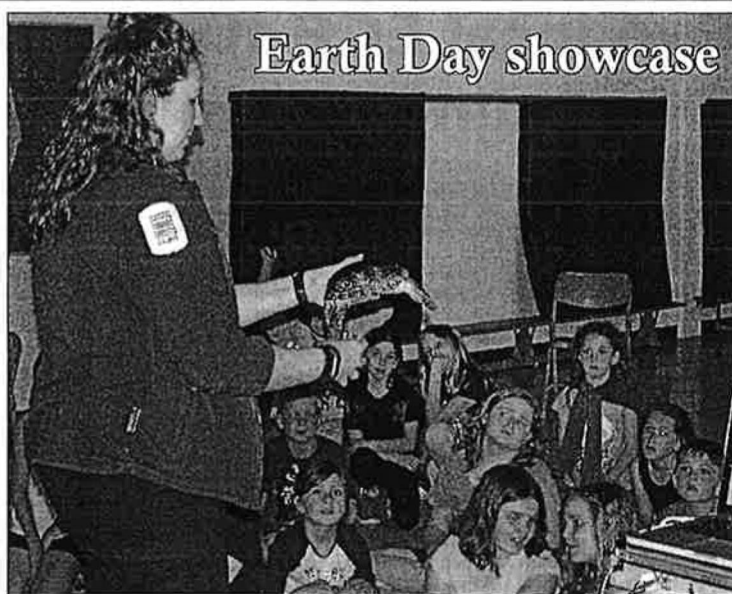
"It is important that OCSOA's voice in support of Catholic education and Catholic educational leadership in Ontario is ardent, informed and united," Deb Crawford said.

Crawford will be leading the On-

tario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association for 2016 to 2017.

At a special Mass on April 15, Crawford and the newly chosen OCSOA Executive, as well as St. Clair Catholic's newly appointed superintendents of education, Laura Callaghan and Scott Johnson, received a blessing and commissioning.

"The OCSOA annual general meeting is always a tremendous celebration of the important work of Catholic education in our province," Dan Parr, director of education with the St. Clair board, said.



Jim Blake/The Chatham Voice

Students at St. Ursula's School celebrated Earth Day Friday with a visit from Rondeau Provincial Park employees Gabby Nichols and Caitlin Sparks who talked about the park's unique natural features and habitat.

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Up to 500 feared dead

Shipwreck happened in waters between Italy and Libya

JANEY KEATEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA — As many as 500 people are feared dead after a shipwreck last week in the Mediterranean Sea, two international groups said Wednesday, describing survivors' accounts of panicked passengers who desperately tried to stay afloat by jumping between vessels.

The disaster happened in waters between Italy and Libya, based on accounts from 41 survivors who were rescued Saturday by a merchant ship, according to the UN refugee agency and the International Organization for Migration.

The tragedy ranks among the deadliest in recent years on the

often-treacherous sea voyage along the central Mediterranean by refugees and migrants from Africa, the Middle East and beyond who have travelled in droves hoping to reach relatively peaceful and wealthy Europe.

While accounts provided by IOM and UNHCR varied slightly, both organizations said up to 200 people left the coastal town of Tobruk last week headed for a larger vessel already carrying hundreds of people in the Mediterranean.

IOM said the 200 people had left on several small boats, while UNHCR said 100 to 200 people left in a single 30-meter boat. The discrepancy in the accounts could not be immediately explained.

UNHCR said the larger boat was already facing "terribly overcrowded conditions" before the newcomers arrived.

"Once transferred to the larger vessel — now with an estimated

500 on board — it began taking on water," IOM said, citing survivors' accounts. "The vessel started to sink and panicked passengers tried to jump into the smaller boats they had arrived in."

"The survivors told IOM that most of those aboard the larger vessel tragically died," the agency said in a statement. It quoted an Ethiopian survivor it identified only as Mohamed as saying: "I saw my wife and my 2-month old child died at sea, together with my brother-in-law... The boat was going down... down... All the people died in a matter of minutes."

The survivors "drifted at sea for a few days, without food, without anything," Mohamed said, adding that he thought "I was going to die." He said the travellers had intended to go to Italy, not Greece.

In its statement, IOM Athens Chief of Mission Daniel Edras

called the accounts "heartbreaking" and said the organization was awaiting investigations by authorities "to better understand what actually happened and find hopelessly evidence against criminal smugglers."

No national authorities in the area have reported any bodies washing ashore. Greek authorities said a cargo ship picked up 41 people on Saturday from a wooden boat that was without steering about 95 nautical miles south of the Greek mainland. The Greek authorities did not describe them as survivors or say anything about any boat sinking.

The survivors were then taken to Kalamata, Greece, where IOM and UNHCR staffers interviewed them. UNHCR said the survivors were 233 Somali, 11 Ethiopians, six Egyptians and a Sudanese.

Barbara Molinaro, a Rome-based spokeswoman for UNHCR,

said details remained unclear and said its staffers didn't want to press the survivors too hard "as they are still very tired by their experience."

The statements offered the most official comment yet following repeated news reports about the incident in recent days. Somalia's president, prime minister and parliamentary speaker issued a joint statement Monday concerning an unconfirmed report about the incident. Reports of the drownings circulated among families and on social media, but they hadn't been confirmed by coast guard authorities in Italy, Greece, Libya or Egypt.

According to IOM's Missing Migrants project, the death toll is the largest from a sinking on the central Mediterranean since another south of Lampedusa in April last year, in which 772 people died.

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Chatham-Kent Children's Services

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEMBER RECRUITMENT

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- Past or present Board member experience for a not-for-profit agency
- An understanding of financial issues in large organizations
- Knowledge and experience with public relations
- Experience dealing with various levels of government
- A community member with strong connections to the Chatham-Kent community
- Recipient of a service from CNCS or a similar social services organization
- A solid business, health, education, social service or administration background
- An awareness and understanding of service needs within the Francophone community

Members of the Board of Directors must either reside, or have full time employment, in Chatham-Kent. We are seeking members prepared to make a strong commitment to the children of Chatham-Kent through service in our organization. Commitment includes the ability to attend monthly regular Board meetings and at least one monthly committee meeting - a time commitment of up to 6 hours per month.

Application forms are available on our website www.cnks.on.ca or to request an application form please call 519-358-4585 or email board@cnks.on.ca. Applications must be received at 495 Grand Ave. West, Chatham, Ontario N7L 1C5 by Friday, April 22, 2016.

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WORLD NEWS

Greece returns Syrian refugees

Country will construct four more camps for migrants, refugees

ATHENS — Greece on Wednesday returned 12 Syrians, including a woman and her four children, to Turkey as part of a European Union-Turkey agreement aiming to stop the flow of refugees and migrants across the Aegean to Europe's more prosperous heartland.

The 12 were flown from the Greek island of Lesbos to Adana in Turkey by a plane chartered by the European border agency Frontex, Greece's citizens' protection ministry said, noting all had expressed the wish to return and none had applied for asylum in Greece.

Under last month's EU-Turkey deal, people arriving clandestinely on Greek islands from Turkey from March 20 onward face being returned unless they successfully apply for asylum in Greece. So far, 386 people have been returned under the deal, Greece says.

Nearly 54,000 people are stranded in Greece after Europe closed its land borders to the migration flow last month, Greece



A family of migrants gather outside their tents at a makeshift camp in the northern border point of Idomeni, Greece, on Wednesday.

said Wednesday it would construct a further four camps for them. In an effort to gradually clear an improvised camp on the border with Macedonia.

Giorgos Kyritsis, spokesman

for refugee and migration affairs, said the government hoped to be able to move at least 4,500 people into newly constructed and existing camps in the next 10 days, or more than a third of those cur-

rently camped out near the village of Idomeni on the Greek-Macedonian border.

Kyritsis said four areas outside the northern city of Thessaloniki have been identified for new

camp: Two former factories, a former logistics company and a former warehouse.

Meanwhile, Austrian police said Wednesday they are planning three freeway checkpoints at the Brenner crossing, the major transit point to Italy, in anticipation that migrants unable to enter from the Balkans will turn their attention to that route.

Another checkpoint will be located on the two-lane highway and a 270-metre fence is to be put up in the area to prevent attempts at unauthorized crossing.

Police also say that trains entering Austria at the Brenner will be stopped for controls.

Italy responded warily, with Premier Matteo Renzi saying that any move to close the Brenner Pass would be "blatantly against European rules."

Austria fears that with the West Balkan route to migrants closed they will make their way to Italy and try to enter from there.

Construction of the fence and other facilities began earlier this month. Police did not give a completion date. The speaker of Italy's lower house, Laura Boldrin, said Austria's moves are ill-considered, "because they divide."

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Inc. (PWS, formerly BF Canada
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existing Ridge Landfill. The Ridge
Landfill has been serving the
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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
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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. Mary's Hall, 54 George St., Blenheim, ON

For further information please contact:
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Project Manager
Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc.
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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.

For further information please contact:

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As an immediate neighbour, we want to advise you about our plans to seek an expansion of the Ridge Landfill.

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April 20, 2016

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We look forward to keeping in touch throughout this process. If you have any questions or comments, please call us at (519) 676-5000 or visit our website – www.ridgelandfill.com.

Yours sincerely,

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Cathy Smith
Project Manager

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District Manager

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Residents within 1km

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April 20, 2016

Residents and Buisnesses along Haul Route

As a resident or business along the route to our landfill, we want to advise you about our plans to seek an expansion of the Ridge Landfill.

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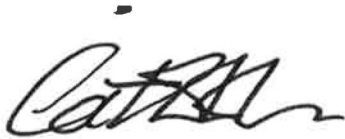
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Local Stakeholders:

We want to advise you that Progressive Waste Solutions has announced today that it will be seeking an expansion of the Ridge Landfill. Attached is the newsletter that we're sending out to our neighbours, those along the haul route, and the communities of Blenheim, Charing Cross and Cedar Springs.

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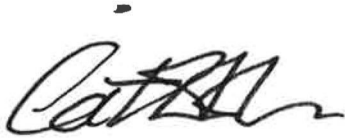
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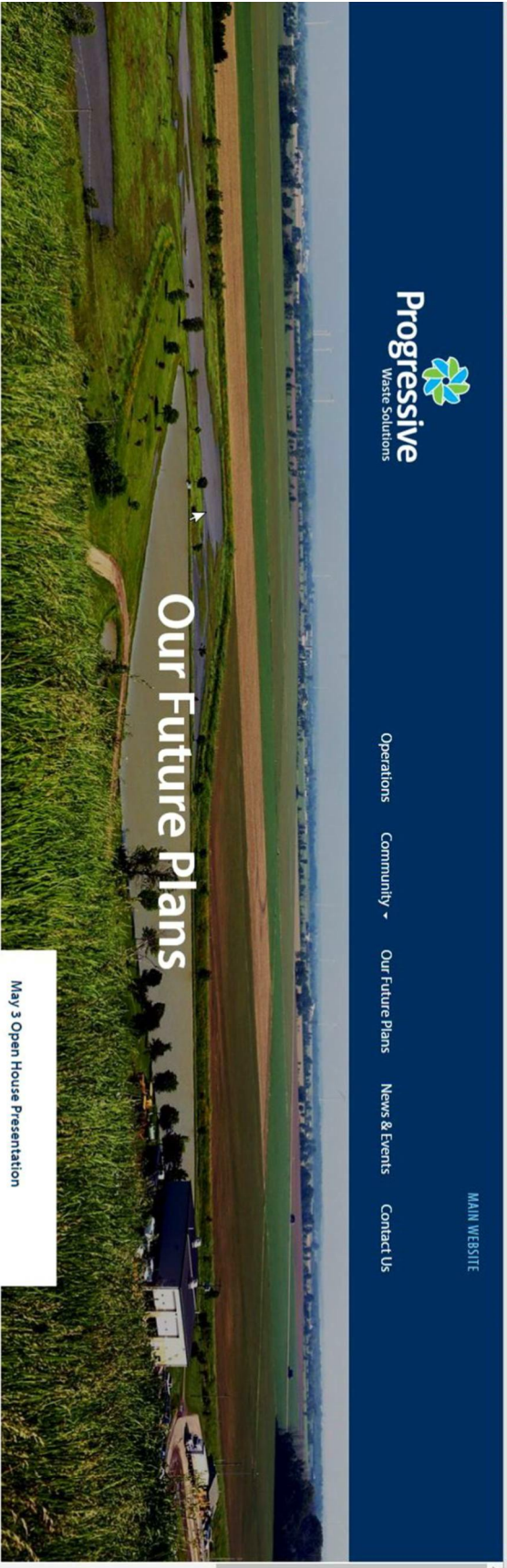
Sorry we missed you

We would like to share some
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our proposed expansion of
the Ridge landfill.

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Our Future Plans

Progressive Waste Solutions is proposing to continue the operation of its landfill and expand the Ridge Landfill. The landfill would continue to be designed, developed and operated following stringent Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change landfill regulations.

- Other future plans for the landfill include:
- The development of a biogas facility to convert landfill gas into a pipeline quality natural gas which would be the largest biogas facility in Ontario and one of the largest in North America.
 - The expansion of a public drop-off depot to allow residents to divert household hazardous and electronic wastes and other recyclables including scrap wood, scrap metal, drywall, concrete,

May 3 Open House Presentation

Welcome
to the Ridge Landfill Open House

This presentation provides an overview of the Ridge Landfill and the future plans for the landfill. It also provides an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback.

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Appendix B

Newsletter

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Ridge Landfill's Community Newsletter



April 2016



Welcome

Progressive Waste Solutions is pleased to provide you with *The Ridge* – our new community newsletter.

Progressive Waste is committed to keeping its immediate neighbours, residents of Charing Cross, Cedar Springs and Blenheim and the broader Chatham-Kent community informed about the landfill facility .

In this newsletter you can learn about our landfill operations and environmental management system as well as our commitment to contributing to the well-being of the local community. We have also added news about our future plans for the landfill.

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A Partner to the Community

Progressive Waste Solutions is a growing company that employs over 60 persons in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. We are committed to being a good neighbour and a responsible partner in the communities we serve.

The Ridge Landfill contributes approximately \$13 million directly and indirectly to the local community on an annual basis. On average, the Ridge Landfill generates direct and indirect benefits of approximately \$9 million annually in salaries, construction and road maintenance, goods and services purchased, taxes, etc.

The Ridge Landfill also directly contributes over \$4 million annually to the local community through:

- An annual royalty payment to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent based on the volume of material that comes into our facility from outside Chatham-Kent. In 2015, this amounted to \$2.3 million; and since 2005 we have contributed approximately \$15.9 million to the Municipality.
- Significant financial contributions to the Ridge Landfill Trust based on the volume of waste the landfill receives each year. In 2015, the Ridge contributed approximately \$1.1 million. These monies are allocated by a group of community leaders to projects and organizations that benefit the local community. The Trust has provided funding for the building of a Community Centre Park with the splash pad for children, the development of a new senior's centre and a youth drop in centre in downtown Blenheim. More information can be found at www.ridgelandfill.com.
- The Ridge provides an incentive to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to reduce the amount of waste they deliver to the Ridge Landfill – the greater the tonnes diverted the more the municipality receives in additional funding. On average, Chatham-Kent receives close to \$800,000 per year.



Protecting the Environment

We have an environmental management system in place for the landfill that follows stringent Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regulations.

We continually review and update our operational programs in and around the landfill to maintain environmental protection and prevention of nuisance issues such as litter, birds, odour, noise, dust and traffic from impacting our neighbours and the community.

We also work closely with the Ridge Community Liaison Committee which its members have made been very helpful in providing us input on wide range of operational and planning programs that we believe have improved the operation of the landfill.



Progressive Waste Solutions is committed to creating a more sustainable future and constantly strives to ensure it operates to the most environmentally responsible management practices."

-Cathy Smith, Project Manager



Our Future Plans

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- The construction of a new community activity centre to provide school children, community based organizations and the general public a place to meet and explore nature.



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Get Involved

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Both steps will provide opportunities for consultation with neighbours, local residents and other stakeholders.

Stay Informed

We know that people will have questions and will want to know that the environment, the enjoyment of their property and local businesses and agricultural activities will be protected. We will be consulting with our neighbours, residents and businesses in Charing Cross, Cedar Springs, Blenheim and the broader community of Chatham-Kent to discuss the project and understand their issues through a transparent process.

Join us for the Open House

The public consultation process will begin with an Open House:

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016 @ St. Mary's Hall
94 George Street in Blenheim
from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.**

To keep informed on the process, ask questions or provide comments, please contact us at www.ridgelandfill.com or call us at 519-676-5000.



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Ridge Landfill expansion sought



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Progressive Waste Solutions is in the process of applying for an expansion of operations at its Ridge Landfill site that could assure its viability for the next two decades.

Project manager Cathy Smith said the process involves having the province approve land within the site.

Only 350 acres of the 800-acre site is approved to accept waste. Approval by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change would mean another 200 to 250 acres would be available.

The company will host a May 3 open house meeting in Blenheim to get residents' feedback. The open house is from 5-8 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall, 94 George St. in



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Smith said her firm is also seeking approval to accept waste materials from across the province, although she doesn't expect there will be a major change in the way the site operates.



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"There are two kinds of licences; those that allow us to accept material from adjacent areas and another that allows province-wide material.

If approved, it will just give us more flexibility to accept material if the need arises."

There would be no change in the type of waste permitted, nor would the site accept more than its current 1.3 million tonnes.

She said the plan should be submitted to the province by August with the earliest approval being toward the end of this year.

Development of the new portion of the site would still be four years away.

Smith noted in addition to taxes, the municipality receives \$2.3 million as a royalty payment for hosting the site. The firm also makes donations to the Ridge Landfill Trust for community projects.

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Plans are in the works by Progressive Waste Solutions Canada, Inc. to seek approval to expand the Ridge Landfill site by 200 to 250 acres that would add 20 years worth of capacity. Photo taken near Blenheim, Ont. on Friday April 22, 2016. (Ellwood Shreve, The Daily News)

BLENHEIM - The owner of the Ridge Landfill is seeking a 20-year expansion that would include permission to accept residential waste from across Ontario.

Cathy Smith, project manager with Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc., said Friday if Ministry of Environment and Climate Change approval is granted, the expansion of the landfill would be done on an incremental basis.

New “cells” would be constructed annually, ranging from 10 to 12 acres in size and designed to accommodate about a year’s worth of waste, she told the Chatham Daily News.

“We construct a cell, we fill it, and then as we’re nearing completion of that cell, we construct a new cell,” Smith said.

The landfill, which began operating 50 years ago, will reach its currently approved capacity by 2022.

The landfill site is 800 acres in size, with 350 acres now approved for disposal. Smith said the expansion would likely be in the range of 200 to 250 acres, depending on a final approved engineering design by the environment ministry.

Progressive Waste is initiating a study under the Environmental Assessment Act to expand the landfill. That study includes holding a public open house on May 3 when Progressive Waste and Dillon Consulting staff will be available to provide information. The open house is from 5-8 p.m. at St. Mary’s Hall, 94 George St. in Blenheim.

Even if Progressive Waste receives approval to accept municipal solid waste from all of Ontario, it would not increase the annual 1.3 million tonnes capacity that currently exists at the landfill, Smith said.

“It’s business as usual . . . we’d be operating in the exact same way that we’ve be operating,” she said. “It would just be for longer.”

Smith said the dynamics of the industry is fluctuating, with the province moving towards a Waste Free Ontario strategy to increase diversion of waste from landfills. The ability to accept municipal waste from all of Ontario gives Progressive Waste flexibility to maintain the same tonnage input to the site, she said.

However, Smith said it would not be practical, from a transportation perspective, for the Ridge site to receive municipal waste from either the northern or eastern parts of the province.

Having a province-wide permit in place would allow the Ridge Landfill to offer emergency capacity for municipalities, she said. A flooding situation would be an example.

The landfill currently has a permit to receive industrial, commercial and institutional waste from across Ontario as well as residential waste from four surrounding counties – Essex, Lambton, Elgin and Middlesex.

Smith said the four surrounding counties have their own landfill capacity.

The province also has a strategy to see fewer landfills operating across Ontario, preferring larger well-run landfills, which Smith said is a category the Ridge site falls into as one of the largest in Ontario.

Even with a strong push for waste diversion through recycling, Ontario is still facing a lack of landfill capacity. Smith cited a recent study by the Ontario Waste Management Association that determined if the amount of waste now going to Michigan remains in place, the province will run out of capacity in 16 years.

If Michigan decides to close its border to Ontario waste, she said the study says landfill capacity would expire in 11 years.

“The ministry definitely recognizes the need for capacity, there's no question about that.”

There is an economic benefit to the municipality to having the Ridge Landfill remain open, Smith said. According to a community newsletter by Progressive Waste, the landfill provides \$13 million in direct and indirect benefits, including \$9 million paid in salaries to employees, construction and road maintenance, goods and services purchased, and taxes. There is also a \$2.3-million direct annual royalty payment to the municipality for being a host community, plus another \$1-million-plus construction to the Ridge Landfill Trust that helps fund area community projects.

Smith said these economic benefits disappear if the landfill cannot expand in order to continue operating.

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Proposed Ridge Landfill expansion would make it one of largest in Ontario



By Ellwood Shreve, Chatham Daily News
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 9:36:54 EDT PM



Paul Tomen, left, shows Cathy Smith, project manager with Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc., the location of his farm, near Charing Cross, Ont., which has a section that borders on the Ridge Landfill. Tomen is among the local residents who attended a public meeting in Blenheim, Ont. on Tuesday May 3, 2016, that provided details on a plan to extend the life of the landfill by 20 years. (Ellwood Shreve, The Daily News)

BLENHEIM - Landfills can be a thorny issue, especially when it comes to expansion.

Paul Tomen, 90, has lived beside the Ridge Landfill, near Blenheim, since it open in 1966. In fact, his 100-acre farm that runs between Charing Cross Road and Erieau Road, abuts the entire north side of the landfill.

"There's two different ways of looking at it," he said. "We need a landfill . . . but you see nobody wants to live by a landfill."

Tomen was among the local residents who attended an open house in Blenheim on Tuesday night, organized by Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc. (PWS), owner of the Ridge Landfill, to explain its reasons for seeking approval from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to extend life of the landfill for another 20 years.

The landfill is slated to reach its current approved capacity by 2022. The 800-acre site currently has 350 acres approved for disposal and PWS is seeking to expand that by 200 to 250 acres over the next 20 years. However, the company said this would be done incrementally with 10-12 acre cells being constructed annually to accept the 1.3 tonnes of waste permitted to be accepted each year.

Wes Muir, PWS director of public and government relations, said, "we're simply seeking a continuation.

"We're still accepting the same volume, we're just extending the years (because) we're running out of capacity."

Muir noted if the expansion is approved, Ridge Landfill would become one of the largest landfills in Ontario at this current capacity rate.

Tomen said he's been hearing from neighbours about the proposed expansion.

"Some of the neighbours are against it," he said, adding some figure they may have to move away.

"I haven't got the full explanation for it," Tomen said after leaving the meeting.

Mike and Cindy Bokor, who live in Cedar Springs where they also run their business, Greatview Orchards, have a few concerns.

"What's it going to do to our land value once (the landfill) expands in the future?" Cindy Bokor said.

"From our market, we can see the landfill back behind us . . . and from our house, too," Mike Bokor said, adding the proposed expansion will bring the landfill closer to their properties.

The couple have smelled the garbage from the landfill and have concerns about it getting worse if an expansion takes place.

Mike Bokor said PWS has indicated it has a water misting machine to help control the smell.

"Time will tell," Cindy Bokor said, adding, "we'll just have to do some more questioning."

While residents may be worried about land values, municipal officials look at the positive economic impact the landfill provides.

South Kent Coun. Frank Vercouteren points to the \$1-million-plus annually the Ridge Landfill Trust provides for community projects as well as the millions in other direct and indirect benefits derived from the operation.

"I'm happy to see this, I think they've done a good job," he said.

Fellow South Kent Coun. Trevor Thompson said the landfill has a "proven track record here in the community."

Noting his home is only 2.5 kilometres from the site, Thompson said he hears the occasional complaints about the smell and noise.

"I smell it once or twice a month," he said. "By no means is it an issue."

Thompson would be pleased to see the landfill continue for another 20 years, noting the municipality receives an annual \$2.3 million host fee.

"If that money was gone, that's a two per cent tax increase for everybody in Chatham-Kent," he said.

Rick Kucera, Chatham-Kent's manager of waste and recycling services, said not having a local landfill would be result in "awful expense" if the the municipality had to transport its garbage to another community.

In addition to the host fee, Kucera said Chatham-Kent also receives very favourable disposal rate of \$33 a metric tonne.

"I don't think you can find that rate anywhere in Ontario," he said.

"Most communities are paying two to three times what we pay," he added.

Noting Chatham-Kent can't overlook the economic benefits, Kucera said, "at the end of the day, the environment is what matters first."

He added as long as PWS "can protect the environment, and there's no further impacts to the community, it's definitely an encouraging proposal."

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Development of biogas facility in works at Ridge Landfill



By Ellwood Shreve, Chatham Daily News
Wednesday, May 4, 2016 5:21:03 EDT PM



Ridge Landfill. (Ellwood Shreve, The Daily News)

Expanding the Ridge Landfill isn't the only future project Progressive Waste Solutions has planned for the site.

The company is currently working on plans to develop a biogas facility to convert landfill gas into pipeline-quality natural gas, said Wes Muir, PWS director of public and government relations.

He said the local project would be about the same size as the biogas facility Progressive operates at its Lachenaie Landfill in eastern Montreal, which is the largest of its kind in Canada and among the largest in North America.

The biogas is taken from that landfill and turned into a "pipeline quality gas and put directly into pipelines and sent to customers in the United States," Muir said.

According to the Renewable Energy From Waste magazine, the \$44-million Lachenaie project, which began operations in March, is designed to process 10,000 cubic feet per minute of incoming landfill gas. The gas generated is equivalent to fuelling 1,500 trucks for 20 years and will result in the avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions of 1.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide over a 10-year period.

Muir said the technology to convert landfill gas into electricity or pipeline-quality natural gas has been around for nearly 40 years and has been introduced to several landfills across North America.

This project was discussed during a public open house that Progressive held in Blenheim on Tuesday to discuss plans to seek permission from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change to extend the life of the Ridge Landfill for 20 years by using another 200 to 250 acres of land.

The 800-acre site, which currently has approval for 350 acres to be used for garbage disposal, is expected to reach its current approved capacity by 2022.

Peter Shillington, former mayor of Blenheim, who attended Tuesday's meeting, said the community was working on a deal at the time with former landfill owner BFI to install a generator to produce electricity from the landfill gas.

"The town was going to be a 50/50 partner with them (BFI)," he said.

Shillington said the deal was in the works around 1993-94, but then municipal amalgamation came along and "it died.

"Nobody's talked about it again, until now," adding Shillington, who is not opposed to the landfill expansion.

Muir said the company originally looked at converting the landfill gas into electricity, but that changed after seeing the success with the Lachenaie project.

"It's only been recently that we've seen a more of an increase in converting landfill gas into pipeline quality gas," he said.

"Generally, it's a good investment and it's a great use of a resource that normally would simply be flared off," Muir said. "Here we convert it into a renewable energy source that can be sent to customers locally and internationally."

He said the project is not contingent on the environmental assessment needed to move forward on expanding the landfill.

While there is no definite start date, Muir said, "depending on permits and other issues, we could actually start the project fairly soon."

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Biogas facility slated for Ridge Landfill site

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Appendix D

Open House Materials

Welcome to the Ridge Landfill Open House

We are committed to keeping our neighbours, local residents and the broader community informed about our operation and our future plans and hope you find the event informative.

Here you can learn about the proposed expansion and how you can be involved and stay informed.

Progressive Waste Solutions staff and consultants are available to answer any questions you may have as you read the presentation boards.



Progressive
Waste Solutions

About Progressive Waste Solutions

Ridge Landfill Open House



- Progressive Waste Solutions is a leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in Ontario as well as across Canada.
- We have earned a highly valued reputation for environmental protection, waste diversion and recycling and development of renewable energy projects.
- We are committed to the most environmentally responsible management practices.
- Progressive Waste Solutions is a growing company that employs over 60 persons in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.



The Ridge Landfill

Ridge Landfill Open House

- Landfill operations began in 1966.
- Progressive Waste Solutions takes ownership and operation in 2005.
- Employs 23 persons.
- Landfill receives all Chatham-Kent residential waste.
- Landfill is expected to reach capacity in 2022.



Environmental Management System

Ridge Landfill Open House



We have an excellent environmental record at the landfill site.

- We have an environmental management system in place for the landfill that follows stringent Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regulations.
- We continually review and update our operational programs in and around the landfill to maintain environmental protection and prevention of litter, birds, odour, noise, dust and traffic from impacting our neighbours and the community.

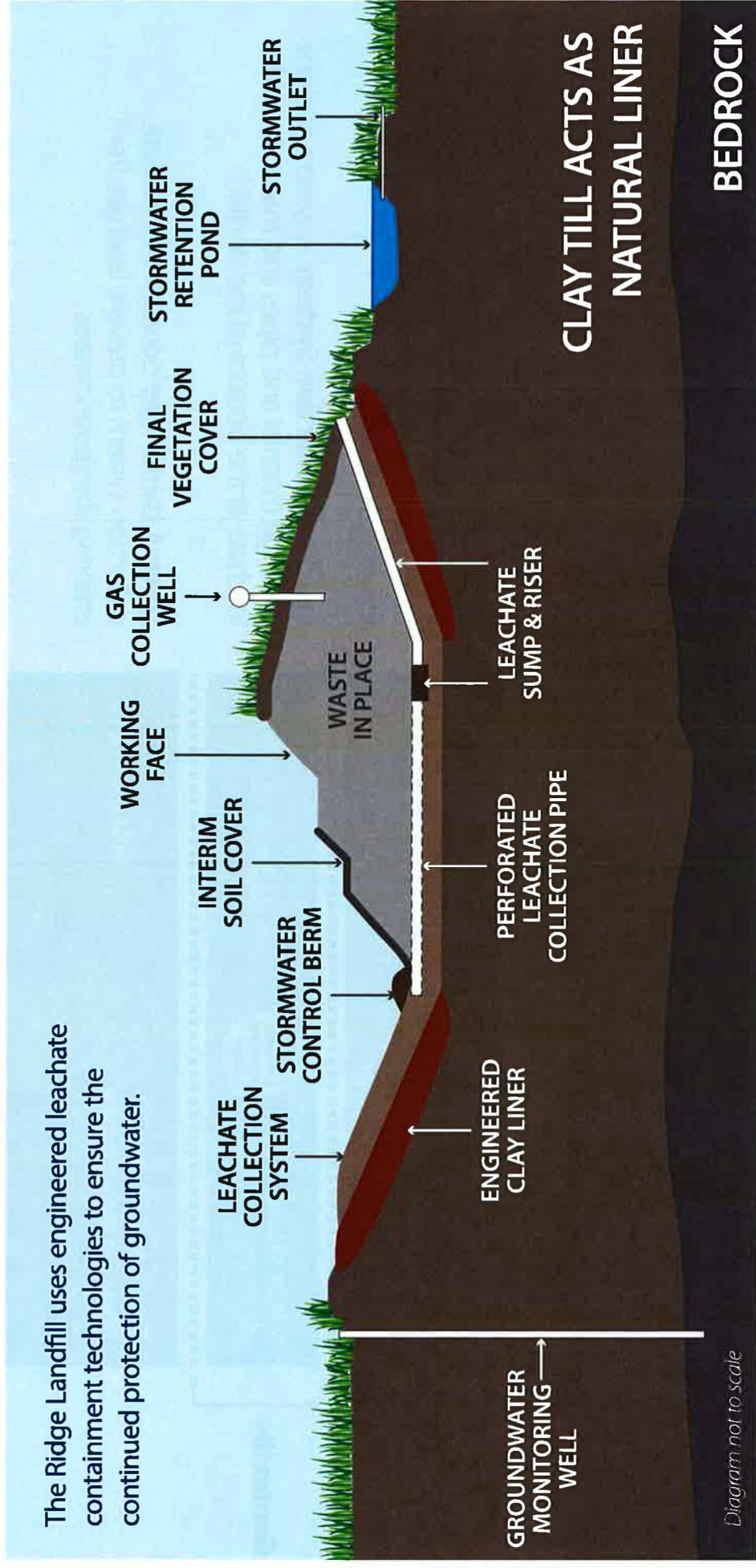


Gas collection well
at the Ridge Landfill

An Environmentally Engineered Landfill

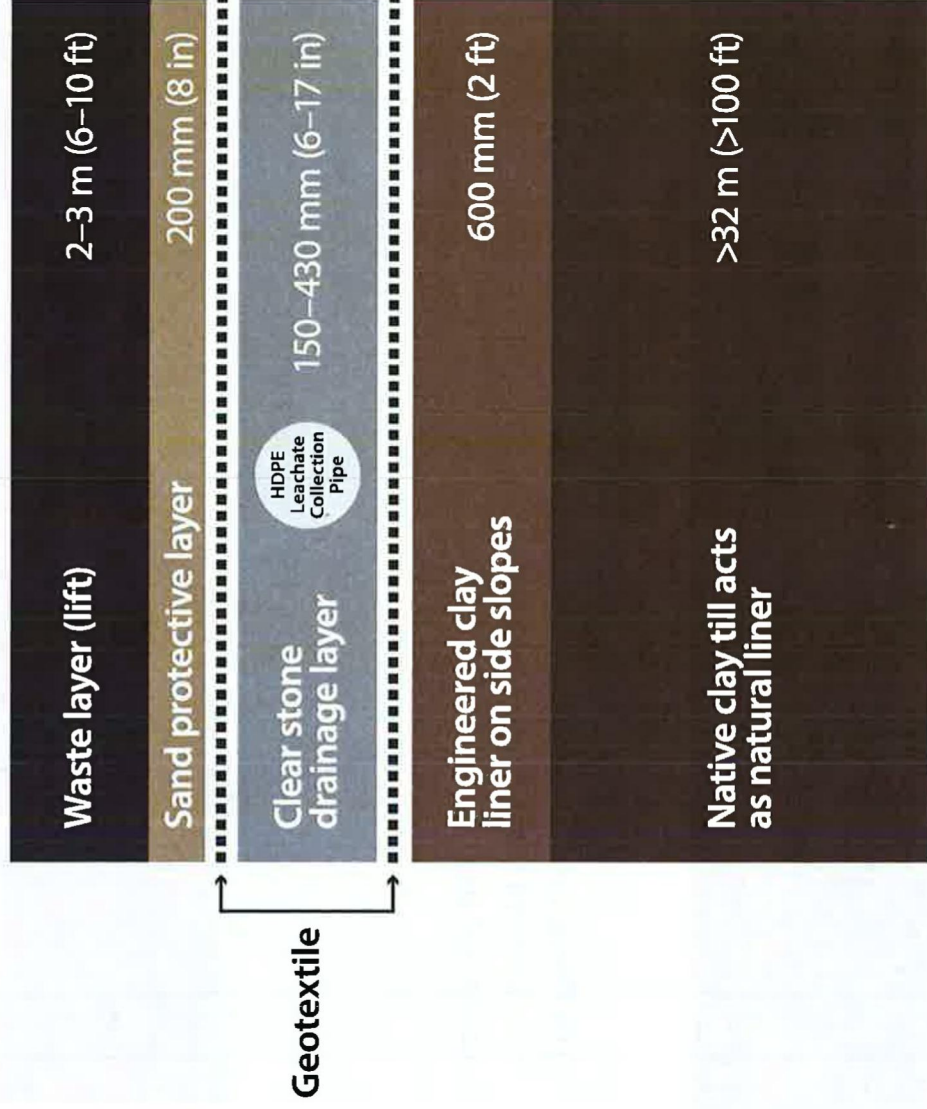
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The Ridge Landfill uses engineered leachate containment technologies to ensure the continued protection of groundwater.



Leachate Collection System

Ridge Landfill Open House



Leachate: Water (either from rain or decomposition of waste) that percolates through the waste.

Leachate Collection System: A system of stone drainage material and pipes and that collects the leachate at the bottom of the landfill.

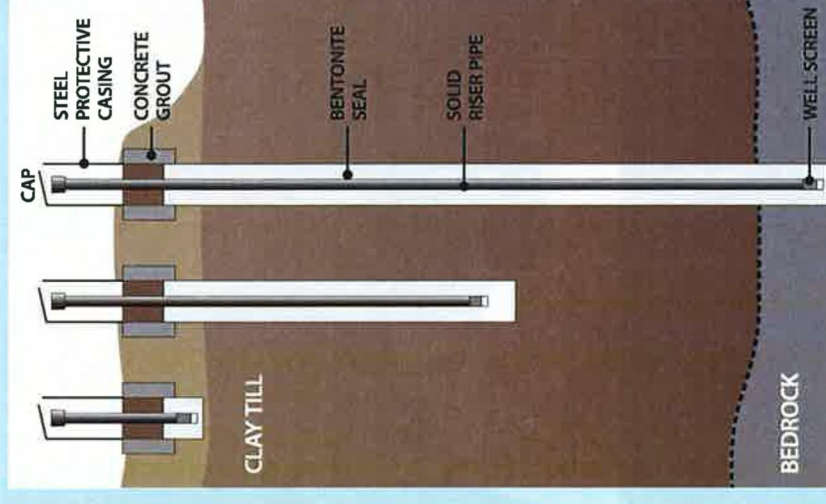
Liner: A barrier layer beneath the leachate collection system to prevent leachate from entering the groundwater.

Groundwater Monitoring System

Ridge Landfill Open House

- The Ridge Landfill has an environmental management system that monitors all aspects of the landfill including groundwater in and around the landfill.
- Annual monitoring of ground and surface water is conducted by a third party providing assurances the environment is being protected.
- There have been no impacts to the groundwater identified.

Typical Groundwater Monitoring Wells



Wells are placed strategically around the site to monitor groundwater at various depths.

A Partner in the Community

Ridge Landfill Open House



The Ridge Landfill contributes approximately \$13 million directly and indirectly to the local community.

- Appropriately \$9 million is spent annually on salaries, construction and road maintenance, goods and services purchased, taxes, etc.
- We are committed to being a good neighbour and a responsible partner in the communities we serve.



Progressive Waste Solutions supports Breast Cancer awareness.

Last year, Progressive Waste placed the winning bid on this special pink collection can created by Curotto and the Susan G. Komen For The Cure Foundation. We are proud to have it in use with our collection fleet on the streets of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Ontario, reaching 35,000 persons.

Community Host Agreement & Commitments

Ridge Landfill Open House



Of the \$13 million annual benefit, over \$4 million is provided directly to the local community.

- An annual royalty payment to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent based on the volume of material that comes into our facility from outside Chatham-Kent. In 2015, this amounted to \$2.3 million; and since 2005 we have contributed over \$15.9 million to the Municipality.
- Significant financial contributions to the Ridge Landfill Trust based on the volume of waste the landfill receives each year. In 2015, the Ridge contributed approximately \$1.1 million. These monies are to benefit the local community such as the building of the Community Centre Park and splash pad (see photos at right), a new seniors' centre and youth drop in centre in downtown Blenheim.
- The Ridge provides an incentive to the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to reduce the amount of waste delivered to the Ridge Landfill. The greater the tonnes diverted from disposal, the more the municipality receives in additional funding. On average, Chatham-Kent receives over \$800,000 per year.



Our Future Plans

Ridge Landfill Open House



Progressive Waste Solutions is proposing to expand the life of the Ridge Landfill for an additional 20 years following stringent Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change landfill regulations.

The annual permitted disposal capacity will not increase.

Progressive Waste Solutions will continue to accept industrial and commercial waste from across the province and will seek to expand its service area for residential waste across Ontario.

Other future plans for the landfill include:

- The development of a biogas facility to convert landfill gas into a pipeline quality natural gas which would be the largest biogas facility in Ontario and one of the largest in North America. We already operate a similar biogas facility at our Lachenaie Landfill in Quebec.
- The expansion of a public drop-off depot to allow residents to divert materials which are not being collected in the current residential recycling program.
- The construction of a new community activity centre.



Our Future Plans: The proposed expansion

Ridge Landfill Open House

Map of current site and potential expansion areas

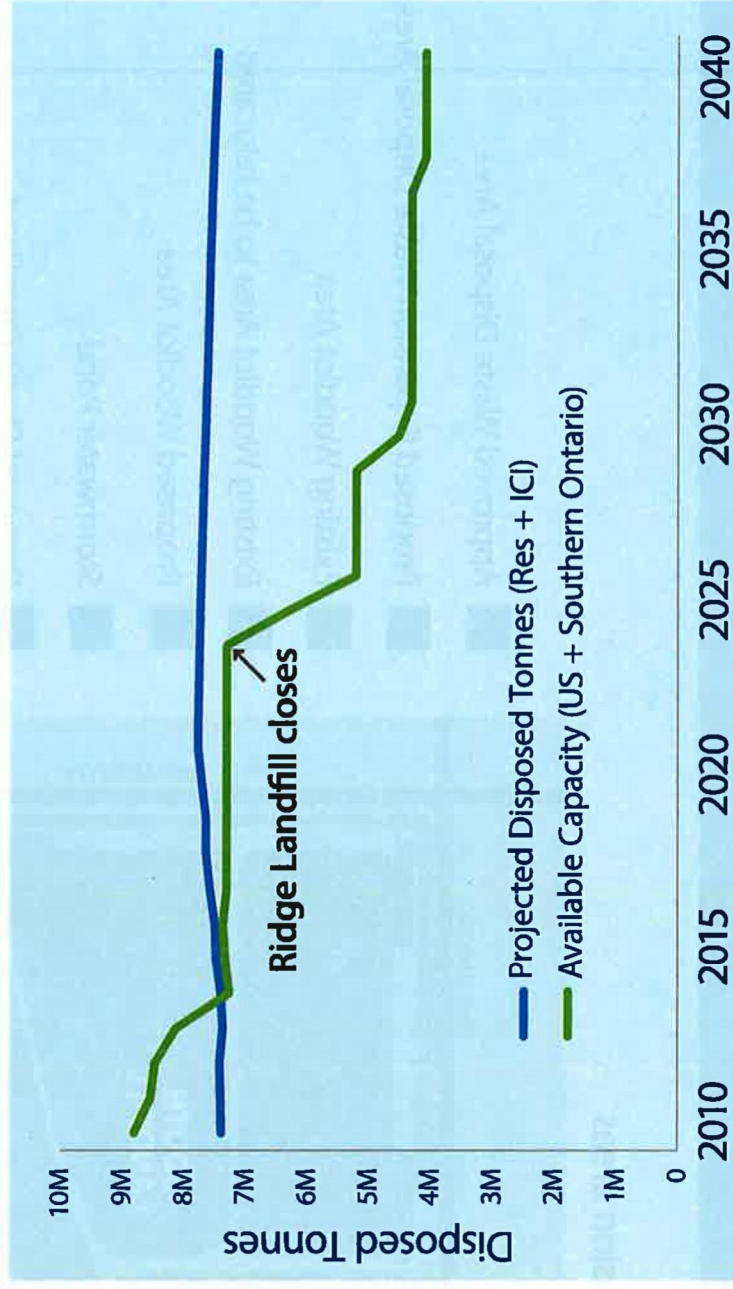


Our Future Plans: Need for more capacity

Ridge Landfill Open House

Despite increased waste diversion, over 7 million tonnes of residual waste is disposed of annually in Ontario and the U.S. With provincial population growth, this need is expected to continue.

With the expected closure of existing Ontario landfill sites over the next 10 years (which could include the closure of the Ridge Landfill in 2022), it is estimated that there will be a need for new or expanded waste disposal facilities in Southern Ontario.



Note: The graph illustrates projected tonnage assuming a moderate increase in waste diversion in both the residential (Res) and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sectors (e.g. residential diversion increase to 55% and ICI diversion increase to 35%).

Our Future Plans: Alternatives to expansion

Ridge Landfill Open House



Progressive Waste Solutions considered alternative ways to continue to provide waste disposal services:

Do nothing	Involves closing the Ridge Landfill. This alternative does not provide capacity to meet the long term waste disposal needs for Chatham-Kent and Southern Ontario.
Close Ridge Landfill and construct a new landfill	Involves finding a new landfill site location. Past work demonstrates that there is no location for a landfill site in Southern Ontario that is equivalent to or better than the Ridge. Progressive Waste Solutions does not own any other property suitable for landfill in Southern Ontario.
Expand Ridge Landfill	Involves expanding the Ridge Landfill. This alternative provides capacity to meet the long term disposal needs but does not result in any additional diversion of materials from disposal.
Expand the Ridge Landfill with waste diversion	Involves creating more long-term disposal capacity for local and Southern Ontario needs. Additional waste diversion processing capacity could be added at the facility and/or elsewhere.
Preferred Alternative	

Environmental Assessment Process

Ridge Landfill Open House



The proposed expansion of the Ridge Landfill requires approval under the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act. Two key steps must be completed. At each step, the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change must provide for approval to proceed.

Step 1

Terms of Reference (ToR)

- Outlines the EA 'road map', the activities and studies to be undertaken during the EA process for the proposed Ridge Landfill expansion.
- Includes consultation with the community.

Step 2

Environmental Assessment (EA)

- Considers alternative ways of developing the Ridge Landfill.
- Documents potential environmental effects (positive and negative) of expanding the landfill.
- Develops a plan to reduce or eliminate negative impacts of the project.
- Includes consultation with the community.

Terms of Reference

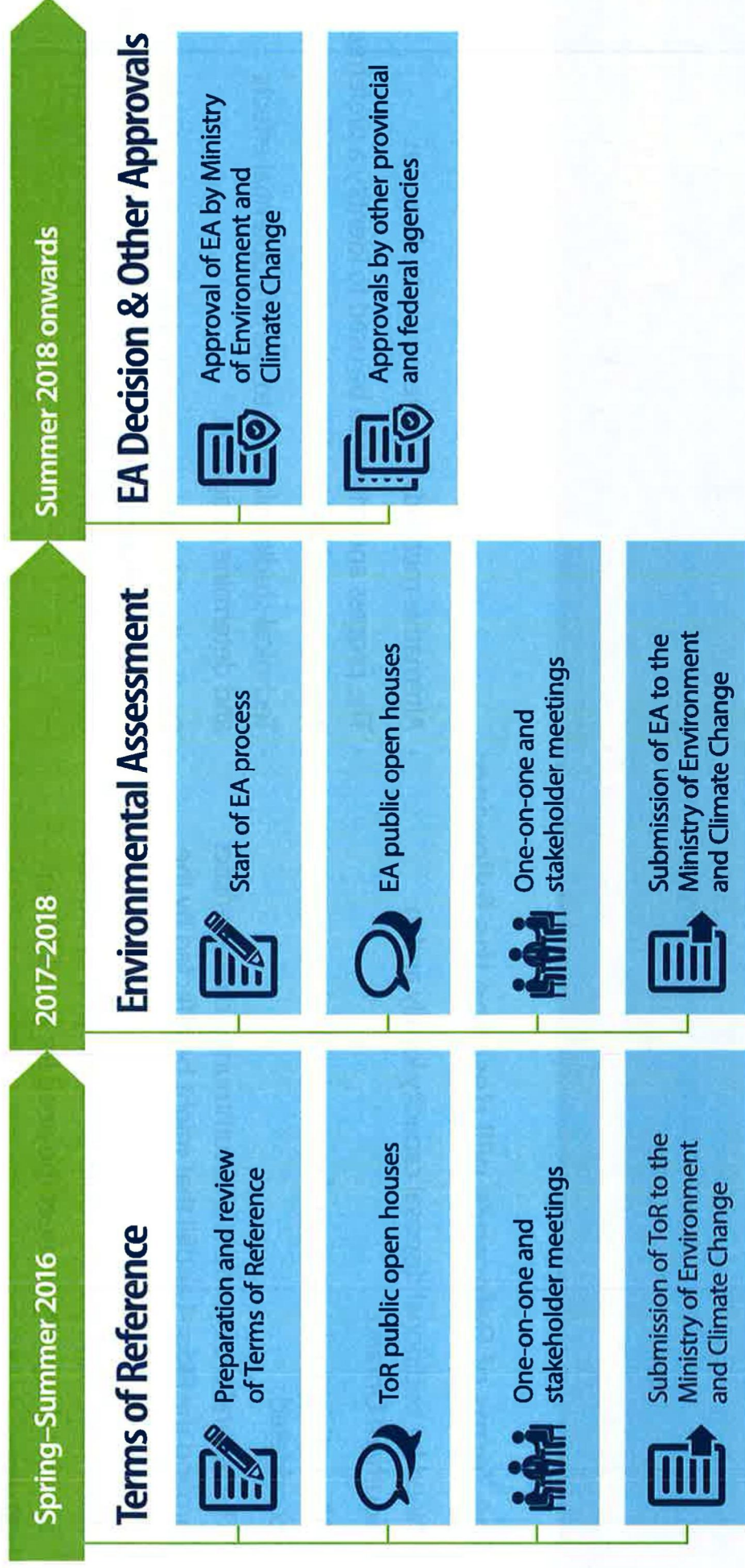
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The Terms of Reference will describe the following:

- Need for additional disposal capacity locally and in Southern Ontario.
- Alternatives to the proposed expansion that were considered.
- The natural environment and community characteristics around the Ridge Landfill that might be affected by the proposed expansion.
- Alternative ways the site could be developed to provide additional capacity to meet the need for an additional 20 years.
- Alternative methods to increase waste diversion.
- The process and criteria to be used to identify a preferred way to expand the landfill and assess potential effects.
- Technical studies planned to identify potential effects and determine mitigation.
- During the EA, the consultation that Progressive Waste Solutions will undertake will help the company understand community concerns and keep you involved in the project.

Environmental Assessment Process

Ridge Landfill Open House



Get Involved

Ridge Landfill Open House



Visit us at: ridgelandfill.com





Sign up to the
email list



Fill out a
feedback form



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Stay Involved

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During the Terms of Reference, consultation with the community will include:

Two Public Open Houses

To exchange information and hear community concerns and questions.



Community Newsletters

To provide news and information about the site and proposed expansion project.



Stakeholder Meetings

To provide opportunity for one-on-one meetings with Progressive Waste Solutions staff to discuss the proposed expansion project.



Thank you

Ridge Landfill Open House

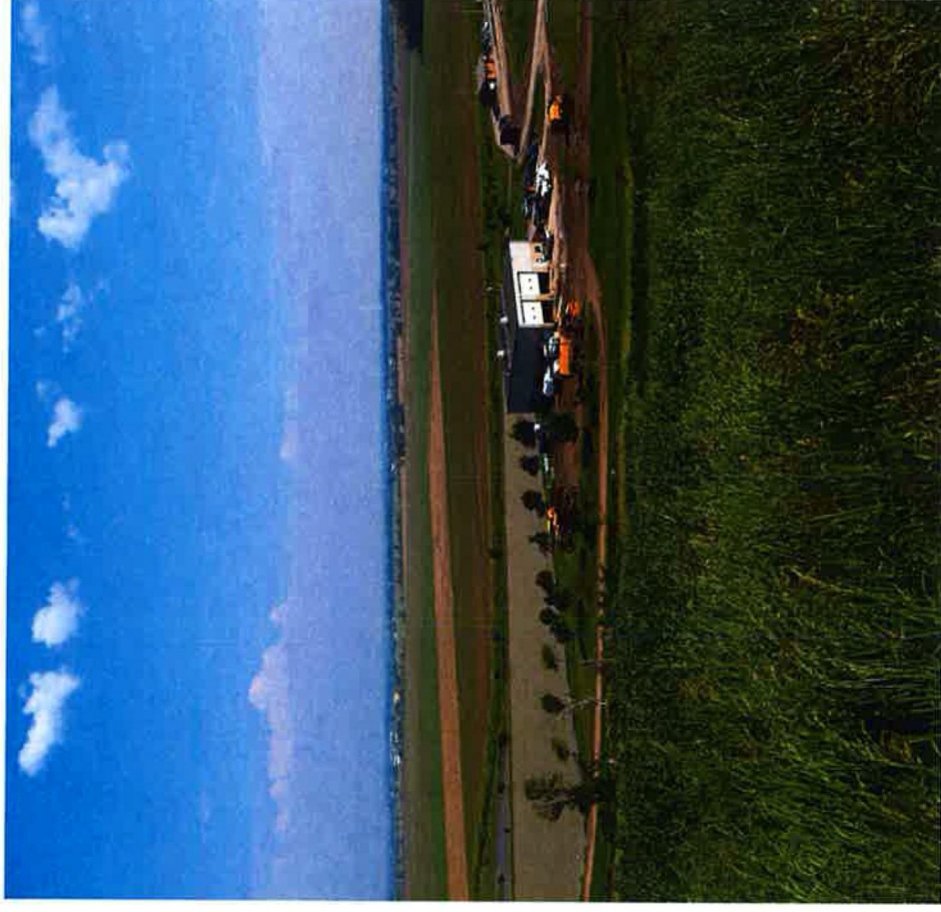


We want to hear from you!

Your issues or concerns are important to us, and we want to know about them.

We want to ensure that your questions are addressed and that approaches to their resolution are developed and understood.

You can leave written questions or comments you have with us today, or send them to us anytime at: ridgelandfill.com



Proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion

May 3, 2016 Public Open House

Comment Form



Your input is important to Progressive Waste Solutions. Please take a moment to fill out this comment form.

1. How did you hear about this Open House? (please select one option)

☐ Newspaper Advertisement

☐ Word of Mouth

☐ Letter

☐ Other: _____

2. Were you provided with enough information at this Open House to understand the project?

☐ Yes

☐ Somewhat

☐ No

Please Explain why: _____

3. Please provide any comments on the proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion.

4. Please complete if you would like to be added to the contact list for this project:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Thank you for your input.

Your completed form can be mailed/emailed to:

Or you can contact us through our website.

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Appendix E

Written Comments Received



New contact form submitted: RIDGELANDFILL.COM

1 message

Thu, Apr 21, 2016 at 6:34 AM
th@progressivewaste.com,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Message: Hi there. We live out in the rural area and we don't have residential pick-up, we have to go the Harwich/Raleigh station to drop our stuff off. My question is, would we be able to drop things off or does this only apply for those that have residential pick-up and will there be a fee? Thank you in advance for your response.



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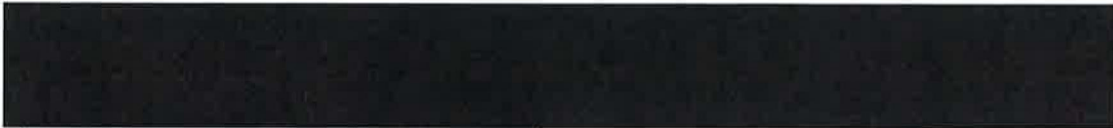
Mon, Apr 25, 2016 at 9:46 PM
progressivewaste.com,

Message: Just wondering how much it is to bring garbage there thanks

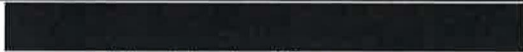


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Wed, May 4, 2016 at 7:53 AM
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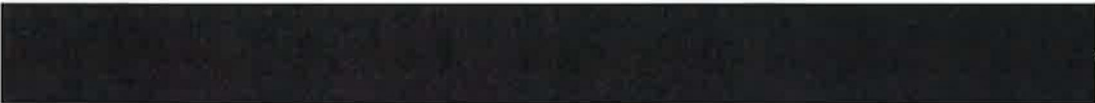
Message: please sign us up on your "project contact list" for the application to

expand the ridge landfill



New contact form submitted: RIDGELANDFILL.COM

1 message



Thu, May 5, 2016 at 9:14 AM
ewaste.com,

Message: Good Morning! I have been advised that your company has a community trust fund. I was wondering if you may be able to send me some information on how to apply for this trust. I am an active member on the board for the new men's shelter in Chatham, New Beginning House, We are currently exploring ways to fund the project as we are complexly ran off volunteers and private donations. I appreciate any information you may be able to provide.

Thank you and Have a great day!



New contact form submitted: RIDGELANDFILL.COM

1 message

Wed, May 18, 2016 at 4:27 PM
sivewaste.com,

anager


Hello Tim,

The Village of Erie Beach, down the road from the landfill, will be celebrating its centennial this summer. To commemorate this milestone, we are hoping to design and erect a sign at each of the 2 entrances to the village. We are also having a celebration and inviting all the current and former residents and neighbours.

We are hoping that this local project is of interest to the Ridge Landfill community Trust Fund. Please let us know how we can provide more information and be eligible for funding through the Trust.

We would appreciate the Landfill Trust's financial support of the purchase of the signs.

I look forward to hearing from you.





New contact form submitted: RIDGELANDFILL.COM

1 message

Fri, May 20, 2016 at 1:23 PM
progressivewaste.com,

I am inquiring if Progressive Waste Solutions would be willing to partner with our Non for Profit Hockey School that we are starting this summer or if there is an application I can fill out to see if we would be able to receive some funding from your company. We are set up as a not for profit corporation with a focus on building individuals who will hopefully back to our community in the future. We are totally flexible in the type and amount of sponsorship that you would like to contribute. [REDACTED] If we have any proceeds after the camp completion, we will be using them to further the skill development of the South Kent Lightning Hockey Association throughout this coming season. Check out our website and let me know what you think! <http://goldenacreshockeyschool.com/>

Thanks you for taking the time to consider us!

[REDACTED]



New contact form submitted: RIDGELANDFILL.COM

1 message

Thu, Jun 9, 2016 at 3:34 PM

[REDACTED] Message: Hello, I am the treasurer at a non-profit BMX Bicycle club located at [REDACTED] on land that we lease from the Thames Valley Conservation Authority. We are affiliated with Canada BMX and our website is <https://www.usabmx.com/tracks/1828>.

We have over 65 members ranging from under 5 to over 40 years and drawing from a wide area of Chatham-Kent. We will be holding our annual Provincial race during the week-end of June 17, 18, 19 that is our main fundraiser to support our activities.

Is there an opportunity for any funding from Progressive to support ongoing activities and/or for equipment/infrastructure needed to grow our footprint in Chatham-Kent and support kids, youth and adults in our community.

If it is possible, could you please forward application information to my attention.

[REDACTED]

Team Comment Tracking

Proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion

Name: [REDACTED]

Name of Meeting: OPEN HOUSE

Comment Received	Response Required	Contact Info
put the trees on the farm and let them grow tall & dense. You won't have to cut any grass & the trees will help hold the soil in place. provides esthetic view. Maybe it would break some wind & help keep garbage from blowing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	[REDACTED]
I don't like the smell from the landfill.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Start collecting the Biogas for good use.		
Implement stricter recycling in this community so it doesn't go to the landfill - <small>don't accept waste that is not recycled.</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Cover garbage with something to seal it.		

Team Comment Tracking

Proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion

Name: [REDACTED]

Name of Meeting: Public Meeting #1

Comment Received	Response Required	Contact Info
Request to hard surface Allison Line between Lagoon + ERICA. IS A main Artery between	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Blenheim + the Landfill for our curbside trucks	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



Team Comment Tracking



Proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion

Name: [REDACTED]

Name of Meeting: _____

Comment Received	Response Required	Contact Info
<i>Smell of the gas is concern already have a lagoon already lots of smell - live behind lagoon</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	[REDACTED]
<i>- reduce is what should be done - don't build more - some of the Blenheim has enough - when it's damp outside can't go outside because of smell</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Team Comment Tracking

Proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion

Name: [REDACTED]

Name of Meeting: BLANTHIER, MTC.

Comment Received	Response Required	Contact Info
<p>ODOR is a major concern BOTH GARBAGE ODOR & occasional methane odor.</p> <p>Groundwater always a concern.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="background-color: black; height: 60px; width: 100%;"></div>
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Please Explain why: _____

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I LIVE WITHIN A KM OF THE
LANDFILL & HAVE SOME REAL
CONCERNS ABOUT MY DEEP WELL
WHO IS GOING TO MONITOR IT?
MUNICIPAL WATER?

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Questions were answered Thank you.

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Please Explain why: *Why expand the collection of waste to all across Ontario when keeping it local would allow the landfill to exist longer?*

3. Please provide any comments on the proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion.

When I can smell the strong odours from the landfill in the wind, is my health at risk?

What effect is your expansion going to have on our local traffic patterns?

*-really not ~~wanting~~ wanting waste to be brought here from outside southwestern Ontario, - especially from the U.S.A.
What effect will it have on the value of our property?*

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Please Explain why: Vague - still in planning stage

3. Please provide any comments on the proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion.

~ expansion to include household - worried about smell -
~ worried about ^{household} well on Middle Line
- concerned with property value
~ expansion is away from the airport - concerned
over height of landfill
~ noise, truck traffic which are current issues

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*smell needs to be dealt with immediately
roads need to be maintained BETTER
dune & mud needs to be cleaned off road
regularly
methane issue needs to be utilized
in re useable resource*

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I LIVE AT [REDACTED] My CONCERN
HAS ALWAYS BEEN PROPERTY VALUE DEPRECIATION
I AM COMPENSATED AS LEVEL 4 WHICH I FEEL DOES
NOT ADEQUATELY COMPENSATE ME FOR WHAT WE
HAVE TO LOOK AT FROM OUR PROPERTY. WE HAVE LIVED
AT THIS PROPERTY SINCE 1984. I HAVE VOICED MY CONCERNS
TO CATHY SMITH AND HOPE THAT MY CONCERNS WILL BE ADDRESSED

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Please Explain why: _____

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Like the gas collection idea.

would like to see a 3 or 4 times a year collection of hazardous waste (paint, chemicals) instead of 1 a year by C-K

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Please Explain why: Still can't see where all the water from snow melting is going too go

3. Please provide any comments on the proposed Ridge Landfill Expansion.

THE Landfill is bringing property value down on my home, THE Landfill should pay for the water-line to the people on middle-line, I LIVE next too the Landfill and flooding is going on every spring, THEY said it's covered every night. but on a east wind it stinks, my neighbors are being compensated for the dump, why are we not?

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Ridge Landfill (Progressive Waste Solutions)



ATTN: Tim Kozlof:

Currently, we are at level 2 compensation on properties [REDACTED] It is expected that as the landfill moves closer we will be receiving level 1 compensation due to the noise, dust, traffic, prevailing wind odours, and obstruction of view.

At this time, we understand that we have no property protection value for [REDACTED] Now that our properties will be at the landfill's doorstep, we expect that these properties will now be protected.

When these changes occur, we would like to be notified in writing.

Our family has lived here long before the landfill existed, we have always been good neighbours with no complaints and have built a good relationship, we hope to continue on in the future.

Thank you for your time, awaiting your reply





Kolli, Karla <kkolli@dillon.ca>

Fwd: Ridge Landfill expansion comments

1 message

Kolli, Karla <kkolli@dillon.ca>
To: Karla Kolli <kkolli@dillon.ca>

Sat, Jun 18, 2016 at 12:27 PM

Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 12:51 PM
To: Cathy Smith
Subject: Ridge Landfill expansion comments

I am writing to oppose the proposed expansion of the Ridge Landfill.

According to the MOE, it is currently the largest operating landfill in Ontario, by a considerable margin.....almost half as large again as the next largest one. It also is already taking in as much or more than any other landfill in Ontario on an annual basis.

The notice in the paper indicated that the reason for the landfill expansion is to meet the needs of the municipality and Ontario. That is quite misleading, in my opinion.

Certainly it serves the needs of the municipality waste disposal requirements, as it should; also the local council has benefited (been bought off??) from the financial contributions and because of this financial infusion, will likely not oppose the expansion. However it is well known amongst C-K constituents that the C-K council is not an environmentally responsible one. Money talks much louder with them than any semblance of environmental responsibility!

However, I believe the real reason for expansion is to serve the needs of Ontario, i.e. Toronto and the GTA as well as other large centres in southwestern Ontario where local opposition to landfill expansion closer to home is more politically charged..

It is high time that Toronto/the GTA, etc found a better solution to their garbage disposal needs than to ship it to Chatham-Kent.

C-K should not be the dumping grounds for Toronto/the GTAs, etc waste.

The steady stream of large tractor-trailers hauling waste to C-K is impacting the traffic congestion on Hwy 401. This happens all year around, regardless of weather, and increases traffic hazards. It also increases the rate of deterioration of the road surface of Hwy 401, resulting in more maintenance costs. It also requires substantial fuel costs for all of that transport traffic.

C-K is an agriculturally based community. The landscape should be used for food production, not waste disposal.

In summary, C-K has more than paid its dues to benefit Toronto, the GTA etc for several years. The Ridge Landfill should be used primarily to benefit the residents of C-K, and I oppose the proposed expansion.

Sincerely,



Dear Sirs,

Our family, to my knowledge is the only century farm bordering the landfill. Our family has been here since 1881. My children are now the sixth generation to live here. We have, through our personal love of the land had our children grow up with a love for the same land there great great grandparents farmed.

I have now taken over the land my father got from his father who got it from his father who got it from his father. It was my hope that if any or all of my three children wanted to farm, there would be our family farm and business to be passed down to them.

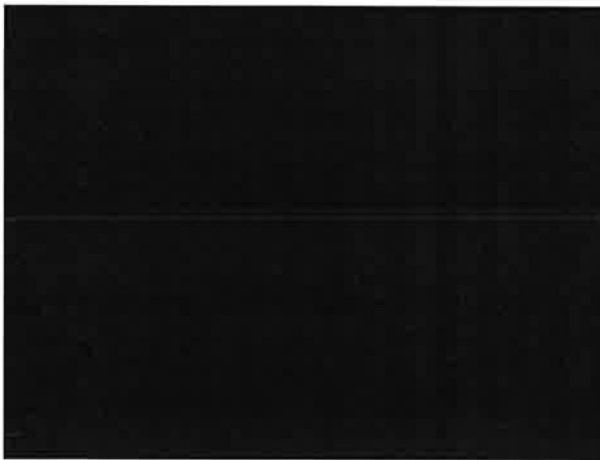
Likewise over the past 100 years we have been in the fruit business, with generations of customers dealing with our family.

You are now proposing to expand your landfill to a very close proximity to our two family homes and our market. We will suffer a great deal of social impact. Our homes and business will be the closest to the expanded landfill. The expanded landfill will be active. We will become the most significantly affected neighbours to the landfill.

The loss of enjoyment of our property is certainly a social impact.

I cannot ever see my mother or myself leaving this land. I am too deeply attached.

Our children will no longer have the long held passion to inherit this farm. The expansion will certainly hurt and may destroy our family's little oasis of history that has existed for over 130 years. We sincerely believe that we are the people most affected by the expanded landfill. We believe that our category for compensation should reflect that reality.



Municipal Councillor



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From: noreply@chatham-kent.ca [mailto:noreply@chatham-kent.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 2:26 PM

To: COUNCIL

Subject: Contact Council Form Submitted from Chatham-Kent Website



Comments: I seen that there is a request for an expansion to the ridge land fill for 20 years 250 acres and allowing the site to receive larger volumes of waste from a larger area I know that the municipality has received a lot income from the tipping fees from the operation of the site however I believe that eventually this expansion will come back to haunt us It has become an eye site soar and once in a while it smells should it start to smell as bad as the waste site south west of London property values in the Blenheim and surrounding area will be affected to the point that they may become difficult to sell or if so a great discounted rates This of course would lead to lower assesment rates thus less taxes for the municipality let alone the fact that the property owners would lose a great amount of equity in their property. I realize that these things cannot be changed over night however sooner or later the question has to be addressed of how many times is site going to expand how big is going to get and how bad is going to affect the community its located in. As I mentioned before I know these things cannot be changed over night The expansion should only be allowed for ten years and for no larger volumes of waste than it receives today This would give the province and the site owners a ten year window for a new site. I believe the residence of Chatham Kent has done their share of accepting responsibility for accepting waste from other areas its time for these other areas and the province to step up to the plate and find a new site The old excuse about not finding a new site no longer applys It hasn't been that many years since the beginning of the operation of this site and if you drive by it you would be amazed how big it is just imagine another 20 years with larger volumes of waste how big this site will be. I would urge council to seriously consider any support of this expansion as it is presented today And think of the future of the community 20 or 30 or even 50 years from now



MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: CLC Pre-Consultation Meeting for the Ridge Landfill

DATE/TIME: April 5, 2016, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Gable-Rees Rotary Pool, 66 Regent St., Chatham-Kent, ON

PRESENT: Cathy Smith (PWS), Brian Forrestal (PWS), Tim Kozlof (PWS), Jim Hawryluk (CLC), Frank Vercouteren (CLC), Trevor Thompson (CLC), John Vermey (CLC), Karen Herman (CLC), Megan Bellamy (Dillon Consulting)

Introduction

- Cathy will be the main contact person for the project; CLC members can also call Tim. Cathy can be contacted at 519-358-2860 or cathy.smith@progressivewaste.com
- [REDACTED]

Proposed Schedule

- Target public notification around April 20th, 2016
- Open House #1 will occur sometime at the beginning of May.
- PWS will confirm with CK Council when they will receive a package about the project.

Ridge Landfill Expansion Project

- The Landfill has been in operation since 1966. PWS wants to expand the lifespan of the landfill another 20 years, up to 2042, at the same annual disposal capacity (1.3M tonnes).
- PWS provided an overview of the site and existing fill areas (Old Landfill, Infill Area, West Landfill and South Landfill). PWS and Dillon provided an overview of the Landfill history and EA options. Several pre-EA studies have been completed to date including a Needs and Opportunities Assessment that considered the projected disposal capacity requirements for Southern Ontario, waste being sent to the USA, and other suitable locations for a new landfill. The study showed that additional waste capacity will be needed in Ontario well past the current capacity date of Ridge (2011) and that the Ridge is a prime landfill location due to the surrounding geology (i.e., natural clay).

- PWS and Dillon provided an overview of four potential “Alternatives to” to be explored in the Terms of Reference and subsequent EA: do nothing (i.e., Ridge closes when it reaches capacity in 2022), close the Ridge in 2022 and open a new landfill in another location, expand the life of the Ridge Landfill by increasing disposal capacity (maintaining annual tonnage), and expand the life of the Ridge Landfill but also include accommodation for resource recovery. Screening criteria were applied to all four alternatives and the fourth alternative is the preliminary preferred alternative.
- The CLC members were content with the idea of expanding the landfill.
- PWS is considering a gas utilization project that would be at the Ridge but separate from the expansion. The proposed gas plant project could be located on the PWS property on the other side of Erieau Road.
- PWS has a landfill gas facility at another site and it is working very well. Clean gas is entering the TransCanada pipeline. The gas facility has not moved forward yet due to a pending decision by MPAC about property taxes.
- Karen (CLC) asked PWS what the gas collection facility would look like and how much land it would require. Tim (PWS) indicated that it may all fit on one acre.
- PWS indicated that they are not expecting much (if any) community opposition to the project, since PWS has been a good local citizen and has a good relationship with the community. Business for PWS will continue as usual despite the recent acquisition by Waste Connections, and the company will continue under the PWS brand for its operations in Canada. The proposed expansion is considered beneficial for the residents of Chatham-Kent.
- Karen (CLC) asked if the meeting with Council to discuss the project will be open to the public or closed. The CLC members that are Councilors for Chatham-Kent indicated that they do not anticipate the municipal council having concerns with the proposed expansion.
- The mapping provided shows multiple cells that would be developed to allow for expansion of the landfill. The ultimate footprint of the expanded landfill will be determined during the EA. Increasing the height of the Old Landfill will be considered as part of the EA. It is currently at a much lower elevation than the newer cell areas.
- The haul route and site entrances would remain the same.
- It was asked if trees could be planted on top of the fill area once a cell is closed to naturalize the space. Brian (PWS) indicated that trees are not typically planted on top of fill areas since the roots may crack the cap on the fill.
- PWS may have to renew the Community Host Agreement with Chatham-Kent. This is to be discussed in greater detail with them.
- Karen (CLC) mentioned that the community may push back on PWS if the intention is for the Ridge to accept waste from all of Ontario. It would strengthen PWS’ relationship in the community if PWS can present the gas plant project as a way to ensure environmental responsibility. This could increase public acceptance of the Ridge taking more residential waste for the purposes of capturing landfill gas.

- CLC members asked about the potential to “give the land back” to the community at the time of site closure. PWS indicated that this has been done in other areas (e.g., landfill area has been reclaimed as a ski hill or park area).

Action Items

Action	Responsible Party
Confirm with Chatham-Kent when Council will receive a package about the proposed expansion.	PWS

Errors and/or Omissions: For any errors and/or omissions, please contact Megan Bellamy (416-229-4647, Ext. 2423) or mbellamy@dillon.ca

Appendix F

Indigenous Community Letters

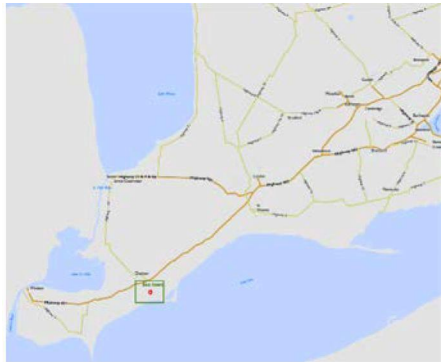
April 7, 2016

Chief Tom Bressette
Kettle and Stony Point First Nation
6247 Indian Lane,
Ontario, N0N 1J1

Dear Chief Bressette:

I have been engaged by Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc (PWS) to help support discussions with indigenous communities with respect to future plans for PWS's Ridge Landfill near Blenheim, Ontario. It is our desire to meet with you to discuss these future plans and to gather your preliminary thoughts. PWS intends to make formal public notification in the next week to 10 days but would be pleased to arrange confidential discussions with your First Nation with respect to the proposed project.

The Ridge Landfill is located at 20262 Erieau Road, Blenheim, Ontario, (see maps) which may be within your traditional territory.



I along with representatives of PWS respectfully request an opportunity to meet with you and/or to discuss the project by phone at your discretion. If you prefer to meet in person could you please kindly suggest available dates that I can convey to the rest of our project team.

I can be reached at 416-920-0716 ext. 239, by cell phone at 705-746-0638 or at jbeaucage@counselpa.com.

Respectfully,

John Beaucage
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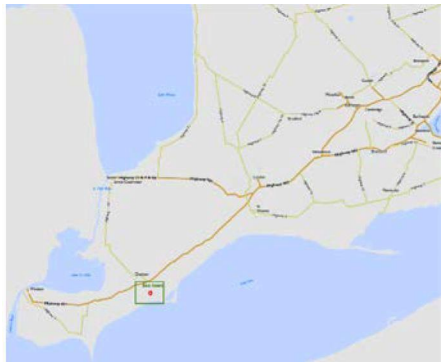
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Chief Christopher Plain
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
978 Tashmoo Avenue
Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 7H5

Dear Chief Plain:

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "J. Beaucage".

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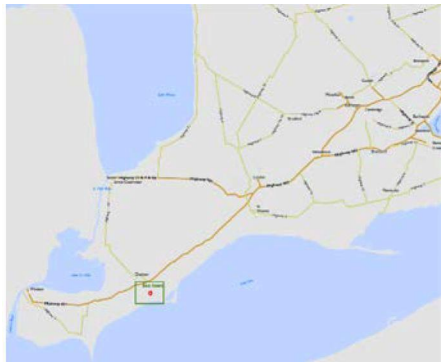
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Chief Louise Hillier
Caldwell First Nation
P.O. Box 388
Leamington, Ontario
N8H 3W3

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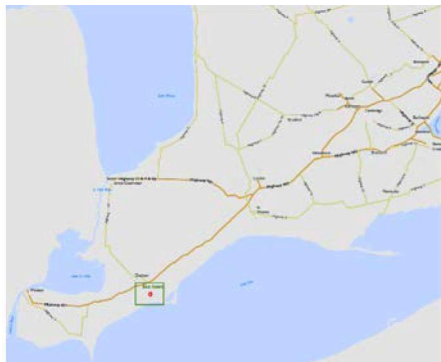
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Regional Chief Isadore Day
Chiefs of Ontario
111 Peter Street, Suite 804
Toronto, Ontario, M5V 2H1

Dear Regional Chief Day:

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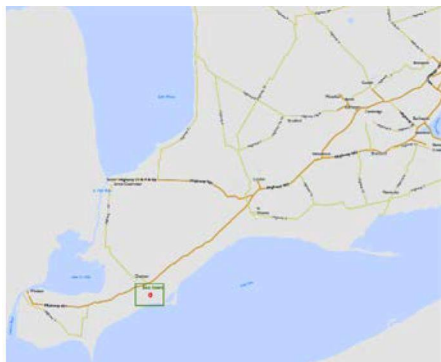
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Chief Leslee White-Eye
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
320 Chippewa Road
Muncey, Ontario
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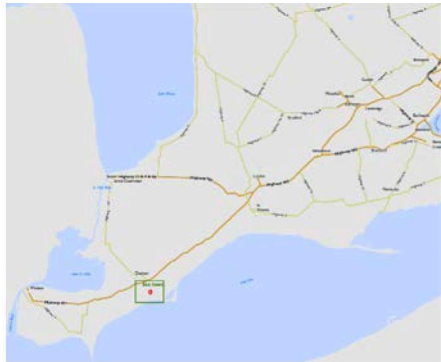
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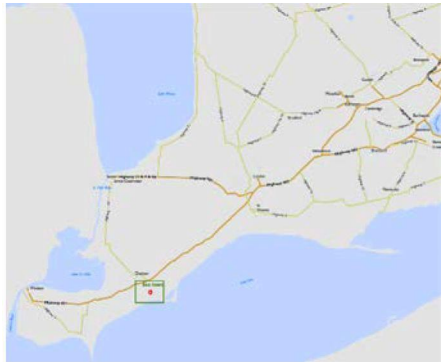
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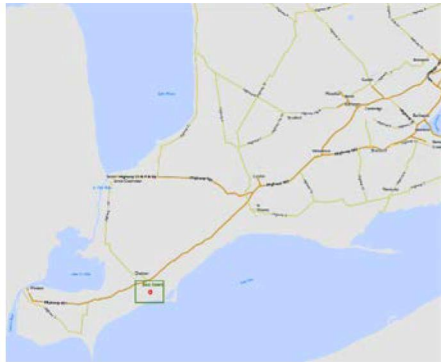
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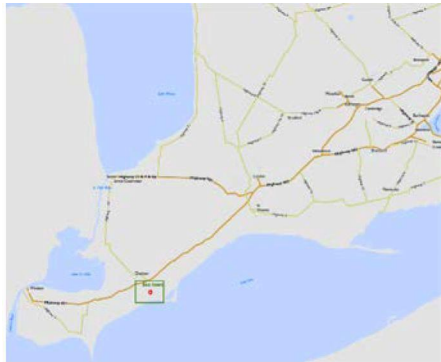
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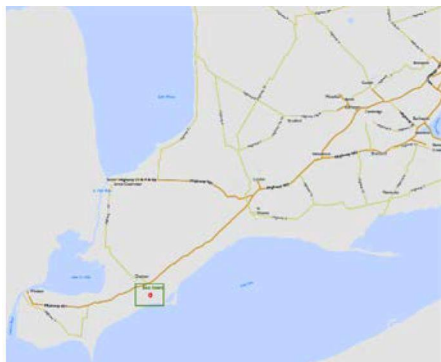
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May 11, 2016

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Regional Chief Isadore Day
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Chief Leslee White-Eye
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Dear Chief White-Eye:

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Appendix G

Agency Meeting Minutes

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: EA Terms of Reference MOECC Pre-Consultation Meeting for the Ridge Landfill

DATE/TIME: December 16, 2015, 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Office – 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 4th Floor

PRESENT: Cathy Smith (PWS), Brian Forrestal (PWS), David Racz (MOECC, by phone), Cindy Batista (MOECC), Daniel Delaquis (MOECC), Gary Komar (Dillon Consulting), Karla Kolli (Dillon Consulting), Megan Bellamy (Dillon Consulting)

NOTE: These minutes have been prepared for file. A meeting summary was sent by email to MOECC

Introduction & Purpose of the Meeting

Brian introduced the team and provided an overview of the proposed project. The team wanted to present the proposed project to the MOECC today, including the pre-Environmental Assessment (EA) preparatory work to ensure that all parties are comfortable with the methodology for the EA Terms of Reference (ToR). It was noted that the project is confidential at this stage because Progressive Waste Solutions (PWS) is undergoing negotiations with a neighbouring landowner. A focused ToR will be developed for the project and is anticipated to be submitted to the MOECC in mid-2016. The management of stakeholder consultation is very important to PWS, so any feedback from the MOECC regarding approach is appreciated. Dillon, PWS' consultant, has a long history at the site and completed the 1997 EA to expand the landfill and the 2010 screening for a proposed fill rate modification.

The Ridge Landfill: Present and Future

- The Ridge Landfill began operation in 1966 and now receives 1.3 million tonnes of municipal solid waste (MSW) annually. The annual fill rate was changed approximately 3 years ago from approximately 900,000 tonnes to 1.3 million tonnes. The overall capacity of the site did not change, but the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for the site was amended to increase the total tonnage per year.
- In 1999, the landfill was expanded to approximately 262 ha. The assumed life of the landfill at that time was 20 years. Currently, the landfill is expected to reach capacity around 2022, approximately 6 years from now.

- The landfill is licenced to receive Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) waste from all of Ontario and residential waste from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent (CK) and the surrounding four counties. The leachate from the facility is piped to the Blenheim wastewater treatment plant.
- The landfill has a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) that meets every quarter. The CLC is comprised of members of the public, members of Chatham-Kent council, the landfill manager, an independent consultant, and the MOECC Environmental Officer (David Racz).
- The landfill is monitored annually for groundwater, surface water and leachate quality. Dillon undertakes this monitoring for PWS.
- A total of 60 people in Chatham-Kent are employed by the PWS; 20 of these are landfill site employees; the remainder are collection employees
- PWS gives a percentage of the Ridge Landfill tipping fee to the Ridge Landfill Trust. The Trust allocates the money to local community improvement projects.
- CK does not have its own municipal landfill site and is supportive of this project.
- The landfill has a defined haul route between Highway 401 and the site. The people who live along the haul route are compensated, as well as site neighbours.
- The landfill is outside of the identified source water protection area.

Pre-EA Work

- Dillon and PWS have been working to complete pre-EA work over the past year. The purpose of the work was to inform the direction and scope of the ToR. The pre-EA work focused on a 20 year planning period (2022-2041) and included the completion of the following tasks:
 - Needs and opportunities assessment** – This work projected demand for waste disposal in southern Ontario across the planning period (2022-2041). It assumed a medium diversion scenario and that the amount of waste shipped to the USA remains the same (approx. 3 million tonnes per year). The needs assessment identified that disposal capacity in southern Ontario will drop off in 2023-2025 leaving insufficient capacity for the amount of waste requiring disposal.
 - Consideration of “Alternatives To”** – Four alternatives were developed including Do Nothing, close Ridge and open an new landfill, expand the existing landfill, and expand the existing landfill and add opportunities to accommodate resource recovery. The “Alternatives To” were identified with PWS’ core business in mind. PWS is not in the business of energy-from-waste facilities, so the alternatives are focused on landfill and diversion.

Using criteria modified from the MOECC *Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario* (2014), an assessment of the “alternatives to” identified an expansion of the existing landfill

including resource recovery as preferred:

- **Do Nothing** – the Ridge Landfill would reach capacity around 2022 and close. This would not address the need for continued landfill capacity.
- **Close the Ridge Landfill and open a new landfill** – the Ridge Landfill would reach capacity and close and PWS would open a new landfill in the area.
- **Expand the current landfill** – this option meets the screening criteria but only focuses on disposal and doesn't address other waste streams.
- **Expand the current landfill including Resource Recovery** – this alternative would set aside land to accommodate resource recovery alternatives that could be determined once the new Waste Free Ontario Act comes into force.

Site Development Alternatives - The work aimed to answer the question “How can we develop the site so it has additional capacity for the 20 year planning period?” It was determined that there is sufficient room on the site to accommodate an expansion. PWS is also proposing to expand the residential waste capture area to all of Ontario, but based on projected needs, most of the waste would be coming from southern Ontario.

The Ridge Focused Terms of Reference

- Based on the pre-EA work, PWS is planning on preparing a focused EA Terms of Reference for an expansion of the Ridge Landfill with Resource Recovery. The following points were raised at the meeting for consideration in the ToR:
 - Including Diversion in the Alternative Methods – PWS has considered the watershed of the area and it is most efficient to do waste diversion as close to the generator as possible. Currently, there is limited opportunity for PWS to do more diversion at Ridge, based on the site location and recent discussions with local municipalities. PWS is committed to set aside an area for resource recovery to accommodate future opportunities such as the implementation of the Organics Action Plan proposed in the Waste Free Ontario Strategy. The MOECC will be looking for an evaluation of diversion alternatives in the EA; they will provide PWS with some examples from other recent EAs. They also suggested that PWS consider applying incentives for CK diversion instead of discounting tipping fees.
 - Landfill Mining – PWS is considering mining the Old Landfill to recover recyclable materials and increase capacity.
 - Airport Zoning - The existing fill areas have an exemption from the Transport Canada Airport zoning by-law for the CK airport. This exemption would need to be extended to the proposed expansion south of the old rail line, which is further away from the airport flight paths.
 - On-site Woodlots –The proposed expansion alternatives could require the removal of two woodland areas. PWS proposes that these be regenerated in the

north part of the site. There is also a significant berm around the site that PWS would like to naturalize. Consultation with the Lower Thames Conservation Authority is planned. It was noted that the CA may require a greater planting ratio for compensation (3:1).

- Cumulative Effects - There is no other landfill within the site vicinity that would need to be considered in the evaluation of cumulative effects.
- Climate Change – PWS will consider climate change mitigation and adaptation, looking at the potential effect of climate change on the project as well as how the project might affect climate change (e.g. GHG emissions). MOECC noted that climate change guidelines for waste management facilities are expected in the spring of 2016 which will encourage proponents to consider more intense and frequent storm events.

Consultation Program

- The consultation program was designed to be consistent with the Code of Practice. The first steps in the program are this pre-consultation meeting with MOECC and one to take place with CK in the new year.
- The formal “launch” of consultation for the project will not start until negotiations with the neighbor are complete (anticipated early January). It was noted that the neighbour’s property is not needed to go ahead with the project, but it is PWS’ preference that this get finalized before the project is made public.
- Dillon had provided the MOECC with a list of Aboriginal communities for review and confirmation. The list provided has evolved over the history of the site from the late 1990’s to present and includes: Caldwell First Nation, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Moravian of the Thames First Nation, Munsee-Delaware First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, Walpole Island First Nation, La Nation Huronne-Wendat, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and the Métis Nation of Ontario.
- It was noted that Walpole Island First Nation was involved in the 1999 and 2010 EAs. Their more recent key areas of interest related to on-site planting and employment opportunities.
- The project team is planning two consultation events for the ToR: the first to introduce the project, the pre-EA work and receive community feedback; the second event to obtain feedback on the draft ToR. PWS is also planning to implement a project-specific CLC.
- A contact list for the project has been developed and includes the Government Review Team (GRT).
- A project-specific website will also be live for the duration of the project.

Proposed Schedule

- The current schedule proposes a draft ToR in Spring with a 30 day review period and submission of the final ToR to the MOECC in July 2016. This schedule may shift

depending on when negotiations are completed with the neighbouring landowner.

Summary of Guidance from MOECC for inclusion in the ToR

- Evaluate alternative methods for diversion in the EA.
- Consider landfill mining as a possible alternative method (or component of).
- Provide an explanation of how the list of Aboriginal communities was developed.
- Describe in detail the need and rationale for the project.
- The evaluation of alternatives should demonstrate consideration of various factors (not just cost), including social, heritage, and natural environment criteria.
- Include detail in the ToR related to how stakeholders will be identified for consultation activities, and how and when they will be engaged in the project as it progresses. This may reduce the number of questions or comments from the MOECC during their review.
- Discuss how the ToR was modified based on feedback from stakeholders and include a full record of consultation activities and comments (not just a summary comment/response table).
- Provide work plans for each environmental component (i.e., air) – that define what studies will be completed, timing, testing, how the results will be reviewed, etc. This information should be summarized in the ToR but the work plans can be appended as supplementary documents.
- Discuss climate change – both how it may impact the project and how the project may impact climate change. The MOECC indicated that new climate change guidance would be issued in the spring of 2016.
- The MOECC indicated they would be willing to review draft sections of the ToR and give feedback before the entire document is submitted.

Action Items

Action	Responsible Party
Provide examples of other waste ToRs where the alternative methods considered diversion.	MOECC
Confirm list of Aboriginal communities.	MOECC
Advise MOECC prior to Notice of Commencement for the project.	Dillon/PWS
Share new waste Regulations and guidance with project team as they are available.	MOECC
Provide updated Government Review Team (GRT) List	MOECC – Note that Dillon/PWS to notify MOECC prior to publishing Notice of Commencement to ensure GRT List is current.

Errors and/or Omissions: For any errors and/or omissions, please contact Megan Bellamy (416-229-4647, Ext. 2423) or mbellamy@dillon.ca

MEETING MINUTES

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DATE/TIME: March 30, 2016, 10:00 pm to 1:00 pm

LOCATION: Dillon Chatham Office – 10 Fifth Street South, Chatham, ON

PRESENT: Cathy Smith (PWS), Wes Muir (PWS), George South (PWS), Tim Kozlof (PWS), John Ferguson (Ridge CLC), Tim Dick (CK), Rick Kucera (CK), Bruce McAllister (CK), Paul Lacina (CK), Gary Komar (Dillon Consulting), Megan Bellamy (Dillon Consulting)

Introduction & Purpose of the Meeting

- All attendees introduced themselves.
- Cathy provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting. PWS is proposing to expand the Ridge Landfill and has initiated the process of preparing the EA ToR. The expansion would be done as an individual EA with the intention of submitting the ToR to the MOECC for approval in mid-2016.
- A key outcome of the pre-EA work completed to date is an opportunity for additional capacity to take the site from its existing closure date of 2022 and extend the life of the landfill by 20 years to 2042. The annual capacity would remain the same at 1.3 million tonnes per year.
- The expansion areas shown on the map depict more area than is needed for a 20 year extension of the life of the landfill, but these areas will provide options when it comes to outlining expansion alternatives in the EA.

Ridge Landfill Expansion Project

- Expansion Area A would be an expansion of the West Landfill. PWS is currently completing filling this area. Expanding the West Landfill area would require a rerouting of the Howard Drain. This would also require removal of the southwest woodlot, which is designated as “conservation area” in the Chatham-Kent Official Plan.
- Expansion Area B would be an expansion of the south landfill which is yet to be filled.
- Expansion Area C would require the creation of a new fill area and would require removal of the SE woodlot. PWS recently purchased a new piece of property which would make Area C a viable option for consideration.

- A final consideration would be mining of the Old Landfill area to create additional capacity and install a similar leachate collection system there and/or raise the height of the Old Landfill since it is currently lower than it needs to be according to the Transport Canada airport zoning bylaw. The option to increase the height of the Old Landfill does not require a new leachate system.
- The EA will consider different combinations of these expansion areas to increase the life of the landfill.
- The proposed expansion areas show the need to remove the SE and SW woodlots. PWS is planning to allow for replacement of this area in the “woodland compensation” area marked on the mapping (this would expand the northern woodlot). Amphibian, bird, botanical, bat and ecological land classification studies have been completed on the SE and SW woodlots with further studies on species at risk bat habitat to be completed in spring of 2016 in consultation with the MRNF. The flood control facility shown at the northwest end of the site would be increased with the landfill expansion. There is a block of land in the NW corner that PWS owns that would allow for this flood control facility expansion. The leachate control system for the new A, B and C fill areas would be similar to the existing system at the West Landfill. PWS has a zoning exemption with Transport Canada that ends at the former rail bed. This exemption would need to be extended to accommodate the expansion. The expansion may also require realignment of the Howard Drain.
- Currently landfill gas is managed, collected and flared at a facility on site. PWS is looking at beneficial use of the gas with consideration of gas utilization – convert to pipe ready natural gas to connect to Union Gas system. We are considering placing that facility on a property on the east side of Erieau road. That property could be used for future waste processing facilities that may come from market opportunities. PWS would like to move ahead with the gas facility independently of the landfill expansion.
- During PWS’ pre-consultation meeting with the MOECC, there was an emphasis on acknowledging the importance of climate change both from a mitigation perspective as well as considering what changing climate might mean from a water resource/stormwater perspective. This will be part of PWS’ considerations in the EA.
- One pre-EA study that was completed was the need/opportunity for disposal. The study area was defined as GTA-west and considered population, economic growth and waste generation, diversion and disposal needs. Low, medium and high diversion scenarios for residential and ICI wastes were considered in the assessment as well as the current disposal capacity for landfills within southern Ontario. The assessment assumed that the current export of waste to the USA would continue at its present rate (3M tonnes annually). This work will be included in the ToR and upcoming public consultation event.
- We also looked at “alternatives to” the landfill expansion, i.e. alternative ways of obtaining new disposal capacity. Four alternatives were evaluated: do nothing, close the site and open a new landfill, expand the life of the Ridge Landfill by increasing disposal capacity, and expand the Ridge Landfill with accommodation for resource recovery.

Screening criteria were applied to all four alternatives and the fourth alternative is the preferred alternative.

CK-PWS Diversion Opportunities

- The MOECC indicated they would like to see how diversion would be considered as part of the EA. As part of developing the EA alternative methods, PWS will consider system alternatives for diversion. PWS does diversion processing primarily near the waste source in their broader system and brings residual waste to Ridge. There are three diversion options being considered: Option 1 – no change to PWS current operations, Option 2 – consider centralized processing activities at Ridge serving southern Ontario, Option 3 – consider centralized processing activities at Ridge for more local market conditions (as opposed to regional).
- MOECC has a number of goals and objectives to reach higher diversion targets in the province within the Waste-Free Ontario strategy. This strategy/act will be considered in identifying diversion opportunities at Ridge. PWS would also like to discuss the potential for diversion opportunities with CK as the project progresses.
- CK's OP requires PWS to demonstrate that the current facility is within 10 years of the expected site life. Dillon has completed an analysis and memo to demonstrate that the landfill is set to close in 2022 – this can be demonstrated when re-zoning applications are submitted to CK.
PWS is prepared to proceed with the gas facility as soon as reassessment issues with MPAC are resolved.

Approval Requirements

- The project team would like to confirm the potential for the planning process approvals to run in parallel with the EA. During the last expansion of the Ridge, the planning approvals were done at the back end of the EA. We would like to approach this in a similar manner. Are there ways to conditionally approve Planning Act items pending approval of the EA? There would also be a more immediate need for approvals related to the gas facility. Environmental approvals will also be needed from the MOECC for the gas facility regardless of whether it's sited on the existing landfill footprint or on the other side of Erieau Road. From a permitting perspective, the team would like to separate the gas plant from the EA process.
- The proposed gas plant, if sited across the road, would require ECA, Site Plan, OPA and ZBA approvals. PWS has already implemented a similar facility at their Lachinae landfill in Quebec. CK indicated that planning justification will need to be done for the gas plant because they are designated as prime agricultural lands (the team would need to consider the PPS and OP). There would also be environmental considerations coming out of the ECA. The OPA could take six (6) months given the nature of the project, but there is opportunity to bundle the ZBA and Site Plan Approval together in the same timeline.

That can begin as soon as details are available. One formal public meeting is required for the OPA but council may request other informal public meetings ahead of time. Once preferred site development alternative is known for the expansion, we can initiate the Planning Act process with the municipality. Council will likely have more comfort once the EA is approved but the application can be put forward once the EA is submitted to MOECC. There is an option to have a public meeting for the OPA.

- As of May 2016, all development review is going to be completed internally with the planning department at CK.
- CK suggested that PWS should start the planning process for the landfill gas facility shortly to separate it from the EA. PWS indicated there is potential to have the landfill gas facility on-site and have it already permitted as an accessory use in the waste management zone. This would require amendment of the current ECA for the site to allow operation of the gas utilization plant. **CK would need to look at the existing site plan agreement to see if it needs to be altered.**
- There is one potential approval needed under the Drainage Act for the realignment of the Howard Drain to Charing Cross Road.
- PWS will have discussions with Transport Canada to figure out what is needed to get an expanded exemption across the rail line. **CK to provide us with a contact at TC.** Specific to the gas plant, if it is placed on the east side of Erieau Road, PWS would need to confirm with TC if they actually consider it as a waste facility. TC is mainly concerned with meeting height limits and bird control. They may also require NavCanada to be consulted.
- Offline ponds would be considered as part of landfill development and an OWRA approval, not Howard Drain construction under the Drainage Act. (Tim Dick asked about the Drainage Act and Howard Drain realignment).
- PWS are working with the MNRF on potential SAR issues connected to the woodlots. Subject to MNRF clearance, SAR issues would form rationale for the OPA to rezone land use. If OPA is needed, CK would like to see Endangered Species Act (ESA) permits (MNRF clearance) before the OPA is undertaken to change land use zoning.
- CK raised some questions re gaining approval for the woodlots replacement? Typically PWS has not run into ESA species. The SAR of concern are bats. There is evidence of bats and bat habitats. MNRF meeting is to agree on additional studies to be completed. Woodlots are considered significant in the OP. PWS has 15 hectares available for compensation/replacement.
- Apparently DFO needs to be more thorough with Drainage Act involvement. No recent municipal experience with woodlot removal.

Proposed Schedule

- Modest consultation program – newspaper notification and some meetings prior to the April 13th announcement date. *(Note post-meeting that this has changed to April 20th)*
First publication in Blenheim newspaper followed by newspapers in Chatham. Targeted

outreach will occur, beginning with residents near the site and moving outward. Following the open house, PWS will do continued consultation with the goal of reaching as many people as possible. PWS is prepared for issues that will come up.

- PWS has a good relationship in the community and wants to continue positive relationships in the area. PWS have developed extensive messaging to ensure clarity on the main points. PWS wants to generate a lot of support.
- CK asked if PWS have discussed project with the Mayor or Councillors yet. PWS indicated that it was important to PWS to discuss and understand issues with staff, CLC and neighbours before speaking with Mayor or Councillors. PWS wants to manage messaging.
- PWS is meeting with Ward Councillors on April 5th and Mayor today (March 30). Current schedule is working towards a mid-year submission of the ToR and the timeline allows two (2) years from that point to complete and submit the EA – mid 2018. PWS have considered election cycles. EA submission would be prior to municipal election and just after provincial election. This schedule allows a year for EA approval.
- Originally PWS had Planning Act approvals at the time of EA approval but would like to advance this if possible. These approvals allowed for one (1) year for ECA approval up to 18 months. That application will be founded on all EA work and will be submitted once EA is granted.
- PWS service area for residential waste is proposed to be expanded to all of Ontario. CK staff suggested that this would be likely be an issue for CK Council.
- Ridge primary focus is ICI.
- CK suggested PWS needs to demonstrate the current capacity of Toronto landfill so CK constituents recognize that that Toronto residential waste is not going to Ridge.
- OWRA approvals require detailed design. PWS to advance detailed design in parallel with the ECA. Current schedule puts detailed design into a 2021 design completion timeline to have construction done for when the site would close. This schedule is tight and heightens the critical nature of the consultation program to address concerns as they arise.

Action Items

Action	Responsible Party
CK to look at the existing site plan agreement to see if it needs to be altered related to the proposed gas utilization facility.	CK
CK to provide us with a contact at TC.	CK
If OPA is needed, CK would like to see Endangered Species Act (ESA) permits where permitting is necessary (i.e., MNRF clearance) before the OPA commences.	PWS
PWS needs to demonstrate the current capacity	PWS

Action	Responsible Party
of Toronto landfill so CK constituents recognize that that Toronto's MSW waste is not going to Ridge	

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MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: EA Terms of Reference Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Pre-Consultation Meeting for the Ridge Landfill

DATE/TIME: March 30, 2016 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority Office – 100 Thames Street, Chatham, ON

PRESENT: Randall Van Wagner (Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority), Valerie Towsley (Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority), Jason Homewood (Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority), Cathy Smith (PWS), Tim Kozlof (PWS), Gary Komar (Dillon Consulting), Megan Bellamy (Dillon Consulting)

Introduction & Purpose of the Meeting

- All attendees introduced themselves.
- PWS have met with MOECC, CK, CA today (March 30 2016) and are meeting with the MNRF next week.
- PWS is proceeding with an Individual EA of which PWS is at the ToR stage.
- The purpose of this meeting is to go over the project history and the proposed work.
- The current site has been in operation since the 1960s. The previous landfill was in operation from the 1960s until 2000. There was a facility expansion in 2000, which resulted in the creation of the west landfill. The current facility will reach capacity in 2022. PWS is initiating the Individual EA to look at additional capacity. During the expansion in 2000, SWM included ponds to collect, test, and then discharge to the drain system. The last expansion required relocation of the Duke and Howard Drains. The expansion resulted in a flood control facility to release pre-development flow to the downstream Howard Drain.
- There are three (3) woodlots on the Ridge Landfill that are currently beyond the existing landfill area footprint.
- Landfill gas is currently collected and flared on site. PWS is looking at constructing a gas utilization facility that would clean landfill gas and connect to the Union Gas system. Leachate is collected and sent to the Blenheim pollution control plant by pipeline.
- PWS sends the MOECC a stormwater and groundwater report annually. Reports indicated that the Site has performed within compliance parameters.

Ridge Landfill Expansion Project

- EA needs/opportunities study considered waste generation, diversion and disposal needs/opportunities for southern Ontario. The study also considered 3M tonnes exported to USA and examined low, medium and high diversion scenarios. The “alternatives to” report undertook a preliminary evaluation of four alternatives: do nothing, close the site and open a new landfill, expand the life of the Ridge Landfill by increasing disposal capacity, and expand the Ridge Landfill with accommodation for resource recovery. Screening criteria were applied to all four alternatives and the fourth alternative is the preferred alternative.
- The EA will look at ways to add capacity to the site and also look at diversion system alternatives.
- The proposed expanded area (A, B, C and Old Landfill) is greater than needed to extend the life of the landfill 20 years so the EA explores various combinations of the expanded fill areas.
- PWS has identified an area for woodlot compensation, which is larger than the area PWS would be impacting/removing.
- There is potential for the relocation of the Howard Drain.
- Ponds are offline and discharge to a municipal drain system after testing. The location of new ponds will depend on the preferred development alternative. The flood control facility size will increase. Accommodating climate change is something that the MOECC is concerned about. PWS will consider accommodating climate change in stormwater design on the site. The options that PWS are looking at include the old fill area – landfill mining - to increase capacity that way. The Old Landfill is much shallower than the others. The height of the Old Landfill can be raised to a similar height of the West Landfill.
- The options considered for diversion: existing PWS recovery happens close to source with residual waste coming to Ridge; processing facility across Erieau Road to take unprocessed waste from the southern Ontario capture area; local market driven approach based on the needs of Chatham or other local communities.
- Some studies have already been completed in the SW and SE woodlots – botanical surveys, ELC, amphibians, bats. Acoustical assessment for bats identified the potential for SAR bats. **PWS (Dillon) will confirm what studies required in these woodlots once we meet with MNRF.**
- PWS intends to do plantings on some existing berms on site. There are a few berms PWS cannot naturalize until PWS receives approval through the EA. PWS would like to involve the CA in creation of new woodlot. Creating a larger, more contiguous block of woodland with more interior is favourable.
- **CA interested in a potential windbreak around the property across Erieau Road.**

Proposed Schedule

- Formal public notification to take place in mid-April. The first open house will now occur in early May. The second open house is to take place before the summer to outline the framework of the ToR. The EA allows for a two (2) year timeframe for completion (to mid-year 2018). This also allows for another field season to complete additional studies that may be required. PWS is hopeful that EA approval would take one (1) year after submission to the MOECC, and the current schedule allows for a 12 month approval schedule for the ECA. The project would also need Planning Act approvals (OP/ZBA/Site Plan) from Chatham-Kent. PWS would also need an extension to the zoning exemption from the airport. OWRA approval will require detailed design so this would be done later.
- From 2019-2021, the schedule shows the initiation of approvals, design and construction. This is an aggressive schedule however; the facility is well known, well established and well connected to the community.
- The CA is no longer an acting agent of DFO. PWS (Dillon) would need to do an online review process. **CA to provide PWS/Dillon with information regarding DFO's online review process.**
- DFO may want a site visit. PWS to expect that DFO will want to see that the Howard Drain surface area is maintained e.g. through meandering, despite the relocation. Realignment of the Howard Drain would be completed through the Drainage Act permitting process with the Chatham-Kent.
- **CA will want to know if the Scott Drain can handle additional capacity from the Howard Drain.** DFO may be interested in loss of length of Howard Drain if it is relocated. If PWS have ponds at top end of site, this can offset flow impacts.
- Earliest planting for north woodlot is spring 2017. Woodlot is proposed to be planted in annual stages, but CA would like to do more at each planting season. The CA is willing to help with the tree planting, including grant programs if available. PWS provided the CA with the proposed Ridge planting plan. There is an opportunity for PWS to support other CA planting projects. (i.e. at the SW corner of Hwy 40 and Hwy 401). **CA to provide a quote for planting.**
- CA's main interest in Ridge Landfill Expansion will be the stormwater system.

Action Items

Action	Responsible Party
PWS (Dillon) to confirm with CA what studies are required in woodlots once PWS & Dillon have met with MNRF.	PWS (Dillon)
Provide PWS/Dillon with info regarding undertaking the DFO's online review process	CA (Valerie)
Quote to PWS for planting	CA

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MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: MNRF Pre-Consultation Meeting for the Ridge Landfill

DATE/TIME: April 5, 2016, 10:30 am to 11:30 am

LOCATION: MNRF Aylmer District Office – 615 John Street North, Aylmer, ON

PRESENT: Cathy Smith (PWS), Brian Forrestal (PWS), Mitch Wilson (MNRF), Heather Riddell (MNRF), Jason Webb (MNRF), Dan Bourassa (Dillon Consulting), Megan Bellamy (Dillon Consulting),

Introduction

- All attendees introduced themselves.
- MNRF used to have a field office in Chatham but have recently restructured. The Aylmer District Office covers Windsor, Norfolk, and Lambton County to Aylmer - the Walker Landfill falls within their jurisdiction.
- Heather will be the main MNRF contact for the Ridge Landfill Expansion Project. Heather coordinates technical staff review.

Ridge Landfill Expansion Project

- The Ridge Landfill has a good environmental history with the MOECC and the community.
- The Landfill is an example of excellent engineering as it has been in operation since 1966 with exceptional community relationship/support.
- PWS is proposing to expand the landfill since it is currently expected to reach capacity in 2022. The expansion would increase the life of the landfill approximately 20 years to 2042, but would not increase the annual capacity of 1.3 M tonnes.
- The final footprint of the expansion would be determined through the Individual EA process. PWS is also proposing a landfill gas facility, independently of the EA.
- Rezoning is needed for expansion and PWS has already discussed the expansion/rezoning with the CK municipality.

Pre-EA Field Studies

- Questions for MNRF:
 - 1) How to qualify SAR bat habitat?
 - 2) ESA 17(2)(c) permit – what would an overall benefit look like?
- Field work covers Step 1 and 2 of the current District protocol:
 - no SAR plants or birds were identified during field work in 2015;
 - mobile acoustic survey indicated presence of SAR bats foraging adjacent to the SW woodlot, but it has not been confirmed if they were present within the woodlot (sampling was done on the periphery).
 - mapping cavity trees;
 - no OBP in southern Ontario for bats yet; and,
 - PWS can suggest some ideas for the conditions of the permit.
- Using acoustic surveys to determine significant wildlife habitat on a case by case basis, is an open-ended process.
 - 10 acoustic surveys: for SAR, if there is one SAR identified PWS can stop, but if this feeds into significant habitat, PWS would need to do 10 surveys anyway.
- If using acoustic survey results to determine SWH, difficult to set a threshold.
 - Need feedback from the Region on this issue;
 - First time MNRF has been asked this.
- MNRF does not think there is any other SAR to be concerned about (indicated by Jason). There is no regulated habitat on site.
- MNRF indicates that it is the municipality's responsibility to determine significant wildlife habitat. MNRF will likely provide technical advice and recommendations for demonstrating no impacts. Ultimately it is the municipality's decision but CK may seek input from MNRF or the CA. MNRF would specifically comment on the ESA and wetland and would provide technical advice on other natural features.
- PWS would like woodland compensation area to be acknowledged as a portion of the overall benefit. PWS would start planting area as soon as possible (Spring 2017). It was suggested that a telephone pole with BrandenBark could be used for habitat compensation as well as an overall benefit.
- MNRF indicated that PWS needs to make sure consideration is made for the form and function of features being removed and recreating these features.
- Amphibian breeding point in April/May.
- Swampy area identified in ELC may need a wetland evaluation.

Questions for MNRF

- 1) Hedgerow removal – what does PWS need to do?
 - MNRF indicated that it depends on structure and if there are trees with potential habitats. Need to differentiate between hedgerows via visual exit survey combined with acoustic surveys.

- 2) One month ago, PWS received the following as coverage requirements: four (4) stations/h versus one (1) station/ha up to a max of 10 stations per polygon for other districts. Is it possible to reduce this requirement?
- **MNRF will review and confirm this guidance since PWS has seen other coverage requirements.** MNRF will confirm if PWS can reduce the number of stations. PWS proposed one (1) station per hectare based on guidance from other Districts. PWS would use a wildlife acoustic monitor (approx. 50m range per microphone). **PWS will follow-up with monitor specs with MNRF (Jason).**
- 3) What is the timeline to get the C Permit if it is needed?
- PWS can start working on permit as soon as habitat determination is made.
 - MNRF will expedite C Permit as much as possible.
 - PWS would only need to do the survey once.

Action Items

Action	Responsible Party
Confirm how significant wildlife bat habitat will be qualified based on acoustic results.	MNRF (to be confirmed by the Region)
Confirm guidance for field studies and consider reducing the requirement for monitoring (1 station/ha as compared with 4 stations/ha).	MNRF
Provide specifications for Wildlife Acoustic monitor to support reduction of sampling points (microphone detection range of ~50 m as compared with 20-30m range).	Dillon Consulting Limited

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MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: Ridge EA Chatham-Kent Airport Meeting

DATE/TIME: May 12, 2016, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

LOCATION: Chatham-Kent Municipal Airport, 8528 14th Line, RR2, Merlin ON

PRESENT: Marion Smith (Airport), Miguel Pelletier (Chatham-Kent), Thomas Kelly (Chatham-Kent), Cathy Smith (PWS), Tim Kozlof (PWS), Megan Bellamy (Dillon Consulting)

Introduction to Progressive Waste Solutions (PWS)

- All attendees introduced themselves.
- Cathy Smith provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting. PWS is proposing to expand the life of the Ridge Landfill by 20 years and has initiated the process of preparing a Terms of Reference (ToR) for an individual Environmental Assessment (EA). As part of this proposed expansion, PWS would need an extension to the Airport Zoning Regulation exemption.
- It was noted that PWS is in the process of merging with Waste Connections of Texas. The merger process is set to be completed on June 1, 2016. Waste Connections will be the parent company of PWS, and while headquartered in Houston, Texas, PWS will continue to operate in Canada under its current name. It is expected that there will be no noticeable difference in PWS Canadian operations.
- Thomas Kelly indicated they (Chatham-Kent) are in favour of the expansion and noted that PWS has been a positive influence in the community and has managed waste and recycling programs very well.

History of the Ridge Landfill

- The Ridge Landfill opened in 1966.
- The last physical expansion of the landfill site occurred in 1997, and saw the landfill expand to the west and south. In 2011, the Ridge was approved to receive a higher tonnage of annual waste (1.3 million tonnes annually). This will stay the same for the current expansion; the current expansion is only to extend the life of the landfill by another 20 years.
- The landfill operates from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Saturday.

EA Process for Proposed Landfill Expansion

- The EA will consider different combinations of expansion areas to increase the life of the landfill.
- The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) indicated they would like to see how waste diversion would be considered as part of the EA. As part of developing the EA alternative methods, PWS will consider system alternatives for diversion and partnering opportunities with Chatham-Kent for increased diversion.

Potential Expansion Areas

- The vertical height of the landfill cells will not change. It is understood that the airport has a 40 m height restriction.
- There is potential for vertical expansion of the Old Landfill; however, it wouldn't exceed the 40 m height restriction, which includes the height of trucks on the surface of the fill area.
- PWS is planning to construct and operate a gas plant across the street from the current landfill site (east of Erieau Road); no gases or smoke will be created from this process.
- The landfill site is surveyed on an annual basis to ensure that height requirements are being met.
- Fires are handled by on-site emergency response staff. PWS staff give authority to the Municipal Fire Department should they enter the site.
- Miguel Pelletier expressed concern that there could be greater potential for fires fuelled by methane from waste or fuel if a plane were to crash. It was noted that the potential expansion is not anticipated to pose any greater risk of fire than already exists, and PWS has worked with local emergency response teams to ensure appropriate protocols are in place.
- The proposed expansion areas show the potential need to remove the SE and SW woodlots. PWS is proposing to replace these areas by way of "woodlot compensation" by expanding the northern woodlot.
- Airport staff expressed concern that northern woodlot expansion may result in increased wildlife conflicts (bird nesting/habitat and potential bird strikes with aircraft), and expressed a preference for there being no woodlot compensation on the northern woodlot.
- Woodlot compensation east of Erieau Road was considered a better option since the planes would be at a higher altitude when flying over that area.

Bird Management at the Ridge Landfill

- PWS has a bird control program with professional staff coming on-site a few times per day to scare the birds away from the active waste cell. These staff may now be asked to

monitor the Airport radio frequency to ensure aircraft are not arriving during bird management activities. **Marion Smith may provide Tim Kozlof with a radio to keep on-site that can be used to monitor the frequency. PWS to cover the cost of the radio.**

Zoning Regulation Exemption and Transport Canada

- PWS has a zoning exemption with Transport Canada that ends at the former rail bed. This exemption would need to be extended to accommodate the proposed expansion.
- Rezoning by Transport Canada is not an issue as long as the height of the landfill cells remains 40 m or less and that birds and wildlife continue to be managed.
- Margaret Menzel (Transport Canada) will be giving a response in early June; **Marion Smith to send Megan Bellamy an email address for Transport Canada so Dillon can get confirmation of this in writing.**

Action Items

Action	Responsible Party
Airport may give Ridge a radio to keep onsite for use in bird management operations	Airport
Airport to send Megan another email contact address at Transport Canada so Dillon can obtain confirmation in writing	Airport (completed).

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April 27, 2016

Sent by E-mail

Cathy Smith, Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Smith:

Re: Information on the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Ridge Landfill, Blenheim Ontario.

The *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012) focuses federal environmental reviews on projects that have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects in areas of federal jurisdiction and applies to physical activities described in the *Regulations Designating Physical Activities* (the Regulations). Based on the information provided, your project does not appear to be described in the Regulations. **Kindly review the Regulations to confirm applicability to the proposed project.**

If you believe the project is not subject to a federal environmental assessment, and do not submit a project description, we kindly request that you remove the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency from your distribution list.

If you have questions, please get in touch with our office through the switchboard at 416-952-1576. The attachment that follows provides web links to useful legislation, regulation, and guidance documents.

Sincerely,

Anjala Puvananathan
Director, Ontario Region
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Attachment – Useful Legislation, Regulation, and Guidance Documents



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For more information on the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012), please access the following links on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency's (the Agency) website:

Overview of CEAA 2012

<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=16254939-1>

Regulations Designating Physical Activities, and

Prescribed Information for a Description of a Designated Project Regulations

<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=9EC7CAD2-1>

If your project is in a federally designated wildlife area or migratory bird sanctuary please check section 1 of the Regulations, which details the designated projects specific to those locations.

If it appears that CEAA 2012 may apply to your proposed project, you must provide the Agency with a description of the proposed project. Please see the link below to the Agency's guide to preparing a project description.

Guide to Preparing a Description of a Designated Project

[http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/63D3D025-2236-49C9-A169-](http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/63D3D025-2236-49C9-A169-DD89A36DA0E6/Guide%20to%20Preparing%20a%20Description%20of%20a%20Designated%20Project%20under%20CEAA%202012.pdf)

[DD89A36DA0E6/Guide to Preparing a Description of a Designated Project under CEAA 2012.pdf](http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/63D3D025-2236-49C9-A169-DD89A36DA0E6/Guide to Preparing a Description of a Designated Project under CEAA 2012.pdf)

April 20, 2016

Ms. Anjala Puvananathan
Director, Ontario Region
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Dear Ms. Puvananathan:

We want to advise you that Progressive Waste Solutions has announced today that it will be seeking an expansion of the Ridge Landfill. Attached is the newsletter that we're sending out to our neighbours, those along the haul route, and the communities of Blenheim, Charing Cross and Cedar Springs.

Our other proposed future plans for the landfill include: the development of a biogas facility to convert landfill gas into a pipeline quality natural gas; the expansion of a public drop-off depot to allow residents and businesses to divert household hazardous and electronic wastes and other recyclables including scrap wood, scrap metal, drywall, concrete, tires, paints, etc., which are not being collected in the current residential recycling program, and; the construction of a new community activity centre.

The landfill would continue to be designed, developed and operated following stringent Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change landfill regulations and will not involve an increase to current annual waste volumes.

The Ridge Landfill will continue its annual contribution of approximately \$13 million into the local economy, including directly contributing \$4 million annually to the local community as well as other direct and indirect benefits on average of \$9 million annually in salaries, construction and road maintenance, goods and services purchased, taxes, etc.

The proposed expansion will require the completion of an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario EA Act in a mandatory two-step process.

- The first step involves the preparation of an EA Terms of Reference (ToR) which identifies the need/opportunity for disposal capacity and outlines the road map for the EA. The ToR must be approved by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.
- The second step is undertaking the EA. The EA would look at different ways to develop the facility, the potential for environmental effects and how effects could be mitigated.

Both steps will provide opportunities for consultation with neighbours, local residents and other stakeholders.

The public's input is very important and you will likely have questions and want to know that the environment and the enjoyment of the property will be protected. The public consultation process will

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begin with an Open House on May 3rd at St. Mary's Hall, 94 George Street in Blenheim from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

We look forward to keeping in touch throughout this process. If you have any questions or comments, please call us at (519) 676-5000 or visit our website – www.ridgelandfill.com.

Yours sincerely,

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Cathy Smith
Project Manager

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Tim Kozlof
District Manager

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.

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. Mary's Hall, 94 George St, Blenheim, ON

For further information please contact:

Cathy Smith
Project Manager
Progressive Waste Solutions Canada Inc.
T: 519-676-5000
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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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June 13, 2016

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Attention: Cathy Smith, Project Manager

Dear Ms. Smith:

Re: Expansion of Ridge Landfill

Lambton County Council, at its meeting June 1, 2016, endorsed the following motion:

*#1: Bradley Gillis: That correspondence PW 06-02-16 be received and filed.
Carried.*

Should you require anything further, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Jason Cole, P.Eng.
General Manager

