



FORMAL REPORT

To:	Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Dave Blake, Environmental Services Supervisor
Date of Meeting:	27 June 2017
Subject:	PW 32-2017 Solid Waste Disposal Needs Environmental Assessment

PURPOSE

This report presents information to Council regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Future Solid Waste Disposal Needs being undertaken by the Town. This report is intended to advise Council of the completion, and pending release of the draft report for public, agency and interested party review.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT PW 32-2017 Solid Waste Disposal Needs Environmental Assessment report be received for information; and,

THAT Council authorize the release of the draft Solid Waste Disposal Needs Environmental Assessment report for public, agency and interested party comment which identifies the preferred alternative as expansion of the existing landfill site.

BACKGROUND

The St. Marys Landfill Site opened in December 1984 and was originally projected to have sufficient volume to meet the Town's solid waste disposal needs for 45-60 years, depending on rates of fill. Unfortunately, early years of operation resulted in rapid filling of the landfill. An updated timeline in 1992 when the second and third phases were designed estimated remaining filling capacity of the approved site to last until circa 2011.

In anticipation of this, in 2006, the Town began preliminary works on an EA, which included an Open House on October 30, 2006. A second public open house was held on December 3, 2009. The process was subsequently then placed on hold while land ownership issues were resolved which would allow for expansion of the existing landfill footprint.

In 2012, all land ownership issues had since been resolved; the Town resumed the Environmental Assessment process. On September 18, 2012, the following motion was carried:

"That Council approves the Proposed Terms of Reference for the St. Marys Landfill Site Expansion Environmental Assessment, the Record of Public Consultation and additional supporting documentation and directs staff to submit these documents to the Ministry of the Environment for approval".

The Proposed Terms of Reference were officially submitted on January 13, 2014. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) approved the Terms of Reference on December 29, 2014.

Since that time, the Town and engineering consultants, R.J. Burnside and Associates (Burnside), have been progressing with the EA in keeping with the approved Terms of Reference.

REPORT

The Approved Terms of Reference (ToR) identified six (6) phases which would be completed as part of the EA work program. These phases consist of the following:

- Phase 1: Complete the Evaluation of Alternatives to the Undertaking
- Phase 2: Reassess the EA Requirements
- Phase 3: Redefine the Purpose and Rationale for the Undertaking
- Phase 4: Define the Parameters of the Study
- Phase 5: Evaluate Alternative Methods for Carrying out the Undertaking
- Phase 6: Prepare and Submit EA Documentation

The above referenced Phases have now been completed with submission of the draft documents pending. During the process for final submission, a draft document is made available for Public review and comment. Any comments received on the draft documents will be addressed and incorporated into the final EA submission.

Pending Council authorization, the draft EA report will be released for public comment.

SUMMARY

The Environmental Assessment identifies the preferred alternative as expansion of the existing landfill site. By authorizing the release of the draft Environmental Assessment for public review, the Environmental Assessment will be able to move forward towards completion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications related to the release of the draft EA Report.

OTHERS CONSULTED

Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works – Town of St. Marys

ATTACHMENTS

None

REVIEWED BY

Recommended by the Department



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Jed Kelly
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Recommended by the CAO



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