

EA Advisory Committee

South Landfill Phase 2 EA

Agenda – Meeting #2

Date: March 3rd, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (dinner at 5:30 pm)

Location: Club Italia (Marconi Room), Niagara Falls, ON

	Agenda Item	Duration
1	Welcome & Introductions	5 min
2	Agenda Review	5 min
3	Meeting #1 Summary & Action Item Review	15 min
4	Committee Charter Review & Acceptance	10 min
5	Presentation & Discussion – Alternative Methods Including a review of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing Conditions (Draft)• EA Study Areas• Criteria & Indicators	45 min
6	Upcoming Public Event Review – March 18 th	15 min
7	Next Meeting	5 min
8	Other Business & Q&A	10 min

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Meeting Summary No. 2

Meeting No. 2 – March 3, 2025

Date: March 3, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Club Italia, Niagara Falls & Virtual (MS Teams)

Materials

- Agenda
- Presentation – Alternative Methods
- Committee Charter
- Evaluation Criteria & Indicators Table

Meeting Objective

The purpose of this meeting was to finalize and agree to the Committee Charter, discuss and gather feedback on the Alternative Methods, discuss the upcoming public event, and review next steps in the EA process.

Discussion Topics

1. Introductions

The Facilitator welcomed committee members and noted the objectives for the meeting. The Committee was reminded that the municipal representatives are attending as observers, and Walker is consulting with the Municipalities directly. It was noted that the City of Niagara Falls would no longer be participating in the Committee.

2. Meeting #1 Summary and Action Item Review

The Committee accepted the Draft Meeting #1 Summary as presented.

The committee reviewed the Action Items from Meeting #1. No additional questions or comments were raised; all members were satisfied with the information provided.

A Committee member inquired how tariffs might impact waste sent to Michigan. Walker advised that 30% of Ontario's waste (3 million tonnes/yr) are exported to Michigan and that previous legal rulings determined that current tariffs do not apply to waste. However, the situation is rapidly evolving.

Walker was asked if it could prolong the lifespan of the next landfill through increased recycling habits and if Walker is part of the circular economy. Walker noted it is an active participant in the circular economy; it converts all of Niagara Region's foodwaste into compost (and is the largest food waste composter in Ontario) and also supports the Region of Halton's blue bin program.

3. Committee Charter Review & Acceptance

The committee reviewed the Committee Charter and all members agreed to accept and abide by the Charter.

4. Presentation: Alternative Methods

Walker presented key information that will be made publicly available at the Public Information Session on Mar. 18 and virtual session from Mar. 6 to the 21st. The presentation covered the Existing Conditions, the Study Area, Evaluation Criteria & Indicators, and Alternative Methods. The following key discussion points occurred:

- The Public Information Session will have a virtual component available online for 2 weeks.
- A committee member noted that the Public Information Session details were shared with the Niagara-on-the-Green Facebook group.
- An inquiry was made if the Facilitator is a Walker employee. The Facilitator advised that she is a third-party, independent facilitator and not a Walker employee. She noted her role which is to ensure agendas and action items are managed, everyone's voice is heard, and decisions are made fairly. She noted she is also qualified to provide guidance to the committee on EA process.
- A question was asked about what is considered "noise". Walker noted there are guidelines, which are a set of rules and/or regulations that identify the levels and types of noises that are allowed during certain hours. Background noise levels are monitored then compared to the predicted noise levels from the project to determine if limits are exceeded and mitigation is required. Walker noted the collection of background noise is still underway and offered to have the consultants obtain samples at specific properties.
- An inquiry was made about questions that arise from the Public Information Session and if they will be presented to the EA Advisory Committee. Walker noted that a summary of input received at the Public Information Session will be prepared and this can be shared with the EA Advisory Committee. **Action: Walker to share the public event summary at the next committee meeting.**
- Discussion took place around alternative locations (also known as 'Alternative To'). Walker noted that during the development of the ToR, Walker assessed Alternative To the project. The assessment, which was approved by the Minister, can be found in Section 3 of the ToR and also in Supporting Document #1. Walker agreed to adjust the boards for the Public Information Session to illustrate why certain things (i.e. incineration) were no longer being evaluated.
- A committee member suggested it would be helpful to identify how best practices are being considered and where they are incorporated into the design. Walker agreed and noted its food waste recovery/composting program and its Renewable Natural Gas project as examples of best practices.
- A committee member noted that the current visual screening berm (east of Ten Mile Creek) is not providing the visual coverage it was intended to provide. Some trucks when tipping are still visible from specific receptors east of the existing operation. This should be fully considered (visual impacts) when evaluating the proposed landfill configuration options.

- Discussion around Leachate Management occurred and it was identified that additional information was needed to lead into the Leachate Management Options such as; what to consider, and the criteria and indicators used to evaluate the options.

5. Upcoming Public Information Session Review – March 18, 2025

- A virtual component of the public information session will be live on the project website from March 6 – March 21. Copies of the boards and links to reports will be available. Comments can be provided online.
- An in-person public information sessions (Open House format) will take place at Club Italia, Niagara Falls from 5 pm – 8 pm.
- Four (4) of Walker’s technical consultants will be attending: water, agricultural, ecology, and air quality. These are areas where the public has expressed the most interest.
- The committee agreed and encouraged citizen committee members to attend the event representing themselves as committee members (with a name tag). Several Committee members noted they would like to attend the Event.

Committee Discussion, Feedback & Action Items

- Discussion took place around existing conditions and a request for links to the reports be distributed to the Committee.
Action: Walker to provide links to the existing conditions report and studies.
- A request was made to have a map of Walker owned properties suggesting it would be good information for the public to know as it relates to operations and buffers. **Action: Walker to make available a map of Walker-owned properties.**
- Discussion took place around odours; what is the source, what Walker does to prevent them and how complaints are addressed. The context of the discussion was that the sharing of information, open communication and timely response is important in resolving the issue and building trust with the community. It was noted that the Walker fridge magnet with the toll-free number was a helpful tool in engaging the community.

Closing Remarks

It was noted the next Committee meeting will take place in mid-May. The main purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the Preferred Alternative, why it is recommended, gather feedback and tour Walker’s Campus operations.

The annual Neighbour Appreciation Day is on Saturday, June 7. The event will include a BBQ, tours, activities for kids, falconry, and more.

Summary of Action Items from EAAC Meeting #1

TASK	LEAD	STATUS
1 Facilitator to provide contact information to Committee members.	AG	Complete
2 Walker to provide additional information on waste disposal and waste diversion per capita.	DF	Complete
3 Walker committed to providing additional detail on anticipated dates/periods for key project milestones.	DF	Complete
4 Walker to provide a copy of the Committee Charter.	DF	Complete
5 Walker to provide an EA Advisory Committee Contact sheet.	DF	Complete
6 Set a series of meeting dates at the next Committee meeting.	AG	Complete

Summary of Action Items from EAAC Meeting #2

TASK	LEAD	STATUS
1 Update EA Advisory Committee Contact List.	AG	New
2 Walker to add an agenda item to next meeting - Summary of feedback from Public Information Session #1.	DF	New
3 Provide the EA Advisory Committee links to the studies	AG	New
4 Walker to make available a map of walker owned properties.	DF	New
5 Walker to adjust the Public Information Session boards to incorporate feedback from the committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative locations • Add 'masl' to the Landfill Site Configurations • Use both m³ and acres or hectares 	DF	New
6 Add South Landfill Configuration information to the Landfill Configuration Summary slide	DF	New
7 Send out a Meeting Poll for Campus Tour Date/Time.	AG	New