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NIAGARA NEWS

Walker Industries taking major step toward Niagara Falls landfill expansion

The project's terms of reference will be available for review and comment until July 30.

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Walker Industries on Friday will submit to Ontario's Ministry of Environment, Conservations, and Parks its terms of reference for its plans to expand its south landfill in Niagara Falls near the Thorold border.

Walker Industries photo

By Ray Spiteri Reporter

Walker Industries will take an important first step Friday in its plans to expand its south landfill in Niagara Falls near the Thorold border.

That's when the company will submit its terms of reference to Ontario's Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, which oversees the environmental process in such developments.

Walker said the landfill expansion is needed because, despite ongoing efforts to ramp up recycling, landfill space in Niagara is running out.

The company expects to reach its final disposal capacity in the next five to seven years.

The development of this next phase will secure 20 years of landfill space, the company said in a news release.

"For over 40 years, Walker has played a key role in helping the community manage waste through safe, affordable and reliable disposal services for residents and businesses," said Mike Deprez, vice-president of waste services and business development at Walker, in the release. "This starts with good planning and community involvement."

In March, the company released a draft terms of reference for its expansion for public review and feedback. Since then, Walker has engaged and consulted with residents and the Indigenous community, government agencies and key stakeholders to incorporate input received.

If approved by the ministry, the terms of reference will serve as a working plan for a range of studies to be conducted and consultation activities to be undertaken by Walker in preparation of its environmental assessment report.

The development of the next phase of the landfill will also provide an additional source of renewable energy from waste, said officials.

As part of the company's draft terms of reference, the company had about 575 people in its project database, which included residents living within three kilometres of the landfill and individuals who requested to be on the list, as well as businesses, community partners and associations.

A public open house was held in [December](#), which provided an opportunity for attendees to learn about the project, meet the project team and ask questions and provide comments.

The event was complemented by a monthlong self-guided open house on the project website.

About 45 people attended the open house, while 38 people took advantage of the virtual session. Forty verbal and written comments were submitted.

Neighbours expressed concerns about loss of property value and the company accepting waste from outside Niagara. Questions and comments were received about existing landfill operations, including support of Walker's community litter cleanup efforts, improved quarry-blasting techniques and nuisance impacts such as dust, odour, visual and traffic.

The terms of reference will be publicly available for review from Friday to July 30 at www.southlandfillphase2.com. They are also available at Walker's head office at [2800 Thorold Townline Rd.](#) in Niagara Falls; Niagara Falls Public Library at [4848 Victoria Ave.](#) and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' offices at [301 St. Paul St.](#) in St. Catharines.

Written comments must be received no later than July 30, by writing the ministry's Stephen Deneault at: Project officer — Environmental assessment branch of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, 135 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto, M4V 1P5, or by email at stephen.deneault@ontario.ca.



Ray Spiteri is a Niagara Falls-based reporter with the Niagara Falls Review.

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This is a view of the new proposed south landfill phase 2, located east of the existing dump. For now, it is a working limestone quarry for Walker's aggregate operations. STEVE HARDAKER



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Community Correspondent



July 3, 2024

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With only eight years remaining in the life of the existing south landfill in Niagara Falls, Walker Environmental Group is continuing with planning to develop the next phase of the dump.

Located on top of the Niagara Escarpment overlooking Niagara-on-the-Lake's Glendale neighbourhood, the phase 1 south landfill, which has been operating for more than 15 years, is reaching final capacity and must be phased out.

The new proposed south landfill phase 2 is located east of the existing dump across Taylor Road and south of Mountain Road.

It is now a working limestone quarry for Walker's aggregate operations but will close once the proposed new landfill is approved

by Ontario's environment ministry.

On June 28, Walker submitted terms of reference to the ministry for an environmental assessment.

The terms of reference are available at southlandfillphase2.com.

The submission incorporates input from public consultations with area residents, government, Indigenous communities and other interested parties.

Walker project director Darren Fry noted this is the first step in the province's comprehensive environmental assessment process.

"The terms of reference is "essentially a road map or framework for how Walker will conduct the subsequent environmental studies over the next few years," Fry said in an email.

"Walker will begin conducting a wide range of studies ranging from surface water and groundwater, traffic, air quality, climate change, economic and visual to name a few."

During this phase, Walker will host public meetings to gather feedback from the community, agencies and Indigenous peoples and incorporate it into the project, he said.

When all the technical studies are done, Walker will release a draft environmental assessment report for public review prior to any formal submission to the minister, he said.

"This is an important project for Niagara," Fry said.

"It will continue to provide local waste disposal capacity, support over 500 jobs and increase the amount of renewable energy produced at Walker's Resource Management Campus."

Despite increased recycling, landfills are still needed for items that can't go in the blue, grey or green bin — and to accommodate future population growth.

Phase 2 will provide an additional 18 million cubic metres of landfill capacity over a 20-year period.

It will also supply renewable energy for the community by turning landfill gas into energy. This is in addition to the energy already being generated from the Phase 1 south landfill to heat more than 8,700 homes annually through the Enbridge Gas distribution system.

Walker's landfill gas is now being supplied to the neighbouring General Motors propulsion plant in St. Catharines. That helps GM reduce its carbon footprint by about 70 per cent, making it one of GM's cleanest propulsion plants.

Residents can review Walker's plan and submit written comments directly to project officer Stephen Deneault at the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' environmental assessment branch, 135 St. Clair Ave. W., first floor, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5, by July 30.

Online commenting is not available. The ministry will send copies of all comments to Walker.

Steve Hardaker has lived in Glendale for over 14 years and is active in a number of community organizations.



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Attachments: Release - Walker SLF Final ToR.pdf

From: Cody Cabral
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:17 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Walker Seeks Approval of its Terms of Reference for The Next Phase of its South Landfill

Good morning [REDACTED]

A while back you [wrote on Walker's Notice of Commencement](#), so I thought I would share some further news on the next phase of the Walker South Landfill.

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Subject: Quick Walker Update
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 3:27:15 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time
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To: [REDACTED]
CC: Cody Cabral <CCabral@walkerind.com>
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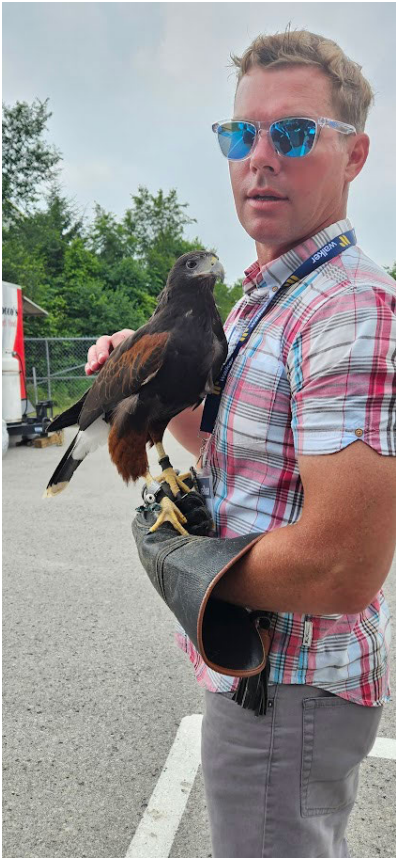
Hi [REDACTED] I trust you're enjoying your summer!

I wanted to reach out (you'll receive something in the mail if you already haven't) – we've gathered lots of community feedback on our Terms of Reference (ToR) since we started the process in November of last year and are submitting a final version to the Ministry of Environment this Friday (June 28th). You'll recall, the ToR is the roadmap or list of commitments (i.e. types of studies and how we'll consult) Walker will undertake over the next few years as we conduct the Environmental Assessment. You can find more info here at on our project website <https://southlandfillphase2.com/terms-of-reference>.

If you're interested in preparing a story in the Local, let me know. We did buy some ad space in the Local this week to notify the broader public.

Also – we held our Niagara Campus Neighbour Appreciation BBQ/Open House last Saturday. Turn-out was great despite the heat (~250pp). [REDACTED] stopped by suggested I ask if you were interested in doing a little story? I've shared a few pics in this email.

Feel free to reach out anytime, thanks!
Darren



Subject: Fw: Update: Walker begins next step in its Environmental Assessment for future development of its South Landfill
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From: Cody Cabral <CCabral@walkerind.com>
To: South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>
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From: Cody Cabral

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 9:35 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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You can find out more information about this next step in the media release attached.

As always, If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kindly,
Cody

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Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 4:03:46 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time

From: Leticia Koole <LKoole@walkerind.com>

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Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 4:02 PM

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FYI.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 4:01 PM

To: Cody Cabral <CCabral@walkerind.com>

Subject: Re: Release: Walker begins next step in its Environmental Assessment for future development of its South Landfill

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Thanks, Cody. I am currently working on an opinion piece for next week's Lake Report. If I can also do a piece on the Environmental Assessment, I will. I may have to wait to the following week though.

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

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Date: Friday, January 17, 2025 at 11:23:44 AM Eastern Standard Time
From: Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>
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Hello [REDACTED],

We would be happy to speak with [REDACTED], let her know about some of the upcoming public events and answer any questions she has. Please send her Cody and my contact info, she can reach out to Cody directly as he handles media inquiries.

With regard to upcoming EA Committee meeting - the intention is that this committee is for members only. This is help ensure we provide a focused forum with members to share views/input about the project. If you feel differently, we can add it as an agenda item for discussion at our upcoming meeting. The committee will produce a meeting summary (summary of discussions, outcomes, key information) that will be made public.

I'll also note the committee will be discussing the same topics that will be presented and discussed at upcoming Open House events which will be open to the public. We can surely invite [REDACTED] to those events.

If you have any further questions, I can schedule a time for a call next week or we can chat more on the 27th. In the interim, we'll speak with [REDACTED].

Thanks and have a great weekend!
Darren

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January 16, 2025 8:56 PM
To: Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>
Subject: Penny Coles

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Hi Darren. I was at a function this evening and [REDACTED] was there. She runs the NOTL Local newspaper. I mentioned to her that I was on the advisory committee for the Walker Industries South Landfill Phase 2 EA. I also mentioned about the upcoming inaugural EA Advisory Meeting. She was very interested and asked that I send her your contact information and whether the upcoming meeting is open to the public. She would like to cover it for The Local. Are you okay with me sending her your contact information? I recommended she talk with you for all the details.

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From: Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>

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From: [REDACTED]

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hi [REDACTED]. It was nice talking with you Thursday evening. As I mentioned, Walker Industries is just embarking on the Environment Assessment for their South Landfill, Phase 2. This is currently the active quarry on the east side of Taylor Road on top of the Niagara Escarpment. I have been appointed as a community member to the EA Advisory Committee. Darren Fry is the Project Director for the Environmental Division and he is more than willing to discuss this project with you. He suggests you first reach out to Cody Cabral, Communications Lead, Corporate. Here are their contact information:

Darren Fry, Project Director, Environmental Division, DFry@walkerind.com, 905-680-3783.

Cody Cabral, Communications Lead, Corporate, CCabral@walkerind.com

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