

**Subject:** Walker - South Landfill Phase 2 EA Update, June 5th 2025  
**Date:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 11:10:14 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Abby LaForme <abby.laforme@mncfn.ca>  
**CC:** claires@mncfn.ca <claires@mncfn.ca>, Mark LaForme <mark.laforme@mncfn.ca>, Councillor, Fawn Sault <fawns@mncfn.ca>  
**Attachments:** Walker EA Recommended Method - Cover Letter - MCFN.pdf

Aaniin Abby,

Please see the attached letter providing an update on Walker's South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment.

I would be more than happy to meet with the review team, provide an update, gather feedback/perspectives and answer any questions.

Warm regards,

Darren

June 5, 2025

**Via Email**

Abby Laforme  
Consultation Officer  
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation  
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Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0

Dear Abby Laforme,

**Subject: Recommended Method Milestone & Public Information Session Notice  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Walker's South Landfill (Phase 1) plays an important role in helping communities manage waste that isn't reused or recycled. It is also a key part of Walker's Resource Management Campus which includes a composting facility and renewable energy facility. As Phase 1 of our South Landfill nears its final capacity, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase of the South Landfill, Phase 2, to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy for and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment, Indigenous communities and interests and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.

### **Meeting Request**

Walker acknowledges the unique and inherent rights, treaty rights, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples. As we continue to implement our commitment of meaningful and respectful engagement with Indigenous peoples, we would like to notify you of a key milestone in the above-mentioned project and would like to meet with you to share information, gather feedback and perspectives before moving to the next stage of the studies. The meeting would include the following discussion items:

- An update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Overview of the comparative evaluation process and confirm the recommended method
- Confirm the methodology for the upcoming detailed impact assessment of the recommended method

Additionally, we are hosting a public information session on June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm in Niagara Falls. A virtual component to the public event will be available on the project website

([www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)) from Wednesday, June 18, 2025 to Monday, July 7, 2025 if you would like to review the information.

Walker is a *fifth generation, family-owned* and Niagara-based company. With a commitment to the environment, community, and future generations, we will consider a wide range of input as we undertake the EA planning process. We will continue to work with Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation in a good way while respecting community consultation and accommodation protocols.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the undersigned directly or visit our project website [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com) to learn more.

Sincerely,



Darren Fry, Project Director

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Website: [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com)

**Attachment: Notice of Public Information Session – Recommended Method**

Cc: Chief Claire Sault  
Mark LaForme, Director, DOCA  
Fawn Sault, Councilor, Environmental Portfolio



## Upcoming Public Information Session

# South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* as part of the planning process for the next phase of its South Landfill (Phase 2).

The South Landfill (Phase 1), an essential component of Walker's integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is nearing its final capacity. Walker is proposing to develop the next phase to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal services. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy to the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

### Walker is hosting a public information session to:

- Introduce Walker, its current landfill operations, and provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Review the comparative evaluation process and confirm the recommended method
- Confirm the methodology for the upcoming detailed impact assessment of the recommended method

### Stay informed by attending the public information session or review the material via our virtual information session option:

#### In-Person

**June 18, 2025**

Drop-in anytime between  
**5pm - 8pm at Club Italia**

2525 Montrose Rd,  
Niagara Falls, ON L2H 0T9

#### Virtual

Available **June 18 - July 7, 2025**

at **[southlandfillphase2.com](https://southlandfillphase2.com)**

Walker is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable waste management solutions at its Niagara Resource Management Campus.

For more information, contact **[info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)**.

June 5, 2025

**Subject:** ARA Deployment - Southeast Landfill Stage 2 - August 25 to 28 - MCFN  
**Date:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 3:12:59 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** kait.kenel@araheritage.ca <kait.kenel@araheritage.ca>  
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**CC:** 'Sarah Bolstridge' <sarah.bolstridge@araheritage.ca>, Janet Oswald <Janet.Oswald@ghd.com>, DFry@walkerind.com <DFry@walkerind.com>, 'Peter Epler' <peter.epler@araheritage.ca>  
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Aanii Joelle!

ARA will be continuing the Stage 2 assessment at Southeast Landfill next week. As a reminder, there is mandatory safety training required prior to being on site for all staff on Southeast Landfill; if new staff will be joining us next week, please have them complete the training in advance and provide us with the certificate of completion. Deployment details can be found below, which will also be included in our weekly deployment this afternoon.

Project Name: Southeast Landfill

ARA Project: 2022-0501

Type of Work: Stage 2

Fieldwork Date: Monday August 25 to Thursday August 28

Meeting Time: 7:00am

Meeting Location: [43°07'56.9"N 79°09'41.6"W - Google Maps](#)

PPE Required: **hard hat**, steel-toed boots, high visibility vest

Field Director: Field Director (Cell Phone): Carolyn Pallett (226-339-7164)

Division Manager: Sarah Bolstridge (519-502-1619)

Size of Field Crew: 11

Kind regards,

Kait

**Kait Kenel M.A. (she/her)**  
**Indigenous Engagement Advisor**  
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**Subject:** ARA Deployment - Southeast Landfill Stage 2 - MCFN  
**Date:** Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 2:28:48 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** kait.kenel@araheritage.ca <kait.kenel@araheritage.ca>  
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Project Name: Southeast Landfill

ARA Project: 2022-0501

Type of Work: Stage 2

Fieldwork Date: Tuesday September 2 to Friday September 5

Meeting Time: 7:00am

Meeting Location: [43°07'56.9"N 79°09'41.6"W - Google Maps](#)

PPE Required: **hard hat**, steel-toed boots, high visibility vest

Field Director: Field Director (Cell Phone): Carolyn Pallett (226-339-7164)

Division Manager: Sarah Bolstridge (519-502-1619)

Size of Field Crew: 9-10

Kind regards,

Kait

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**Subject:** ARA deployment - Southeast Landfill Stage 2 - MCFN  
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**To:** 'Field Coordinator' <Field.Coordinator@mncfn.ca>, 'Adam LaForme' <Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca>  
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ARA will be continuing the Stage 2 assessment at Southeast Landfill next week, from Monday to Wednesday. Once again as a reminder, there is mandatory safety training required prior to being on site for all staff on Southeast Landfill; if new staff will be joining us next week, please have them complete the training in advance and provide us with the certificate of completion. Deployment details can be found below, which will also be included in our weekly deployment this afternoon.

Project Name: Southeast Landfill  
ARA Project: 2022-0501  
Type of Work: Stage 2  
Fieldwork Date: Monday September 8 to Wednesday September 10  
Meeting Time: 7:00am  
Meeting Location: [43°07'56.9"N 79°09'41.6"W - Google Maps](#)  
PPE Required: **hard hat**, steel-toed boots, high visibility vest  
Field Director: Field Director (Cell Phone): Carolyn Pallett (226-339-7164)  
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Kind regards,  
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**Subject:** Re: Walker Follow-up & Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, January 9, 2026 at 1:53:51 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca>  
**CC:** Chris Breen <CBreen@walkerind.com>  
**Attachments:** image290980.png, image519363.png, image547820.png, image440038.png, Outlook-logo.png.png

Hi Megan,

Chris and I would be able to meet with you in person on February 2<sup>nd</sup> or the 6<sup>th</sup>. Let me know if these dates work and any specific times that work best.

Warm regards,  
Darren

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**From:** Megan DeVries <[Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca](mailto:Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 09, 2026 10:28 AM  
**To:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
**Cc:** Chris Breen <[CBreen@walkerind.com](mailto:CBreen@walkerind.com)>  
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Hi Darren,

Thank you for reaching out! My holidays were lovely; I hope you enjoyed yours as well!

I am booked solid on the morning of Tuesday, January 13. Unfortunately, for project meetings, I am booking into February. Do you have any availability the week of February 2?

Apologies!  
Megan.

**Megan DeVries (she/her)**  
**Director**  
**Department of Consultation and Accommodation**



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**Please note** that my position at MCFN-DOCA is changing. Until a new Manager of Consultations is hired, I will be filling both roles. I appreciate your patience should any responses regarding consultation be delayed during this transition. Thank you!

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**Cc:** Chris Breen <[CBreen@walkerind.com](mailto:CBreen@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** Walker Follow-up & Meeting

Hi Megan,

I trust you had a restful holiday season!

I apologize for not scheduling an opportunity to come to MCFN and meet with you prior to the holiday (things got busier than expected, quicker than expected)!

Chris and I will be in the area this coming Tuesday Jan. 13th and wondered if you and your team are free anytime in the morning? We would like to provide an update on our South Landfill Phase 2 EA.

If you're not available on the 13th, please feel free to send me some dates and we'll work to accommodate them and schedule a meeting.

Many thanks,  
Darren  
**Darren Fry A.Sc.T**  
Project Director  
Environmental Division

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**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 3:22:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
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**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**Sent:** April 16, 2026 3:21 PM  
**To:** Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca>  
**Cc:** Chris Breen <CBreen@walkerind.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Walker - South Landfill Phase 2 EA Update Mtg

Hello Megan,

May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm works best for us. We'll have some of our HR colleagues at the job fair that day too which we'll stop in and say hi to everyone.

Many thanks,  
Darren  
**Darren Fry** A.Sc.T  
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**Sent:** April 15, 2026 9:33 AM  
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Hi Darren,

We currently have the following available for an in-person meeting:

- Friday May 8 at 1pm
- Monday May 11 at 2pm
- Wednesday May 13 at 10am
- Thursday May 14 at 2pm

Please let me know what works on your end.

Regards,

Megan.

**Megan DeVries (she/her)**  
**Director / Acting Manager of Consultations**  
**Department of Consultation and Accommodation**



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**Cc:** Chris Breen <[CBreen@walkerind.com](mailto:CBreen@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** Walker - South Landfill Phase 2 EA Update Mtg

Hello Megan,

We'd like to meet with DOCA and provide an update and discuss next steps on our South Landfill Phase 2 EA.

We're expect to have a draft EA Report available for review in the coming months and would like to understand and ensure we meet MCFN's review expectations.

If you can provide a few dates/availabilities, we would be more than happy to come out to MCFN for a visit. We'll provide an agenda in advance as well.

Warm regards,  
Darren  
**Darren Fry A.Sc.T**  
Project Director  
Environmental Division

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**Subject:** Re: ARA Fieldwork Notification - Walker Southeast Landfill Stage 1 - MCFN  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 4:03:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Adam LaForme <Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca>, kait.kenel@araheritage.ca <kait.kenel@araheritage.ca>  
**CC:** sarah.bolstridge@araheritage.ca <sarah.bolstridge@araheritage.ca>, kaye.walker@araheritage.ca <kaye.walker@araheritage.ca>  
**Attachments:** image001.png, Outlook-lswvshwz.png, DOCA.zip

Hi Adam,

Attached are signed agreements requiring your signatures. I'll note we made one small edit to the FLA (same as 2025) - we changed 'environmental' to 'ecological' in the first paragraph.

Otherwise, we're all good on this end.

Can you kindly send me back fully signed copies.

Thanks,  
Darren

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**From:** Adam LaForme <[Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca](mailto:Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca)>  
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**To:** [kait.kenel@araheritage.ca](mailto:kait.kenel@araheritage.ca) <[kait.kenel@araheritage.ca](mailto:kait.kenel@araheritage.ca)>  
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Good Afternoon Kait and Darren,

Thank you for reaching out and for sharing the updated mapping and project details.

We appreciate the update regarding the additional lands to be assessed as part of the Walker Southeast Landfill Expansion. As the previous agreements have now expired, new agreements will be required for MCFN's participation.

I have attached our current template agreements for your review and signature. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

We look forward to continuing our work together on this project.

Kind regards,

**Adam LaForme (he/him)**  
**Manager of Archaeology**  
**Department of Consultation and Accommodation**



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I choose to work flexibly and am sending this message now because it works for me. Feel free to read, act on or respond at a time that works for you.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 6, 2026 3:07 PM

**To:** Adam LaForme <[Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca](mailto:Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca)>

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**Subject:** ARA Fieldwork Notification - Walker Southeast Landfill Stage 1 - MCFN

Good afternoon Adam!

We have received updated mapping from the client for Walker Southeast Landfill Expansion (*ARA Project # 2022-0501*), which included some additional lands that have not been assessed (please see attached map for reference). We will be assessing these additional lands in Spring 2026, beginning with a Stage 1, the results of which will be incorporated in the draft report. It is estimated the Stage 1 will be completed in one day and has not yet been scheduled.

If a new participation agreement for this work is required, please forward to Darren Fry at [DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com). Thank you!

We welcome your continued participation on this project!

Kind regards,  
Kait

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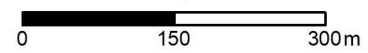
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 Project Area



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**Subject:** Re: Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment - Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10:17:19 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** DJ Pont <pontdj@hotmail.com>  
**To:** Elizabeth Duguay <EDuguay@walkerind.com>  
**CC:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>, South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
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Bon Matin Elizabeth

Thank you for sending this , I will review in a few days and get back to you on any concerns.

The weekend of June 21-23 we had our Early Learning Family Camp at Balls Fall, it went great. ( I am still catching up on all of the paper work that follows the camp). check out our face book page if you would like to see photos or videos of our camp

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Derrick

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**From:** Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** June 25, 2024 11:26 AM  
**To:** '[pontdj@hotmail.com](mailto:pontdj@hotmail.com)' <[pontdj@hotmail.com](mailto:pontdj@hotmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>; South Landfill Phase 2 <[info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)>  
**Subject:** Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment - Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

Good morning Derrick,

It was a pleasure meeting you at Station 1 last month.

In accordance with our commitment to keeping you informed at key steps in the environmental

planning process for the South Landfill Phase 2 project at our Niagara Resource Management Campus, I am reaching out to provide a quick update.

On June 28, 2024, we will be submitting a Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for their review and decision. If approved, the ToR will guide the studies and consultation activities that will take place in preparation of the Environmental Assessment over the coming years.

For more information, please refer to the attached cover letter and accompanying Notice of Submission or visit our website at [southlandfillphase2.com](https://southlandfillphase2.com).

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Duguay (on behalf of Darren Fry, Project Director)

**Elizabeth Duguay**  
Planning & Community Engagement Lead  
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June 26, 2024

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Dear Derrick Pont,

**Subject: Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

On June 28, 2024, Walker Environmental Group (Walker) will be submitting a Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for its review and decision as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The South Landfill is a key component of Walker's fully integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls and is expected to reach its final disposal capacity in 5-7 years. Phase 2 will provide an additional 20 years of safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity, supply renewable energy for the community by turning landfill gas into energy, and continue to support over 500 jobs in the Region.

The ToR incorporates input received from engagement and consultation with local residents, government, Indigenous communities, and other interested parties since the start of the EA process (November 30, 2023), as well as feedback provided on the draft ToR, released March 7, 2024 for a 45-day public review and comment period. If approved, the ToR will serve as the workplan for the range of studies and consultation activities to be carried out in preparation of the EA over the coming years.

**The ToR will be available for public review and comment from June 28, 2024 to July 30, 2024. More details on how to access the document and where to provide comments can be found in the attached Notice of Submission.**

Your input is important to Walker, the project, and the community. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Darren Fry, Project Director



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Website: [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com)

Attachment: Notice of Submission

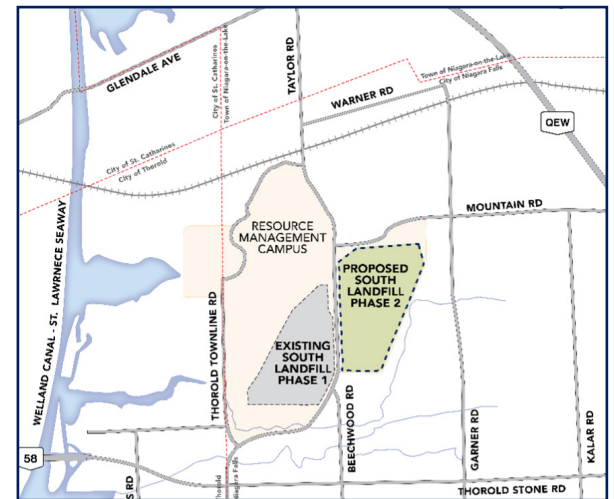
# Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference (ToR) South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment



## Walker Environmental Group Inc.

As part of the planning process for the next phase of the South Landfill (Phase 2), Walker Environmental Group Inc. (Walker) has submitted a Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved, ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment for the proposed undertaking.

The South Landfill, a key component of Walker's fully integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is expected to reach its final disposal capacity between 2029 and 2031. Despite increased waste diversion, landfill space is still needed to manage materials that cannot be recycled and to accommodate future population growth. To continue to provide the Niagara region and surrounding communities with safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of its South Landfill. Phase 2 will provide an additional 18 million cubic meters of landfill capacity over a 20-year period, supply renewable energy for the community by turning landfill gas into energy, and continue to support over 500 jobs in the Region.



Shown: Location Map

### Review the Terms of Reference (ToR)

Members of the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested persons may inspect the proposed terms of reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

#### Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Client Services and Permissions Branch

135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5  
416-314-8001/1-800-461-6290

#### Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Niagara District Office

301 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor  
St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 3M8  
Tel: 905-704-3900 / Fax: 905-704-4015

#### Walker Head Office

2800 Thorold Townline Road  
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6S4  
1-866-699-9425

#### Niagara Falls Public Library

4848 Victoria Avenue  
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 4C5  
905-356-8080

The Terms of Reference (ToR) is also available online at [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)

Your written comments about the terms of reference must be received before **July 30, 2024**. All comments must be submitted to:

#### Stephen Deneault, Project Officer

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Environmental Assessment Branch  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5  
Tel: 437-247-3443/1-800-461-6290  
Fax: 416-314-8452

A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent for its consideration. For further information on the proposed study please contact:

#### Darren Fry, Project Director

Walker Environmental Group Inc.  
2800 Thorold Townline Rd, ON L2E 6S4  
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**Subject:** Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment for Walker South Landfill Phase 2  
**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:04:22 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Leticia Koole <LKoole@walkerind.com>  
**To:** pontdj@hotmail.com <pontdj@hotmail.com>  
**CC:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>, South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
**Attachments:** Cover Letter - Notice of Commencement of EA - Niagara Region Metis Council.pdf

Hello Derrick Pont,

This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is formally initiating the next step in the Environmental Assessment process (the Impact Assessment) to develop Phase 2 of the South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

A letter providing further information is attached including the Notice of Commencement of an Environmental Assessment.

It would be greatly appreciated if you can confirm receipt of this email.

Sincerely,  
Leticia Koole (on behalf of Darren Fry, Project Director)

October 17, 2024

Derrick Pont  
President  
Niagara Region Métis Council  
3250 Schmon Parkway, Unit 1A  
Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6

Dear Derrick,

**Subject: Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Walker's South Landfill (Phase 1) plays an important role in helping the community manage waste that isn't reused or recycled. It is also a key part of Walker's Resource Management Campus which includes a composting facility and renewable energy facility. As it nears its final capacity, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase of the South Landfill, Phase 2, to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy for the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

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On September 10, 2024, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2. The Terms of Reference is essentially a road map that outlines how Walker must complete the upcoming Environmental Assessment studies. Walker is now formally initiating the next step in the Environmental Assessment called the Study Phase. This step includes a wide range of scientific studies along with a series of public information and feedback sessions. A copy of the Notice of Commencement – Environmental Assessment is attached for your information.

Neighbours, local residents, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of the undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting Walker directly with information, comments or questions.

Your input is important to Walker, and we encourage your active participation in this process. We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged at each step of the EA. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to learn more on our project website at [southlandfillphase2.com](https://southlandfillphase2.com) or contact the undersigned directly.

Sincerely,



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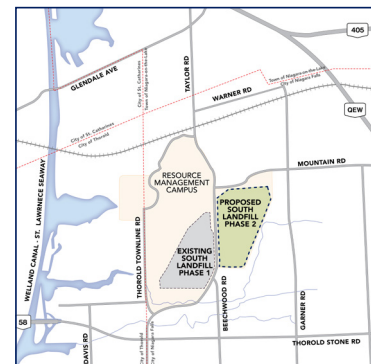
# Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment



## Walker Environmental Group

Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is beginning an environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* as part of the planning process for the next phase of its South Landfill (Phase 2). The proposed South Landfill Phase 2 will maintain the current annual fill rate of 1.1 million tonnes per year, while increasing the total capacity by approximately 18 million tonnes over the next 20 years. The type of waste accepted would remain unchanged.

South Landfill (Phase 1), an essential component of Walker's integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is nearing its final capacity. Walker is proposing to develop the next phase to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal services. Phase 2 will supply renewable energy to the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region. As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an environmental assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.



Shown: South Landfill

### The Process

On September 10, 2024, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the terms of reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment.

A copy of the approved terms of reference is available at:  
[www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)

A hard copy of the file can also be found at Walker's office located at:  
Walker Environmental Group  
2800 Thorold Townline Road  
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4  
Phone: 1-866-699-9425  
Email: [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)

This study will be carried out according to the approved terms of reference and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an environmental assessment, which will be submitted to the ministry for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the environmental assessment can be reviewed.

### Consultation

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of the undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process and will be advertised in local newspapers, on the project website [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com), by direct mail and/or electronic mail (email).

### Call for Applications: Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee for South Landfill Phase 2

Engaging the local community and considering a range of perspectives is an important part of the planning process. Walker is seeking applications from members of the public to establish a South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee to gather feedback, ideas, and local perspectives. This committee will play an important role in ensuring the next phase of the South

Landfill considers a range of perspectives from the community.

The South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee will be comprised of community members, together with representatives from Walker and government agencies. Approximately six meetings will be held locally and at key project milestones.

If you are interested in participating, please contact [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com) by October 31st, 2024 to receive an application form, additional information about the committee and submission instructions.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:  
Darren Fry, Project Director  
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2800 Thorold Townline Rd, ON L2E 6S4  
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October 17, 2024

**Subject:** Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment – Alternative Methods Milestone  
**Date:** Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:11:27 AM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** DJ Pont <pontdj@hotmail.com>  
**Attachments:** Walker EA Alt. Methods - Cover Letter - Niagara Region Metis Council.pdf

Good day Derrick,

Please see the attached letter and update on our landfill environmental assessment. We can discuss the update further when we meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> if you like.

Regards,  
Darren

February 27, 2025

Derrick Pont  
President  
Niagara Region Métis Council  
3250 Schmon Parkway, Unit 1A  
Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6

Dear Derrick,

**Subject: Alternative Methods Milestone & Notice Public Information Session  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Walker's South Landfill (Phase 1) plays an important role in helping the community manage waste that isn't reused or recycled. It is also a key part of Walker's Resource Management Campus which includes a composting facility and renewable energy facility. As it nears its final capacity, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase of the South Landfill, Phase 2, to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy for the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.

On March 18, 2025, from 5 pm - 8 pm Walker will be hosting a public information session at Club Italia (2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls) to:

- Provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Present the Study Area and Existing Conditions
- Review the developed Alternative Methods
- Confirm the evaluation criteria and indicators to be applied to the Alternative Methods, and the evaluation methodology to be used

A virtual component to the public event will be available on the project website [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com) from Thursday, March 6, 2025 to Friday, March 21, 2025.

Neighbours, local residents, Indigenous communities, and other stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of the undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting Walker directly with information, comments or questions.

Your input is important to Walker, and we encourage your active participation in this process. We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged at each step of the EA. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to learn more on our project website at [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com) or contact the undersigned directly.

Sincerely,



Darren Fry, Project Director

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**Attachment: Notice of Public Information Sessions – Alternative Methods**



## Upcoming Public Information Session

### South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment

#### Walker Environmental Group

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Walker is hosting a public information session to:

- Introduce Walker, its current landfill operations, and provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Inform attendees and gather feedback on:
  - the Final EA Study Area
  - Existing Conditions
- Review the Alternative Methods, the evaluation criteria, and indicators that will be used for evaluation.

The public information session will take place in-person on Tuesday, March 18 from 5-8pm at Club Italia, 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2H 0T9.

A virtual component will be accessible online from Thursday, March 6 to Friday, March 21 at [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com).

Walker is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable waste management solutions at its Niagara Resource Management Campus.

For more information, contact [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com).

February 27, 2025

**Subject:** Fw: Alternative Methods Worksheet  
**Date:** Friday, April 4, 2025 at 10:36:42 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
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**Subject:** Re: Alternative Methods Worksheet

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attached completed Landfill options.

Derrick Pont  
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Metis Nation of Ontario

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**From:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** April 1, 2025 11:49 AM  
**To:** DJ Pont <[pontdj@hotmail.com](mailto:pontdj@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Alternative Methods Worksheet

Hi Derrick,

Thanks for the coffee last week!!

I promised two things as a result of our conversation:

1. Worksheet for feedback on Alternative project design elements Walker is evaluating for South Landfill Phase 2.
  - a. There are different landfill designs and,
  - b. Different ways of treating wastewater (leachate) from the site
2. A communication record documenting NRMCA's interest in invasive species control and evaluation of potential business case for phragmites.

Feel free to review the worksheet and let me know your thoughts. You can simply just write an email with the options you prefer and why.

Thanks again!!  
Darren

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**From:** Leticia Koole  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 2:29 PM  
**To:** Darren Fry  
**Subject:** Alternative Methods Worksheet

Hi Darren,

I have altered the worksheet to send out. Please see attached.

Leticia

**Darren Fry**, A.Sc.T  
Project Director  
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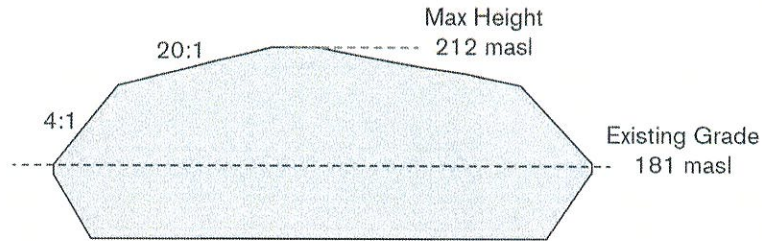
# Landfill Site Configuration Options

Which Landfill Site Configuration option do you prefer and why?

## Option A

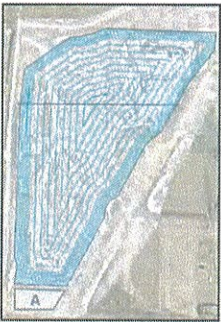


### Same Height & Slopes As Current South Landfill Phase 1

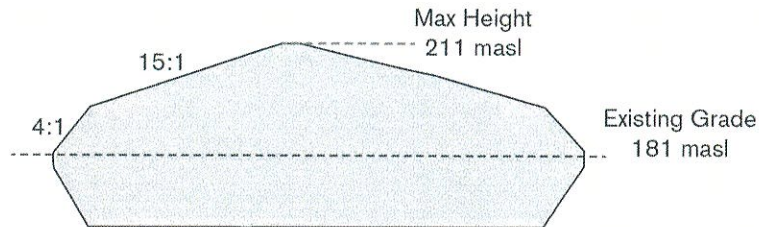


Landfill Capacity: 20,205,000 m<sup>3</sup> Agricultural End Use Area: 90.6 acres (36.7 ha)

## Option B

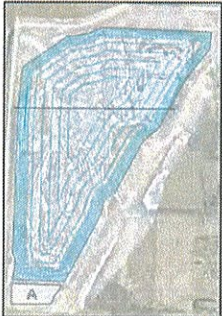


### Maximized Agricultural End Use Option

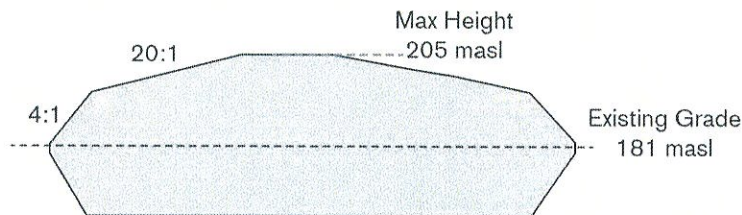


Landfill Capacity: 18,277,400 m<sup>3</sup> Agricultural End Use Area: 130.0 acres (51.4 ha)

## Option C



### Average Agricultural End Use Option



Landfill Capacity: 17,893,000 m<sup>3</sup> Agricultural End Use Area: 111.0 acres (45.0 ha)

(Please select one option)

- Option A - Same Height & Slopes As Current South Landfill Phase 1
- Option B - Maximized Agricultural End Use Option
- Option C - Average Agricultural End Use Option

Please tell us why:

Greater slope for possible use as a toboggan hill.

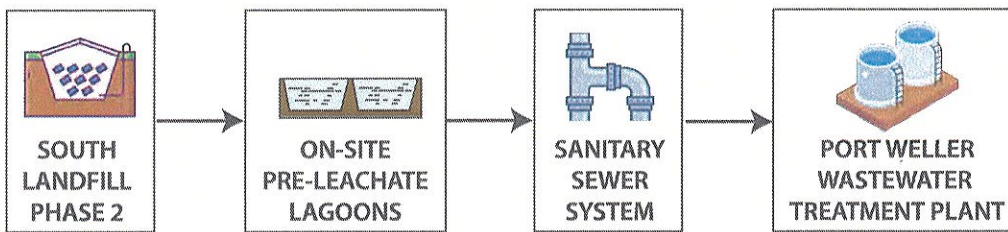
# Leachate Management Options

Which Leachate Management option do you prefer and why?

## Option A

### Continued & Expanded Use of the Municipal Wastewater Treatment System

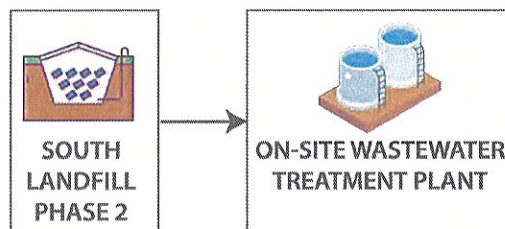
- ▶ Current form of treatment for South Landfill Phase 1.
- ▶ Would utilize unused capacity in the municipal system (if available).
- ▶ May include upgrading existing infrastructure.



## Option B

### Development of an On-Site Wastewater Treatment Plant

- ▶ Development of a treatment plant at the Walker Resource Management Campus.
- ▶ Feasibility of this option requires further analysis.



(Please select one option)

- Option A - Continued & Expanded Use of the Municipal Wastewater Treatment System
- Option B - Development of an On-Site Wastewater Treatment Plant

Please tell us why: The demand on municipal systems are  
increasing and have a risk of failure.

**Was the information session helpful in describing the South Landfill Phase 2 project, the Environmental Assessment process and the Alternative Methods (Options) being considered?**

(Please select one option)

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

Please tell us why: helped to visualize project

**Was the information presented easy to understand and the appropriate level of detail provided?**

(Please select one option)

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No

Please tell us why: terminology was for average person.

**Would you like to be kept informed and contacted for future project updates?**

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**To:** outreach@nrnc.ca <outreach@nrnc.ca>  
**CC:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>, South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
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Hello Phil Davis,

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Sincerely,  
Leticia Koole (on behalf of Darren Fry, Project Director)

October 17, 2024

Phil Davis  
Outreach Coordinator  
Niagara Region Native Centre  
382 Airport Road  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

Dear Phil Davis,

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Your input is important to Walker, and we encourage your active participation in this process. We are committed to keeping you informed and engaged at each step of the EA. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned directly or visit our project website at [southlandfillphase2.com](https://southlandfillphase2.com) to learn more.

Sincerely,



Darren Fry, Project Director

Phone: 1-866-699-9425

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Attachment: Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment

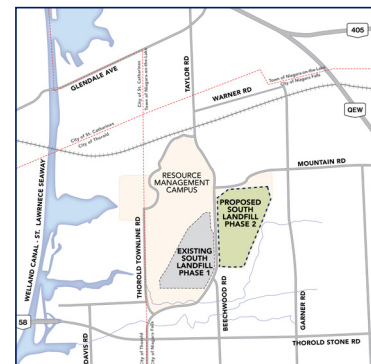
# Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment



## Walker Environmental Group

Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is beginning an environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* as part of the planning process for the next phase of its South Landfill (Phase 2). The proposed South Landfill Phase 2 will maintain the current annual fill rate of 1.1 million tonnes per year, while increasing the total capacity by approximately 18 million tonnes over the next 20 years. The type of waste accepted would remain unchanged.

South Landfill (Phase 1), an essential component of Walker's integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is nearing its final capacity. Walker is proposing to develop the next phase to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal services. Phase 2 will supply renewable energy to the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region. As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an environmental assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.



Shown: South Landfill

### The Process

On September 10, 2024, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the terms of reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment.

A copy of the approved terms of reference is available at:  
[www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)

A hard copy of the file can also be found at Walker's office located at:  
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Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4  
Phone: 1-866-699-9425  
Email: [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)

This study will be carried out according to the approved terms of reference and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an environmental assessment, which will be submitted to the ministry for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the environmental assessment can be reviewed.

### Consultation

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of the undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process and will be advertised in local newspapers, on the project website [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com), by direct mail and/or electronic mail (email).

### Call for Applications: Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee for South Landfill Phase 2

Engaging the local community and considering a range of perspectives is an important part of the planning process. Walker is seeking applications from members of the public to establish a South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee to gather feedback, ideas, and local perspectives. This committee will play an important role in ensuring the next phase of the South

Landfill considers a range of perspectives from the community.

The South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee will be comprised of community members, together with representatives from Walker and government agencies. Approximately six meetings will be held locally and at key project milestones.

If you are interested in participating, please contact [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com) by October 31st, 2024 to receive an application form, additional information about the committee and submission instructions.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:  
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October 17, 2024

**Subject:** Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment – Alternative Methods Milestone  
**Date:** Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:19:33 AM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Phil Davies (outreach@nrnc.ca) <outreach@nrnc.ca>  
**CC:** executivedirector@nrnc.ca <executivedirector@nrnc.ca>, Lisa Arnold <LArnold@walkerind.com>  
**Attachments:** Walker EA Alt. Methods - Cover Letter - NRNC.pdf

Hello Phil - I trust all is well with you!

Please see the attached letter which provides an update on the above noted project.

Let me know how your schedule looks in the coming weeks - would be happy to connect, provide an update and explore some collaboration opportunities for the upcoming year.

Also - we're having our **Neighbourhood Appreciation BBQ again this year on Saturday, June 21**, 11am to 2pm. Spread the word - we'd love to have some of your staff and community members join us. We could discuss an activity again - the beading/bracelet making activity was a hit!

Nya:weh,  
Darren

February 27, 2025

Phil Davis  
Outreach Coordinator  
Niagara Region Native Centre  
382 Airport Road  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0

Dear Phil Davis,

**Subject: Alternative Methods Milestone & Notice of Public Information Session  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Walker's South Landfill (Phase 1) plays an important role in helping the community manage waste that isn't reused or recycled. It is also a key part of Walker's Resource Management Campus which includes a composting facility and renewable energy facility. As it nears its final capacity, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase of the South Landfill, Phase 2, to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy for the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.

On March 18, 2025, from 5 pm - 8 pm Walker will be hosting a public information session at Club Italia (2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls) to:

- Provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Present the Study Area and Existing Conditions
- Review the developed Alternative Methods
- Confirm the evaluation criteria and indicators to be applied to the Alternative Methods, and the evaluation methodology to be used

A virtual component to the public event will be available on the project website [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com) from Thursday, March 6, 2025 to Friday, March 21, 2025.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fry', written over a horizontal line.

Darren Fry, Project Director

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Website: [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com)

**Attachment: Notice of Public Information Session – Alternative Methods**



## Upcoming Public Information Session

### South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment

#### Walker Environmental Group

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Walker is hosting a public information session to:

- Introduce Walker, its current landfill operations, and provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Inform attendees and gather feedback on:
  - the Final EA Study Area
  - Existing Conditions
- Review the Alternative Methods, the evaluation criteria, and indicators that will be used for evaluation.

The public information session will take place in-person on Tuesday, March 18 from 5-8pm at Club Italia, 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2H 0T9.

A virtual component will be accessible online from Thursday, March 6 to Friday, March 21 at [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com).

Walker is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable waste management solutions at its Niagara Resource Management Campus.

For more information, contact [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com).

February 27, 2025

**Subject:** FW: Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment - Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 1:12:45 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Elizabeth Duguay <EDuguay@walkerind.com>  
**To:** South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>

Read receipt from Six Nations of the Grand River.

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**From:** Peter Graham <[LRCS@sixnations.ca](mailto:LRCS@sixnations.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:05 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** Read: Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment - Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

Your message

To: Peter Graham  
Subject: [External] Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment - Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference  
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:52:20 AM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

was read on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:05:15 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Subject:** RE: Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 ToR - Response to Comments  
**Date:** Friday, June 28, 2024 at 9:15:58 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** 'Lauren Vanderlingen' <wsma@sixnations.ca>, Elizabeth Duguay <EDuguay@walkerind.com>  
**CC:** Peter Graham <LRCS@sixnations.ca>, Erika Brown <Erika.Brown@ghd.com>, Janet Oswald <Janet.Oswald@ghd.com>  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

She:kon/Shekoli Lauren and Peter,

Thank you for your timely review or our responses and for further clarification on the items noted below. We'll include your comments in our planning for the South Landfill EA and also engage our current operations and land management teams where your input relates to our existing operations (i.e. invasive species management on existing lands).

As a quick note regarding the Plant List – although we've noted it in Appendix C-4 as a reference for our consultants to utilize when doing the studies, the list itself has not been made public per your request. We're just noting here so that when we do the studies, our consultants know that it exists and must be considered as part of their work.

Thanks again for your feedback, knowledge and perspectives. It truly makes for a better planning process and helps Walker implement Two-Eyed Seeing into its business and ways of doing.

Nia:wen,  
Darren

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**From:** Lauren Vanderlingen <[wsma@sixnations.ca](mailto:wsma@sixnations.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 4:12 PM  
**To:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>; Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>  
**Cc:** Peter Graham <LRCS@sixnations.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 ToR - Response to Comments

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Good Afternoon Darren & Elizabeth,

I appreciate the time your team took to further clarify my concerns and all the EA edits that are being made as a result of my comments. Many of the clarifications greatly improved my understanding of the operational logistics regarding the groundwater and discharge practices.

I have some relatively quick critiques:

- 1) 3.1. *The end use of the South Landfill Phase 1 has not yet been determined, but a wide range of*

*end uses will be considered including agricultural, recreational, natural rehabilitation, etc. Once Phase 1 nears its final capacity, within the next 2-4 years, consultations will begin on preferred end use options.*

-SNWSO encourages Walker to pursue the natural rehabilitation option for the end use of the Phase 1 site (and late for Phase 2 site).

2) *36.1. Yes, as part of the ecology study, areas surrounding the SSA (the successional vegetation areas) will be monitored. Other than the initial planting of regionally native species, invasive species management is not currently occurring in these areas.*

-SNWSO encourages Walker to conduct invasive species management (using best management practices-<https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/invasive-plants/species/>) on the existing berms and rehabilitation areas, and for when the end uses are implemented the for phase 1 and phase 2. Without an active invasive species management plan in place, any rehabilitation efforts could be functionally debilitated and may not perform as intended. Rehabilitation areas overrun with invasives and should not be considered as a successful mitigation measure.

3) *52.1. The Draft list of plant species of importance to the community of Six Nations has been added to Table 4 of Appendix C-4 as a data source to inform the EA.*

**-As discussed on Jan 17th and 19th via email, SNWSO asks that this document is not public facing (or directly included into the EA) but rather is kept internal for reference and decision making within the company and with their consultants. Reference to the document can be stated, but please do not include the chart.**

**The reason SNWSO asks that the list does not go public, is to protect these species from increased traffic, unsustainable harvesting, or poaching.**

**I am happy to hear that the plant list will be valuable to your team as an additional data source.**

4) *45.1. The proposed "Reasoned Argument" method of evaluating Alternatives Methods does not weigh any of the criteria or components of the environment any higher or lower than others. All environmental components are instead evaluated in terms of their trade-offs with other environmental components.*

-SNWSO encourages Walker to place more weight on the environmental factor compared to the social or economic when evaluating Alternative Methods. The current system of evaluation, in terms of trade-offs with other factors puts the environment on the same scale as economic/social factors, when from the IP the environment should be the priority, and any impacts/trade offs within the environment should be avoided.

5) *59. Walker would be very interested in bringing these environmental education/awareness programs into Six Nations of the Grand River schools and collaborating with the community to develop these initiatives (e.g., events, presentations, etc.). Walker will look to further engage with Six Nations of the Grand River to identify opportunities related to environmental education/awareness.*

- Please reach out to Dawn Russel to coordinate possible engagements for environmental education! Dawn will know who to put you in contact with!

6) 61. Comment noted. Table 2 in Appendix B and Appendix C-2 have been revised to include the Terrestrial and Aquatic Environment Existing Conditions Report as a data source.

Just to clarify, SNWSO suggests using the Existing Conditions Reports from before the site was quarried and reports from before the site becomes a landfill. Not just the report completed now, or before the site becomes a landfill; Both reports can provide valuable insight as to how the site has changed as a result of Walker's operations. These reports provide a historical timeline of conditions and can be used to monitor ecological changes (for better or for worse) as well as provide a 'trigger system' to implement environmental remediation or mitigation.

Thank you for reading all of the SNWSO comments, and working to build a strong relationship with the Six Nations Consultation and Accommodation Process team.

I hope you both have a wonderful long weekend!

Sincerely,  
Lauren Vanderlingen

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**From:** Peter Graham <[LRCS@sixnations.ca](mailto:LRCS@sixnations.ca)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 10:56 AM  
**To:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>; Lauren Vanderlingen <[wsma@sixnations.ca](mailto:wsma@sixnations.ca)>  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 ToR - Response to Comments

Hi Darren,

Thank you. Lauren will let you know if she has additional comments on the TOR. Regarding #6, I've asked my colleague Dawn Russell to connect with you for scheduling.

Best, Peter

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**From:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 8:30 AM  
**To:** Peter Graham <[LRCS@sixnations.ca](mailto:LRCS@sixnations.ca)>; Lauren Vanderlingen <[wsma@sixnations.ca](mailto:wsma@sixnations.ca)>  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** [External] Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 ToR - Response to Comments

Hello Lauren and Peter,

Thank you for providing your comments on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and specifically sharing your views on how Walker can incorporate increased Indigenous Perspective (IP) as we work through the planning process and look to develop the next phase of our South Landfill (Phase 2). We appreciate the time and resources you've dedicated to providing this valuable feedback.

We have carefully reviewed your comments and have updated the ToR to reflect your input, as appropriate.

To demonstrate how input from Six Nations Elected Council, Consultation & Accommodation Process (CAP) Team and Wildlife and Stewardship Office (SNWSO) was considered, attached to this email you will find a table with your comments, Walker's responses, and references to where the ToR has been updated, if applicable. We ask that you kindly confirm receipt of this document and let us know if you have any further comments or questions.

We've attempted to address the general questions around how our facilities operate, protect the environment and what Walker is already doing to naturalize lands in and around our Campus in the response table. To build on this dialogue, we wish to offer a site visit to our Campus/existing South Landfill as this will provide an opportunity to better understand any questions that may require further discussion as well as provide a transparent and working example of how we operate our facilities. I know your office is currently in the process of looking to schedule this visit – we just wanted to re-extend that offer.

At this time, Walker is preparing the final ToR for submission to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the coming weeks. We will be notifying you and providing the final documents in advance of the submission date. All interested members of the public, Indigenous communities, the government review team will also be informed. Additionally, we will be issuing a Notice of Submission in local newspapers and hard copies of the ToR documents will be available for viewing at public locations locally. This submission will include a 30-day public review and comment period, where interested parties can submit comments directly to the MECP.

In consideration of the environment, we will be sending you digital copies of the ToR and supporting documents. If you would prefer hard copies couriered to your office, please let me know.

Thanks again and we look forward to continuing to work with SNEC CAP/SNWSO on this project.

Warm regards,  
Darren

**Darren Fry, A.Sc.T**  
Project Director  
Environmental Division

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**Date:** Friday, June 28, 2024 at 2:49:33 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** 'Dawn Russell' <dawnrussell@sixnations.ca>  
**CC:** Leticia Koole <LKoole@walkerind.com>  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Thanks Dawn!

Perfect – we'll have lunch ready for 1:15 and a tour bus and meeting room booked. Do you know many people we should plan for and if there are any dietary restrictions?

And thanks again – now I know a little bit a of Cayuga!  
Darren

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**From:** Dawn Russell <[dawnrussell@sixnations.ca](mailto:dawnrussell@sixnations.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 2:38 PM  
**To:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
**Cc:** Leticia Koole <[LKoole@walkerind.com](mailto:LKoole@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Walker - Site Visit

Hi Darren,

Great, we will take you up on the lunch offer, then out for the tour (work off the lunch) and back in for discussion. We have meetings in the morning and will be sure to make our way for 1:15pm. Just a side note, you had Mohawk right, I was answering in Cayuga.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Dawn Russell

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**From:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 2:29 PM  
**To:** Dawn Russell <[dawnrussell@sixnations.ca](mailto:dawnrussell@sixnations.ca)>  
**Cc:** Leticia Koole <[LKoole@walkerind.com](mailto:LKoole@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: Walker - Site Visit

Hi Dawn,

July 23<sup>rd</sup> works. How much time does the team have? A tour of our campus/facilities takes about 1-1.5 hrs and then we could sit down for a discussion. We're available all-day and could order in some lunch if needed.

Thank you (Nya:weh) – thank you too for helping me with my Mohawk!

Darren

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**From:** Dawn Russell <[dawnrussell@sixnations.ca](mailto:dawnrussell@sixnations.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 2:10 PM  
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Hi Darren,

How about Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:15pm work for you?

Nya:weh (Thank you)

Dawn Russell

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**From:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 1:47 PM  
**To:** Dawn Russell <[dawnrussell@sixnations.ca](mailto:dawnrussell@sixnations.ca)>  
**Subject:** [External] Walker - Site Visit

Hello Dawn,

Unfortunately, Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> won't work. I have a commitment that I cannot reschedule. Can you provide a few alternative dates and we'll work to accommodate.

Nia:wen/Yaw^ko  
Darren

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**From:** Elizabeth Duguay <EDuguay@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Erika Brown <Erika.Brown@ghd.com>  
**CC:** South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg, Walker ToR.pdf

Acknowledgment of receipt from Six Nations – would you like me to send this along to Stephen when I return the responses to the public comments or should I leave this to GHD?

Thank you!

Elizabeth

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**From:** Peter Graham <[LRCS@sixnations.ca](mailto:L RCS@sixnations.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:17 PM  
**To:** Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>  
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Hi Elizabeth,

Please see the attached.

Thanks, Peter

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**From:** Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 10:52 AM  
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**Cc:** Lauren Vanderlingen <[wsma@sixnations.ca](mailto:wsma@sixnations.ca)>; Lauren Jones <[laurenjones@sixnations.ca](mailto:laurenjones@sixnations.ca)>  
**Subject:** [External] Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment - Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference

Hello,

On June 28, 2024, Walker will be formally submitting the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The ToR incorporates input provided on the draft ToR (released March 7, 2024) by members of the public, the government review team, Indigenous communities, and other interested parties. We thank all who provided us with this valuable feedback, and we look forward to continuing to engage you as we proceed through this environmental planning process.

If approved, the ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the Environmental Assessment for the continuation of the South Landfill (Phase 2), a key component of Walker's fully integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls.

Attached you will find a covering letter from the MECP and a Notice of Submission that provides additional information on the 30-day review and commenting process, which will commence June 28, 2024 and conclude on July 30, 2024. The ToR and its supporting documents can be accessed and downloaded at the following link: [South Landfill Phase 2 Terms of Reference](#) (note: this link will expire in 14 days). **Please confirm receipt by completing the attached acknowledgement form.**

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Duguay (on behalf of Darren Fry, Project Director)

**Elizabeth Duguay**  
Planning & Community Engagement Lead  
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June 28, 2024

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Indigenous Communities Contact List

FROM: Stephen Deneault  
Project Officer  
Environmental Assessment Branch

RE: Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental  
Assessment  
EA Reference No. 24004

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On June 28, 2024 Walker Environmental Group Inc. (Walker) submitted a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment (EA) to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for approval. The proposed ToR sets out how Walker proposes to assess the potential environmental effects of this proposal in the EA.

Walker has initiated a study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for a proposed expansion of Walker's existing South Landfill in the City of Niagara Falls. The proposed landfill expansion, if approved, would be located in an adjacent quarry and would provide an additional 18 million cubic metres of landfill capacity over a 20-year period.

We are interested in knowing whether your community has any specific interests or concerns that should be addressed during the preparation of the EA. If you have any comments or concerns, please provide them to the Environmental Assessment Branch by **July 30, 2024**. Your comments will be provided to Walker for its consideration and response.

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If you have any questions, or anticipate that additional time will be needed to review the ToR, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience by phone at 437-247-3443 or by email at [Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca](mailto:Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca).

The following documents are enclosed:

- Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference
- Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment
- Acknowledgement of Receipt Form

Thank you for your participation.



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Stephen Deneault

Enclosures

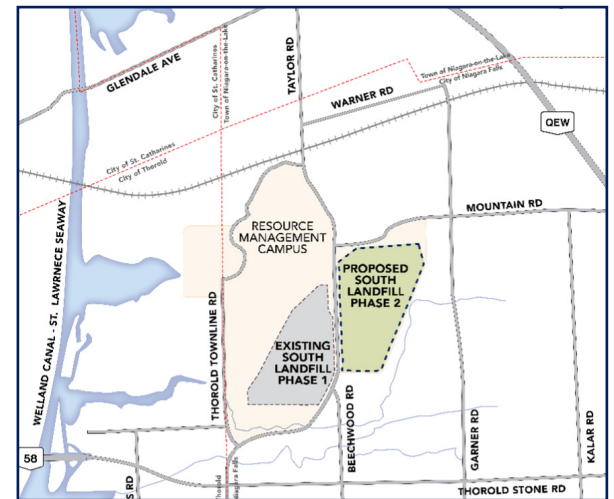
# Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference (ToR) South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment



## Walker Environmental Group Inc.

As part of the planning process for the next phase of the South Landfill (Phase 2), Walker Environmental Group Inc. (Walker) has submitted a Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved, ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment for the proposed undertaking.

The South Landfill, a key component of Walker's fully integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is expected to reach its final disposal capacity between 2029 and 2031. Despite increased waste diversion, landfill space is still needed to manage materials that cannot be recycled and to accommodate future population growth. To continue to provide the Niagara region and surrounding communities with safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase (Phase 2) of its South Landfill. Phase 2 will provide an additional 18 million cubic meters of landfill capacity over a 20-year period, supply renewable energy for the community by turning landfill gas into energy, and continue to support over 500 jobs in the Region.



Shown: Location Map

### Review the Terms of Reference (ToR)

Members of the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested persons may inspect the proposed terms of reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

#### Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Client Services and Permissions Branch

135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5  
416-314-8001/1-800-461-6290

#### Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Niagara District Office

301 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor  
St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 3M8  
Tel: 905-704-3900 / Fax: 905-704-4015

#### Walker Head Office

2800 Thorold Townline Road  
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6S4  
1-866-699-9425

#### Niagara Falls Public Library

4848 Victoria Avenue  
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 4C5  
905-356-8080

The Terms of Reference (ToR) is also available online at [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)

Your written comments about the terms of reference must be received before **July 30, 2024**. All comments must be submitted to:

#### Stephen Deneault, Project Officer

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Environmental Assessment Branch  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1P5  
Tel: 437-247-3443/1-800-461-6290  
Fax: 416-314-8452

A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent for its consideration. For further information on the proposed study please contact:

#### Darren Fry, Project Director

Walker Environmental Group Inc.  
2800 Thorold Townline Rd, ON L2E 6S4  
Phone: 1-866-699-9425  
Email: [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)

All personal information included in a submission—such as name, address, telephone number and property location—is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Project Officer or the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT**  
**South Landfill Phase 2**  
**Terms of Reference**

**UPON RECEIPT, PLEASE COMPLETE  
BOXES/BLANK LINES AND RETURN TO:**

<b>Date Received</b>
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Ministry of the Environment,  
Conservation and Parks  
Environmental Assessment Branch  
**Attn: Stephen Deneault**  
**Project Officer**  
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4V 1P5  
TEL.: 437-247-3443  
EMAIL: Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca

**Proponent:** Walker Environmental Group Inc.

**EA Terms of Reference Title:** South Landfill Phase 2  
**EA Ref. No.:** 24004

**Community:** Six Nations of the Grand River  
**Contact:** Peter Graham, Consultation Supervisor  
**Tel./Fax No.:** 519-753-0665  
**Email:** LRC5@sixnations.ca

**Please check the appropriate box:**

- We will be able to provide comments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by July 30, 2024.
- We are satisfied with the proposed Terms of Reference, but wish to be involved in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment.
- We have no comments and do not require any further involvement with this proposal.

**Subject:** Walker Campus Tour Notes & Follow-up  
**Date:** Monday, July 29, 2024 at 3:21:50 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Elizabeth Duguay <EDuguay@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Peter Graham <LRCS@sixnations.ca>  
**CC:** Dawn Russell <dawnrussell@sixnations.ca>, Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>, South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
**Attachments:** 2024.07.23 - South Landfill Phase 2 EA - SNGR Campus Tour - Notes.pdf

Hi Peter,

I hope you had a nice weekend. Thank you again to you and the team for taking the time to visit our Campus last week.

Attached you'll find our notes from the session, where we've recorded some follow-up actions from our discussions for your review.

Could you kindly provide us with your team's milage information for reimbursement?

Kindest regards,  
Elizabeth

# South Landfill Phase 2 EA

## Six Nations of the Grand River Campus Tour

**Date:** July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
**Time:** 1:15 – 4:30 pm  
**Location:** Walker Resource Management Campus  
2800 Thorold Townline Rd, Niagara Falls, ON

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### Attendees:

#### Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR)

- Dawn Russell, Consultation Administrative Assistant
- Daylen Gee, Land Use Technician
- Lauren Jones, Wildlife & Stewardship Technician
- Lauren Vanderlingen, Wildlife & Stewardship Technician
- Lonny Bomberry, Director of Lands & Resources
- Peter Graham, Consultation Supervisor
- Tayler Hill, Lands & Resources Assistant Director
- Tierra Henhawk, [role/title to be confirmed by SNGR]

#### Walker

- Darren Fry, Project Director
- Elizabeth Duguay, Planning & Community Engagement Lead
- Geordie Walker, President & CEO

### Agenda:

1. Welcome & lunch
2. Walker Resource Management Campus Tour
3. Follow-up discssion

### Meeting Notes:

Comments/Questions (Actions in <i>italics</i> )	Action
Walker indicated that the organization has supported several powwows in delivering a “waste-free” event and perhaps, SNGR can consider this for next year’s Grand River Champions of Champions Pow Wow.	N/A
Organics management at SNGR was discussed; specifically, the opportunity to partner with Walker on recycling tobacco waste.	N/A
<i>Walker offered to arrange a meeting with SNGR to discuss best practices for remediation of brownfield sites.</i>	SNGR



**South Landfill Phase 2 EA**  
**SNGR Campus Tour**

Comments/Questions ( <i>Actions in italics</i> )	Action
<p>SNGR to contact Walker regarding armour stone for a monument marking the Haldimand Tract Treaty.</p>	<p>SNGR</p>
<p>During the tour, SNGR noted an abundance of phragmites at the Campus.</p> <p><i>Walker to consider invasive species removal program at the Campus.</i></p>	<p>Walker</p>
<p><i>Walker to identify opportunities for continue naturalization of Walker-owned lands on/around the Campus and consider participation opportunities with SNGR (including continuing to work with Kayanase)</i></p>	<p>Walker</p>
<p>As indicated in previous meetings, SNGR would like to review studies conducted for Phase 2 lands prior to the Southeast Quarry development to gain a better understanding of baseline conditions pre-quarry.</p> <p><i>Walker will do their best to locate these studies and provide them to SNGR.</i></p>	<p>Walker</p>
<p>During the Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) facility portion of the tour, SNGR inquired if Walker could limit the use of the safety flare at night time to minimize disruption to wildlife.</p> <p><i>Walker to further investigate whether this approach is a feasible option (i.e. use enclosed flares if possible).</i></p>	<p>Walker</p>
<p>SNGR inquired about the types of byproducts released by the RNG flare and if there are opportunities to capture any potential emissions.</p> <p>Walker is currently exploring opportunities to capture/reuse the biogenic CO2 released from the RNG facility.</p>	<p>Walker</p>
<p>On the tour, an agricultural property situated north of the Campus along Taylor Rd was pointed out as Walker-owned. SNGR asked about the barns on the property and if there is an opportunity to enhance habitats for bats/barn swallows/other wildlife.</p> <p><i>Walker to explore potential opportunities relating to habitat enhancement of the barn structures.</i></p>	<p>Walker</p>
<p><i>Walker to engage SNGR during EA fieldwork/studies (i.e., archaeology, ecology).</i></p>	<p>Walker</p>
<p>SNGR expressed interest in having Walker conduct educational activities at SNGR schools (i.e., vermicomposting, planting seedlings, etc.).</p> <p><i>Walker to reach out to Dawn Russel to coordinate possible engagements for environmental education.</i></p>	<p>Walker</p>

## South Landfill Phase 2 EA

### SNGR Campus Tour

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Comments/Questions ( <i>Actions in italics</i> )	Action
<p>Walker noted that any travel costs associated with visiting the Campus would be reimbursed.</p> <p><i>SNGR to follow-up with Walker on reimbursements associated with the South Landfill Phase 2 project.</i></p>	SNGR

End of notes.

**Subject:** RE: Walker, Terms of Reference Approval  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 8:21:22 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Peter Graham <LRCS@sixnations.ca>  
**To:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**CC:** Elizabeth Duguay <EDuguay@walkerind.com>, South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
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Hi Darren,

Thank you for the update. We look forward to continuing our discussions with Walker.

Best, Peter

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**From:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** September 17, 2024 10:00 AM  
**To:** Peter Graham <[LRCS@sixnations.ca](mailto:LRCS@sixnations.ca)>  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Duguay <[EDuguay@walkerind.com](mailto:EDuguay@walkerind.com)>; South Landfill Phase 2 <[info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)>  
**Subject:** [External] Walker, Terms of Reference Approval

Hello Peter,

I trust all is well and you're enjoying this final stint of summer.

I'm reaching out to let you know that the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has recently approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for Walker's South Landfill Phase 2 EA. I've attached a copy of the Notice of Approval for your file.

The approval of the ToR means Walker can now begin to prepare for the field work, technical studies and consultation that will occur over the coming year as outlined in the ToR. We sincerely appreciate the important input and Indigenous perspectives provided by the Consultations & Accommodations Process team during the development of the ToR. We look forward to incorporating this perspective into how we evaluate and vision the project.

I'll reach out in the coming weeks to schedule an update discussion with you and your

team. If you have any questions in the interim, please feel free to contact me directly.

Regards,  
Darren

**Darren Fry, A.Sc.T**  
Project Director  
Environmental Division

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# TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

### SUBSECTION 17.4(10)

## APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

### FOR

## THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

RE: Proponent: Walker Environmental Group Inc. (Walker)

Project: Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment

EA File No.: 24004

As provided for by subsection 17.4(10) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Terms of Reference submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on June 28, 2024 (Terms of Reference) to govern the preparation of an environmental assessment for the above-noted project, is hereby approved.

Pursuant to subsection 17.6 (1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, any environmental assessment for the above-noted project given to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks must be prepared in accordance with the Terms of Reference, as hereby approved.

### **Reasons:**

I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the Terms of Reference, will be consistent with the purpose of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the public interest for the following reasons:

1. The Terms of Reference provides that the environmental assessment will be completed using a comprehensive public, Indigenous and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The Terms of Reference provides an appropriate level of detail to confirm that the completed environmental assessment should contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of alternative methods;

3. The Terms of Reference sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed environmental assessment will be consistent with the purpose of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the public interest; and,
4. There are no outstanding issues that have not been incorporated into the Terms of Reference or that cannot be addressed during the preparation of the environmental assessment.

Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at TORONTO.

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Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
777 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

**Subject:** Notice of Minister's Decision (SNGR) - Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Terms of Reference for EA  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 3:50:51 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Deneault, Stephen (MECP) <Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca>  
**To:** sherri-lyn\_hillpierce@sixnations.ca <sherri-lyn\_hillpierce@sixnations.ca>  
**CC:** South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg, Notice of Approval ToR - Walker South Landfill Phase 2 ToR.pdf, Notification SNGR Walker South Landfill Phase 2.pdf

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Hello Six Nations of the Grand River:

Please find attached correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Kind regards,  
Stephen

**Stephen Deneault** (he/him) | Project Officer  
Environmental Assessment Services | Environmental Assessment Branch  
**Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks** | 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto,  
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Dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 at TORONTO.

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September 10, 2024

Six Nations of the Grand River  
Attn: Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill-Pierce  
Email: [sherri-lyn\\_hillpierce@sixnations.ca](mailto:sherri-lyn_hillpierce@sixnations.ca)

**RE: Notice of Approval - Terms of Reference for the Walker South Landfill  
Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Dear Six Nations of the Grand River:

Walker Environmental Group Inc. (Walker) submitted its proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Ministry of the Environment Conservation, and Parks (MECP) on June 28, 2024 for carrying out an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed expansion and continuation of landfilling operations to the east of the South Landfill in Walker's adjacent Southeast Quarry in Niagara Falls (Project).

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has approved the ToR for the preparation of the EA for the proposed Project. A copy of the Notice of Approval is attached for your reference. The approved ToR (June 2024) is posted on Walker's Project website: <https://southlandfillphase2.com/>

The next step is for Walker to prepare its EA. Additional consultation on the proposed Project will be undertaken during the preparation of the EA.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 437-247-3443 or by e-mail at [Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca](mailto:Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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Stephen Deneault  
Project Officer

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Environmental Assessment Branch

Attachment

c: Darren Fry, Walker

**Subject:** FW: Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment for Walker South Landfill Phase 2  
**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 1:11:55 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Leticia Koole <LKoole@walkerind.com>  
**To:** South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
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**From:** Peter Graham <[LRCS@sixnations.ca](mailto:LRCS@sixnations.ca)>  
**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:37 AM  
**To:** Leticia Koole <[LKoole@walkerind.com](mailto:LKoole@walkerind.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment for Walker South Landfill Phase 2

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Good morning Leticia,

Confirming receipt. We look forward to continued consultation on this EA.

Thank you, Peter

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**From:** Leticia Koole <[LKoole@walkerind.com](mailto:LKoole@walkerind.com)>  
**Sent:** October 17, 2024 10:03 AM  
**To:** Sherri-Lyn Hill <[SNGR.Chief@sixnations.ca](mailto:SNGR.Chief@sixnations.ca)>  
**Cc:** Peter Graham <[LRCS@sixnations.ca](mailto:LRCS@sixnations.ca)>; Lauren Jones <[laurenjones@sixnations.ca](mailto:laurenjones@sixnations.ca)>; Lauren Vanderlingen <[wsma@sixnations.ca](mailto:wsma@sixnations.ca)>; Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>; South Landfill Phase 2 <[info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)>  
**Subject:** [External] Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment for Walker South Landfill Phase 2

Hello Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill,

This email is to notify you that Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is formally initiating the next step in the Environmental Assessment process (the Impact Assessment) to develop Phase 2 of the South Landfill in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

A letter providing further information is attached including the Notice of Commencement of an Environmental Assessment.

It would be greatly appreciated if you can confirm receipt of this email.

Sincerely,

Leticia Koole (on behalf of Darren Fry, Project Director)

**Leticia Koole**

Project Support Specialist  
Environmental Division

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October 17, 2024

Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill  
Six Nations of the Grand River  
2498 Chiefswood Road, PO Box 5000  
Oshweken, ON N0A 1M0

Dear Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill,

**Subject: Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Walker's South Landfill (Phase 1) plays an important role in helping communities manage waste that isn't reused or recycled. It is also a key part of Walker's Resource Management Campus which includes a composting facility and renewable energy facility. As Phase 1 of our South Landfill nears its final capacity, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase of the South Landfill, Phase 2, to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy for and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an environmental assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.

On September 10, 2024, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Terms of Reference for the South Landfill Phase 2. The Terms of Reference is essentially a road map that outlines how Walker must complete the upcoming Environmental Assessment studies. Walker is now formally initiating the next step in the Environmental Assessment called the Study Phase. This step includes a wide range of scientific studies along with a series of public information and feedback sessions. A copy of the Notice of Commencement – Environmental Assessment is attached for your information.

Walker is a fifth generation, family-owned and Niagara based company. With a commitment to the environment, community, and future generations, we will consider a wide range of input as we undertake the planning process. Walker also acknowledges the unique and inherent rights, treaty rights, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples. We will work with Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation in a good way while respecting community consultation and accommodation protocols.

Your input is very important, and we value your participation in this process. We will continue to keep you and the Consultation and Accommodation Process (CAP) Team informed and engaged at each step of the EA. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the undersigned directly or visit our project website [southlandfillphase2.com](https://southlandfillphase2.com) to learn more.

Sincerely,



Darren Fry, Project Director

Phone: 1-866-699-9425

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Attachment: Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment

CC: Peter Graham, Consultation Supervisor  
Lauren Jones, Wildlife and Stewardship Manager, Lands & Resources  
Lauren Vanderlingen, Wildlife and Stewardship Technician, Lands & Resources

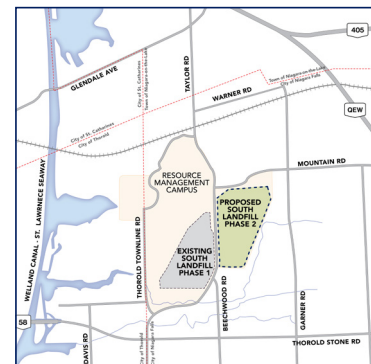
# Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment



## Walker Environmental Group

Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is beginning an environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* as part of the planning process for the next phase of its South Landfill (Phase 2). The proposed South Landfill Phase 2 will maintain the current annual fill rate of 1.1 million tonnes per year, while increasing the total capacity by approximately 18 million tonnes over the next 20 years. The type of waste accepted would remain unchanged.

South Landfill (Phase 1), an essential component of Walker's integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is nearing its final capacity. Walker is proposing to develop the next phase to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal services. Phase 2 will supply renewable energy to the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region. As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an environmental assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.



Shown: South Landfill

### The Process

On September 10, 2024, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the terms of reference for the South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment.

A copy of the approved terms of reference is available at:  
[www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)

A hard copy of the file can also be found at Walker's office located at:  
Walker Environmental Group  
2800 Thorold Townline Road  
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4  
Phone: 1-866-699-9425  
Email: [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)

This study will be carried out according to the approved terms of reference and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an environmental assessment, which will be submitted to the ministry for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed when and where the environmental assessment can be reviewed.

### Consultation

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning of the undertaking by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned throughout the planning process and will be advertised in local newspapers, on the project website [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com), by direct mail and/or electronic mail (email).

### Call for Applications: Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee for South Landfill Phase 2

Engaging the local community and considering a range of perspectives is an important part of the planning process. Walker is seeking applications from members of the public to establish a South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee to gather feedback, ideas, and local perspectives. This committee will play an important role in ensuring the next phase of the South

Landfill considers a range of perspectives from the community.

The South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment Advisory Committee will be comprised of community members, together with representatives from Walker and government agencies. Approximately six meetings will be held locally and at key project milestones.

If you are interested in participating, please contact [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com) by October 31st, 2024 to receive an application form, additional information about the committee and submission instructions.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:  
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Hi Darren,

Thanks for emailing. I confirmed receipt with Leticia last week. I'll ask Dawn to schedule a meeting with you before year's end.

Best, Peter

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**Subject:** [External] Walker, Phase EA

Hi Peter,

I trust all is well with you. I wanted to confirm you received a copy of the Notice we sent out last week. It was just a formal notice announcing the start of the EA phase now that the Terms of Reference is approved.

If you like, I would be happy to schedule a virtual meeting to provide an update on the project and overview of what will be happening in the next 6-9 months.

Let me and Leticia know if you'd like to meet and we can set something up.

Regards,  
Darren

**Darren Fry, A.Sc.T**

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H Dawn - unfortunately I'm already booked for Wed. but happy to look a some other dates.

Nya:weh,  
Darren

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Good afternoon,

I have a cancellation for next Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, please advise if the date works on your side at your earliest convenience.

Nya:weh (Thank you) much appreciated,

Dawn Russell  
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**Subject:** RE: Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 EA - Stage 1 Archeology Report

Hi Darren,

Thanks for catching that. Added. Please have Craig send the report directly to Tanya and Tierra.

Best, Peter

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**From:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
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**Cc:** craig.ramsoomair@araheritage.ca  
**Subject:** [External] Re: Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 EA - Stage 1 Archeology Report

Thanks Peter,

Craig from ARA will be sending you a copy of the Stage Report separately.

Also - I'll be sending over a letter later today which is simply a formal notice of a key interim milestone in the EA and request to meet (which we're already in the process of scheduling). Just a heads up.

Thanks and looking forward to meeting,  
Darren

Ps - I didn't see Tanya or Tierra copied on your note below.

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Hi Darren,

Thanks for getting in touch. Dawn will reach out to schedule a meeting.

I've cc'd Tanya Hill-Montour, our Archaeology Supervisor, and Tierra Henhawk, her assistant, to bring their attention to the stage 1 content (there wasn't a report attached).

Best, Peter

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**Cc:** [craig.ramsoomair@araheritage.ca](mailto:craig.ramsoomair@araheritage.ca)

**Subject:** [External] Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 EA - Stage 1 Archeology Report

Hello Peter, Dawn and Lauren,

I trust all is well and you've been enjoying this proper winter we've been having!

I'm reaching out to see if you would like to schedule some time for me to meet with the CAP Team and provide a general update on our project. I think it's been about 9 months since our last update meeting. We're also preparing for archeological and ecological field work this Spring/Summer and I want to ensure we have everything in place for SNEC/CAP Teams involvement in the fieldwork and studies.

Secondly, our Archeology consultant (ARA) has completed a Stage 1 Report (no fieldwork) and will be providing a copy to you later this week. I've copied Craig from ARA on this email. Peter - Walker will fund your teams review of this report (as previously agreed), you can send any invoices from the review to my attention.

Lauren - one of the actions we committed to following up with you on was the results of any historic archeological studies in the area or within the area that is now the active quarry. This Stage 1 Report summarizes historic studies and their results. If you'd like to discuss this further, I'm sure Craig and walk us through some of the historic studies. We're also preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of confirmatory ecological species/habitat inventories this Spring (as committed in our

response to your comments). As part of this, I'm looking for past ecological studies that were done on the site and in the vicinity. Once I've exhausted our search, I'll provide you an update.

Nya:weh,  
Darren

**Darren Fry**, A.Sc.T  
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Hi Darren,

I will review dates and be in touch when I return to my post on Monday.  
On separate note, would like share details on our Community Awareness Open House in May!

Much appreciated,

Dawn Russell  
Consultation Administrative Assistant

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**Subject:** [External] Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment – Alternative Methods Milestone

Hello Peter,

As discussed, please see the attached letter which includes a request to meet and provide an update on the above noted project.

Nya:weh,  
Darren

**Darren Fry**, A.Sc.T  
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Peter Graham, Consultation Supervisor  
Six Nations of the Grand River  
2498 Chiefswood Road, PO Box 5000  
Oshweken, ON N0A 1M0

Dear Peter Graham,

**Subject: Alternative Methods Milestone & Public Information Session Notice  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Walker's South Landfill (Phase 1) plays an important role in helping communities manage waste that isn't reused or recycled. It is also a key part of Walker's Resource Management Campus which includes a composting facility and renewable energy facility. As Phase 1 of our South Landfill nears its final capacity, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase of the South Landfill, Phase 2, to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy for and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.

***Meeting Request***

Walker acknowledges the unique and inherent rights, treaty rights, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples. As we continue to implement our commitment of meaningful and respectful engagement with Indigenous peoples, we would like to notify you of a key milestone in the above-mentioned project and would like to meet with you to share information, gather feedback and perspectives before moving to the next stage of the studies. The meeting would include the following discussion items:

- An update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Overview of the Study Area and Existing Conditions
- Review of the developed Alternative Methods
- Confirmation of the evaluation criteria and indicators to be applied to the Alternative Methods, and the evaluation methodology to be used

Additionally, we are hosting a public information session on March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm in Niagara Falls. A virtual component to the public event will be available on the project website ([www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)) from Thursday, March 6, 2025 to Friday, March 21, 2025 if you would like to review the information.

Walker is a *fifth generation, family-owned* and Niagara based company. With a commitment to the environment, community, and future generations, we will consider a wide range of input as we undertake the EA planning process. We will continue to work with Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation in a good way while respecting community consultation and accommodation protocols.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the undersigned directly or visit our project website [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com) to learn more.

Sincerely,



Darren Fry, Project Director

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**Attachment: Public Information Sessions Notice – Alternative Methods**

Cc: Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill-Pierce  
Dawn Russel, Consultation Administration Assistant  
Lauren Vanderlingen, Wildlife and Stewardship Technician, Lands & Resources



## Upcoming Public Information Session

### South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment

#### Walker Environmental Group

Walker Environmental Group (Walker) initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* as part of the planning process for the next phase of its South Landfill (Phase 2).

South Landfill (Phase 1), an essential component of Walker's integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is nearing its final capacity. Walker is proposing to develop the next phase to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal services. Phase 2 will supply renewable energy to the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

Walker is hosting a public information session to:

- Introduce Walker, its current landfill operations, and provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Inform attendees and gather feedback on:
  - the Final EA Study Area
  - Existing Conditions
- Review the Alternative Methods, the evaluation criteria, and indicators that will be used for evaluation.

The public information session will take place in-person on Tuesday, March 18 from 5-8pm at Club Italia, 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls, ON L2H 0T9.

A virtual component will be accessible online from Thursday, March 6 to Friday, March 21 at [www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com).

Walker is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable waste management solutions at its Niagara Resource Management Campus.

For more information, contact [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com).

February 27, 2025

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Good morning Kait

Thank you for sharing the stage 1 AA just for future reference we do not charge a capacity funding for assessment review. All our review is inclusive to the standard agreement we have with participation. Looks like all the people you have cc'd are environmental they are different unit with different requirements.

Nia':wen ko:wa (thankyou)

**Tanya Hill-Montour**

Six Nations of the Grand River Archaeological Supervisor  
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**Subject:** [External] ARA Report Review - Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 EA - Stage 1 Archaeology Report - SNGR

Good afternoon!

Please find attached the draft report for your review for the Stage 1 archaeological assessment for the *Southeast Landfill Expansion* (ARA Project #2022-0501).

We are hoping to receive your comments regarding the draft report by April 2, 2025, prior to our submission to the MCM. Please advise if this timeframe is not achievable for your review.

Any capacity funding invoices or agreements should be brought to the attention of Darren Fry, Walker Environmental Group at [DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com). Thank you!

Kind regards,  
Kait

**Kait Kenel M.A. (she/her)**  
**Indigenous Engagement Advisor**  
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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Under a contract awarded in February 2023, Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) carried out a Stage 1 archaeological assessment as an existing conditions report for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment in the City of Niagara Falls, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Ontario in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The proposed South Landfill Phase 2 project would see Walker Industries expand landfilling operations to their Southeast Quarry, east of Taylor Road, to maintain the current annual fill capacity rate of 1.1 million tonnes over the next 20 years. This report documents the background research and potential modelling involved in the investigation and presents conclusions and recommendations pertaining to archaeological concerns.

The Stage 1 assessment (desktop evaluation) was conducted in February 2025 under PIF #P1106-0069-2024. The investigation encompassed the entire Site Study Area (SSA). A property inspection did not occur; accordingly, no permissions were required for property access. At the time of assessment, the SSA consisted primarily of the existing quarry along with overgrown agricultural lands in the northeast and overgrown agricultural lands around a residential home in the south.

The Stage 1 assessment determined that the SSA comprises a mixture of areas of archaeological potential and areas of no archaeological potential. It is recommended that all areas of archaeological potential that could be impacted by the project be subject to a Stage 2 property assessment in accordance with Section 2.1 of the 2011 *S&Gs*.

As no property inspection was completed, no areas of the SSA can be fully exempt from further archaeological work in accordance with Section 1.4 of the 2011 *S&Gs*. Areas of no archaeological potential, such as the existing quarry, will need to be confirmed to be disturbed by visual inspection and photo-documentation during any subsequent Stage 2 property survey.

The grassed, wooded and overgrown areas and other areas where ploughing is not viable must be assessed using the test pit survey method. A survey interval of 5 m will be required due to the proximity of the lands to the identified features of archaeological potential.

Each test pit must be excavated into at least the first 5 cm of subsoil, and the resultant pits must be examined for stratigraphy, potential features and/or evidence of fill. The soil from each test pit must be screened through mesh with an aperture of no greater than 6 mm and examined for archaeological materials. If archaeological materials are encountered, all positive test pits must be documented, and intensification may be required.

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

ARA – Archaeological Research Associates Ltd.  
ASI – Archaeological Services Inc.  
MCM – Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
PIF – Project Information Form  
S&Gs – Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists

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## 1.0 PROJECT CONTEXT

### 1.1 Development Context

Under a contract awarded in February 2023, Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) carried out a Stage 1 archaeological assessment as an existing conditions report for the Walker South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment in the City of Niagara Falls, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Ontario in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The proposed South Landfill Phase 2 project would see Walker Industries expand landfilling operations to their Southeast Quarry, east of Taylor Road, to maintain the current annual fill capacity rate of 1.1 million tonnes over the next 20 years. This report documents the background research and potential modelling involved in the investigation and presents conclusions and recommendations pertaining to archaeological concerns.

The Site Study Area (SSA) consists of an irregular area covering 72.87 ha (180.06 ac) (Map 1). This parcel is generally bounded by Mountain Road in the north, wooded areas as well as open and agricultural fields in the east and south and Taylor Road (previously Beechwood Road) in the west. In legal terms, the SSA falls on part of Lots 29, 32, 48, 50, 51, 65 and 66 in the City of Niagara Falls, Regional Municipality of Niagara, Geographic Township of Stamford, Former Welland County, Ontario. The Crown obtained these lands from the Mississaugas as part of a larger purchase in 1784, but there were uncertainties relating to the description of the area involved in the surrender. The extent of the ceded territory was clarified during the Between the Lakes Purchase (Treaty 3) of 1792.

The Stage 1 assessment (desktop evaluation) was conducted in February 2025 under PIF #P1106-0069-2024. The investigation encompassed the entire SSA. A property inspection did not occur; accordingly, no permissions were required for property access. As set out in Section 1.0 of the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (S&Gs)*, the investigation was carried out to achieve the following objectives:

- Provide information about geography, history and current land conditions;
- Determine whether any previous archaeological fieldwork has been completed;
- Evaluate in detail the SSA's archaeological potential; and
- Recommend appropriate strategies for a Stage 2 assessment, if necessary.

The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) is asked to review the results and recommendations presented herein and enter the report into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. A Record of Indigenous Engagement is included in the project report package in accordance with the requirements set out in Section 7.6.2 of the 2011 *S&Gs*.

### 1.2 Historical Context

After a century of archaeological work in southern Ontario, scholarly understanding of the historic usage of the area has become very well-developed. With occupation beginning in the Palaeo period approximately 11,000 years ago, the greater vicinity of the SSA comprises a complex chronology of Indigenous and Euro-Canadian histories. Section 1.2.1 summarizes the region's settlement

history, whereas Section 1.2.2 documents the SSA’s past and present land uses. Multiple previous archaeological reports containing relevant background information were identified during the research component of this study. These reports are summarized in Section 1.3.3, and the references (including title, author and PIF number) appear in Section 6.0.

## 1.2.1 Settlement History

### 1.2.1.1 Pre-Contact

The Pre-Contact history of the region is lengthy and rich, and a variety of Indigenous groups inhabited the landscape. Archaeologists generally divide this vibrant history into three main periods: Palaeo, Archaic and Woodland. Each of these periods comprises a range of discrete sub-periods characterized by identifiable trends in material culture and settlement patterns, which are used to interpret past lifeways. The principal characteristics of these sub-periods are summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1: Pre-Contact Settlement History**  
(Wright 1972; Ellis and Ferris 1990; Warrick 2000; Munson and Jamieson 2013)

Sub-Period	Timeframe	Characteristics
Early Palaeo	9000–8400 BC	Gainey, Barnes and Crowfield traditions; Small bands; Mobile hunters and gatherers; Utilization of seasonal resources and large territories; Fluted points
Late Palaeo	8400–7500 BC	Holcombe, Hi-Lo and Lanceolate biface traditions; Continuing mobility; Campsite/Way-Station sites; Smaller territories are utilized; Non-fluted points
Early Archaic	7500–6000 BC	Side-Notched, Corner-Notched (Nettling, Thebes) and Bifurcate traditions; Growing diversity of stone tool types; Heavy woodworking tools appear (e.g., ground stone axes and chisels)
Middle Archaic	6000–2500 BC	Stemmed (Kirk, Stanly/Neville), Brewerton Side- and Corner-Notched traditions; Reliance on local resources; Populations increasing; More ritual activities; Fully ground and polished tools; Net-sinkers common; Earliest copper tools
Late Archaic	2500–900 BC	Narrow Point (Lamoka), Broad Point (Genesee) and Small Point (Crawford Knoll) traditions; Less mobility; Use of fish-weirs; True cemeteries appear; Stone pipes emerge; Long-distance trade (marine shells and galena)
Early Woodland	900–400 BC	Meadowood tradition; Crude cord-roughened ceramics emerge; Meadowood cache blades and Side-Notched points; Bands of up to 35 people
Middle Woodland	400 BC–AD 600	Saugeen tradition; Stamped ceramics appear; Saugeen projectile points; Cobble spall scrapers; Seasonal settlements and resource utilization; Post holes, hearths, middens, cemeteries and rectangular structures identified
Middle/Late Woodland Transition	AD 600–900	Princess Point tradition; Cord roughening, impressed lines and punctate designs on pottery; Adoption of maize horticulture at the western end of Lake Ontario; Oval houses and ‘incipient’ longhouses; First palisades; Villages with 75 people
Late Woodland	AD 900–1600	Area occupied by Algonquian-speaking Anishinaabeg and Iroquoian-speaking peoples such as the Pre-Contact Neutral; Early focus on the latter linguistic group identified Glen Meyer, Uren, Middleport and later traditions and tended to emphasize a linear ‘Iroquoian’ developmental sequence; There was likely a close interaction sphere between the two groups, which may have resulted in shared material culture traditions; Pre-Contact Neutral associated with large villages; Some up to 5 ha with 2,500 people; Extensive croplands; Also hamlets, cabins, camps and cemeteries; Fur trade begins ca. 1580; European trade goods appear

Although Iroquoian-speaking populations tended to leave a much more obvious mark on the archaeological record and are therefore emphasized in the Late Woodland entries above, it must be understood that Algonquian-speaking populations also represented a significant presence in

southern Ontario. Due to the sustainability of their lifeways, archaeological evidence directly associated with the Anishinaabeg remains elusive, particularly when compared to sites associated with the more sedentary agriculturalists. Many artifact scatters in southern Ontario were likely camps, chipping stations or processing areas associated with the more mobile Anishinaabeg, utilized during their travels along the local drainage basins while making use of seasonal resources. This part of southern Ontario represents the ancestral territory of various Indigenous groups, each with their own land use and settlement pattern tendencies.

### 1.2.1.2 Post-Contact

The arrival of European explorers and traders at the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century triggered widespread shifts in Indigenous lifeways and set the stage for the ensuing Euro-Canadian settlement process. Documentation for this period is abundant, ranging from the first sketches of Upper Canada and the written accounts of early explorers to detailed township maps and lengthy histories. The Post-Contact period can be effectively discussed in terms of major historical events, and the principal characteristics associated with these events are summarized in Table 2.

**Table 2: Post-Contact Settlement History**  
(Smith 1846; Coyne 1895; Powell and Coffman 1956; Lajeunesse 1960; Ellis and Ferris 1990; Surtees 1994; Hammerburg 2008; AO 2022; NFI 2015)

Historical Event	Timeframe	Characteristics
Early Exploration	Early 17 <sup>th</sup> century	Brûlé explores southern Ontario in 1610/11; Champlain travels through in 1613 and 1615/1616, making contact with a number of Indigenous groups (including the Algonquin, Huron-Wendat and other First Nations); European trade goods become increasingly common and begin to put pressure on traditional industries
Increased Contact and Conflict	Mid- to late 17 <sup>th</sup> century	Conflicts between various First Nations during the Beaver Wars result in numerous population shifts; European explorers continue to document the area, and many Indigenous groups trade directly with the French and English; ‘The Great Peace of Montreal’ treaty established between roughly 39 different First Nations and New France in 1701
Fur Trade Development	Early to mid-18 <sup>th</sup> century	Growth and spread of the fur trade; Peace between the French and English with the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713; Ethnogenesis of the Métis; Hostilities between French and British lead to the Seven Years’ War in 1754; French surrender in 1760
British Control	Mid- to late 18 <sup>th</sup> century	<i>Royal Proclamation</i> of 1763 recognizes the title of the First Nations to the land; Numerous treaties subsequently arranged by the Crown; First land cession under the new protocols is the Seneca surrender of the west side of the Niagara River in 1764; The Niagara Purchase (Treaty 381) in 1781 included this area and provided a 6.4 km wide strip of land along the Niagara River for settlement
Loyalist Influx	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> century	United Empire Loyalist influx during and after the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783); British develop interior communication routes and acquire additional lands; Between the Lakes Purchase completed with the Mississaugas in 1784 and confirmed in 1792 (Treaty 3); <i>Constitutional Act</i> of 1791 creates Upper and Lower Canada
County Development	Early to mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century	Became part of Lincoln County’s ‘Second Riding’ in 1792; Became part of the Niagara District in 1798; Lincoln County reduced in size in 1816 with the formation of Wentworth County to the west; Welland Canal was a major feature, conceived by W.H. Merritt and opened in 1829; Lincoln County reduced in size again in 1845 with the formation of Welland County to the south; Independent after the abolition of the district system in 1849

Historical Event	Timeframe	Characteristics
Township Formation	Late 18 <sup>th</sup> to early 19 <sup>th</sup> century	The Township of Stamford was first allotted to approximately 12 families, and the earliest settlers included the Cooks and the Durhams from New Jersey in 1776; Philip George Bender and his family became the first settlers near Niagara Falls in 1782; Other members of Col. John Butler's Rangers and United Empire Loyalists arrived in 1784; The township was formerly called Mount Dorchester or Township No. 2, as it was the second township surveyed after Niagara; Philip Frey conducted the township survey in 1787, and Simcoe renamed it 'Stamford'
Township Development	Mid-19 <sup>th</sup> to early 20 <sup>th</sup> century	By the mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century, Stamford had a population of 2,636 comprising a mixture of Canadians, English, Irish, Scottish and Americans; Approximately 8,923 ha taken up in the township by 1846, 4,574 ha of which were under cultivation; Three grist mills in operation at that time; Traversed by the Great Western Railway (1853), the Erie & Ontario Railway (1854), the Great Western Railway's Canada Air Line (1873); the Canada Southern Railway's Montrose Branch (1883) and the St. Catharines & Niagara Central Railway (1887); Principal communities at Stamford, Clifton and Drummondville

## 1.2.2 Past and Present Land Use

### 1.2.2.1 Overview

During Pre-Contact and Early Contact times, the vicinity of the SSA would have comprised a mixture of coniferous trees, deciduous trees and open areas. Indigenous communities actively utilized the land and its resources well into Post-Contact times, and they would have managed the landscape to varying degrees (e.g., establishing clearings for campsites, plant cultivation, etc.). During the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Euro-Canadian settlers arrived in the area and began to clear the forests for agricultural and settlement purposes. The SSA is not near a historical community but is adjacent to present-day Taylor/Beechwood Road and Mountain Road, which are both historical thoroughfares. The land use at the time of assessment can be classified as infrastructural (quarry), formerly agricultural (overgrown fields) and residential (residence and driveway).

### 1.2.2.2 Mapping and Imagery Analysis

In order to gain a general understanding of the SSA's past land uses, four historical settlement maps, one geological map and one aerial image were examined during the research component of the study. Specifically, the following resources were consulted:

- *Stamford Patent Plan* (No Date) (AO 2015);
- *Tremaine's Map of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, Canada West* (1862) (OHCMP 2019);
- *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, Ont.* (1876) (MU 2001);
- Topographic maps from 1908 and 1938 (OCUL 2025); and
- Aerial images from 1954, 1971, 1995, 2006, 2009 and 2017 (BU 2025; UofT 2025; GE 2025a; GE 2025b).

The limits of the SSA are shown on georeferenced versions of the consulted historical resources in Map 2-Map 11. A summary of the identified historical occupants appears in Table 3.

**Table 3: Occupation History**

Lot	Patent Plan (No Date)	1864	1877
29	Adam Hutt	Richard Woodruff	No Occupant Listed
32	Robert Campbell	William B. Hendershot	W. Richardson
48	John Mitlar	David Ord	D. Munroe
50	John Mitlar	Jacob Seburn (East)	Mr. Seburn (East)
51	Stephen Seburn	Thomas Grinville	T. Grenville
65	Frederick Lampman	Jacob Seburn (West)	J. Garner (Northwest) M. Brady (Southwest)
66	George Hoover	George Hoover	George Hoover

The *Stamford* Patent Plan (No Date) was initiated on a copy of an original survey plan and updated with patent information until the records were transferred to the Archives of Ontario. It indicates the original patentees for each lot in the SSA (Map 2). This plan indicates that Ten Mile Creek traverses the SSA.

*Tremaine's Map of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, Canada West* (1862) depicts Ten Mile Creek traversing Lot 51 in the southern portion of the SSA (Map 3). The historically surveyed thoroughfares of present-day Taylor/Beechwood Road to the west, present-day Mountain Road to the north and Garner Road to the east are also present. No structures are depicted in the vicinity of the SSA. This publication only included information for its subscribers, however, so the absence of structures on the other properties is a full indication that the subject lands were vacant or otherwise unimproved.

The *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, Ont.* (1876) indicates two farmsteads are present on Lots 32 and 48 within the SSA and one additional farmstead is depicted to the west of the SSA on Lot 51 along present-day Taylor Road. The other lots either have no farmsteads illustrated, or associated farmsteads are not within the vicinity of the SSA. Ten Mile Creek remains traversing Lot 51 in the south portion of the SSA.

The topographic map from 1908 depicts the SSA as within cleared lands. The surrounding landscape appears well-settled with various wooden (black) structures and a single red (brick) structure fronting nearby roadways (Map 5). Six structures are present within or near the SSA, three of which correlate with the structures indicated on the 1876 map. The course of Ten Mile Creek in 1908 differs from the earlier historic maps as a result of mapping inaccuracies, as the 1938 map indicates a route closer to previous illustrations (Map 5). The topographic map from 1938 indicates the SSA is still within primarily cleared land, though there is a noticeable increase in wooded areas. The surrounding landscape is even more settled with several new wooden structures present within the SSA.

The aerial imagery from 1954 depicts the SSA as entirely agricultural and the original quarry established far to the northwest (Map 6). Between 1971 and 1996, the quarry has been expanded, reaching present-day Taylor/Beechwood Road Road (Map 7–Map 8). By 2006, the initial stages of the quarry expansion into the SSA had begun in the northwest, with Ten Mile Creek diverted to the south of the SSA (Map 9). There is a significant expansion of the quarry evident by 2009,

reaching its present-day limits by 2017, resulting in deep and extensive disturbance to much of the SSA (Map 10–Map 11).

### 1.3 Archaeological Context

The Stage 1 assessment (desktop evaluation) was conducted in February 2025 under PIF #P1106-0069-2024. The limits of the SSA were confirmed using aerial imagery showing physical features in relation to the subject lands.

The archaeological context of any given SSA must be informed by 1) the condition of the property as found (Section 1.3.1), 2) a summary of registered or known archaeological sites located within a minimum 1 km radius (Section 1.3.2) and 3) descriptions of previous archaeological fieldwork carried out within the limits of, or immediately adjacent to the property (Section 1.3.3).

#### 1.3.1 Condition of the Property

The SSA lies within the deciduous forest region, which is the southernmost forest region in Ontario and is dominated by agricultural and urban areas. This region generally has the greatest diversity of tree and vegetation species, while at the same time having the lowest proportion of forest. It has most of the tree and shrub species found in the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence forest (e.g., white pine, red pine, hemlock, white cedar, yellow birch, sugar and red maples, basswood and red oak), and also contains black walnut, butternut, tulip, magnolia, black gum, many types of oaks, hickories, sassafras and red bud (MNRF 2025).

In terms of local physiography, the subject lands fall within the Niagara Escarpment in the north and the Haldimand Clay Plain in the south. The Niagara Escarpment extends from the Niagara River to the northern tip of the Bruce Peninsula and continues through the Manitoulin Islands. This area is characterized by vertical cliffs along the brow, carved slopes below and flaking landscapes of glacial origin. Although highly visible within the Niagara Peninsula and along Georgian Bay, the slopes are mantled by morainic deposits in the intervening area and long stretches of the escarpment are hidden. Between Queenston and Ancaster, the escarpment is a simple topographic break separating the two levels of the Niagara Peninsula (Chapman and Putnam 1984:114–122).

The Haldimand Clay Plain consists of a series of parallel clay belts deposited during the time of glacial Lake Warren. This region occupies all of the Niagara Peninsula above the escarpment, and covers an area of roughly 3,500 sq. km. Although it was all once submerged, the till is not entirely buried by the stratified clay and comes to the surface on the low morainic ridges in the north (Chapman and Putnam 1984:156–157). According to the Ontario Soil Survey, the SSA consists of Beverly, Peel and Alluvial soils. The characteristics of the soil types are summarized in Table 4 (OAC 1935; Kingston and Presant 1989; Map 12).

**Table 4: Soil Types**

Soil Code	Soil Type	Parent Materials	Drainage
BVY	Beverly silty clay	Mainly lacustrine silty clay	Imperfect
ALU	Alluvium	Variable floodplain deposits on an active floodplain	Variable
PE	Peel silty clay	40 to 100 cm lacustrine silty clay over clay loam till	Imperfect

The subject lands fall within the Ten Mile Creek watershed, which is under the jurisdiction of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA 2025). Specifically, the SSA is adjacent to and within 109 m of components of the Ten Mile Creek Wetland Complex and is also northwest of the Shiners Creek Wetland Complex. At the time of assessment, the SSA consisted primarily of the existing quarry along with overgrown agricultural lands in the northeast and overgrown agricultural lands around a residential home in the south.

### 1.3.2 Registered or Known Archaeological Sites

The Ontario Archaeological Sites Database (OASD) and the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports were consulted to determine whether any registered or known archaeological resources occur within a 1 km radius of the SSA. The available search facility returned 43 registered and 16 unregistered sites located within at least a 1 km radius (the facility returns sites in a rectangular area, rather than a radius, potentially resulting in results beyond the specified distance). The sites are summarized in Table 5.

**Table 5: Registered Archaeological Sites within 1 km**

Borden No.	Site Name / Identifier	Time Period	Affinity	Site Type	Distance from SSA
AgGs-66	Walker Brothers 1	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	Within
AgGs-68	Walker Brothers 3	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	Within
AgGs-69	Walker Brothers 4	Woodland, Early	Indigenous	Findspot	Within
AgGs-73	Walker Brothers 8	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	Within
AgGs-74	Walker Brothers 9	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	Within
AgGs-76	Walker Brothers 10	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot, Homestead	Within
AgGs-77	Walker Brothers 11	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Homestead	Within
AgGs-78	Walker Brothers 12	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Unknown	Within
Unregistered	H1 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot	Within
Unregistered	H12 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot	Within
Unregistered	H13 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot	Within
Unregistered	H2 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Scatter	Within
Unregistered	H3 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Scatter	Within
Unregistered	H7 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Scatter	Within
Unregistered	P6 (Licence #88-17)	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	Within
AgGs-67	Walker Brothers 2	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	50 m–300 m
AgGs-70	Walker Brothers 5	Woodland, Late	Indigenous	Findspot	50 m–300 m
AgGs-71	Walker Brothers 6	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Other, Camp/Campsite	50 m–300 m
AgGs-72	Walker Brothers 7	Archaic, Middle	Indigenous		50 m–300 m
AgGt-111	Huson	Archaic, Early	Indigenous	Other, Camp/Campsite	50 m–300 m
Unregistered	H11 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot	50 m–300 m
Unregistered	H15 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot	50 m–300 m
Unregistered	H4 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot	50 m–300 m
Unregistered	H5 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Findspot	50 m–300 m
Unregistered	P6 (Licence #88-17)	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	50 m–300 m
AgGt-65	Walker Brothers 13	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	300 m–1 km
AgGt-66	Walker Brothers 14	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Unknown	300 m–1 km
AgGt-67	Walker Brothers 15	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	300 m–1 km
AgGs-65	-	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	300 m–1 km

Borden No.	Site Name / Identifier	Time Period	Affinity	Site Type	Distance from SSA
AgGt-112	-	Archaic	Indigenous	Other, Camp/Campsite, Scatter	300 m–1 km
AgGs-250	Find 3	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Unknown	300 m–1 km
AgGs-276	Yerba	Paleo, Late	Unspecified	Scatter	300 m–1 km
Unregistered	P11 (Licence #88-17)	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	300 m–1 km
Unregistered	H8 (Licence #88-17)	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Scatter	300 m–1 km
Unregistered	P3 (Licence #88-17)	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	300 m–1 km
Unregistered	P1 (CIF #2001-025-016)	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	300 m–1 km
AgGt-46	-	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	> 1 km
AgGt-47	-	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	> 1 km
AgGt-48	-	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified	> 1 km
AgGt-73	-	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGt-74	-	Archaic, Middle	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGt-75	-	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGt-76	-	Woodland, Late	Indigenous, Iroquoian	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGt-77	-	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGt-243	Henry 1	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Scatter	> 1 km
AgGt-244	Henry 2	Archaic, Middle	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGt-245	Fuller Site	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Homestead	> 1 km
AgGt-246	Bouk Site	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Unknown, Farmstead	> 1 km
AgGt-247	Patterson Site	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Farmstead	> 1 km
AgGt-248	Kenny O'Leary Site	Post-Contact	Unspecified	Unknown	> 1 km
AgGs-57	John Johnson Homestead	Post-Contact	Euro-Canadian	Homestead	> 1 km
AgGs-58	Mount Carmel 2	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGs-59	Mount Carmel 3	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGs-60	Mount Carmel 4	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGs-61	Mount Carmel 5	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGs-62	Mount Carmel 6	Archaic, Middle	Indigenous	Findspot	> 1 km
AgGs-63	-	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Unknown	> 1 km
AgGs-64	-	Pre-Contact	Indigenous	Scatter	> 1 km
AgGs-249	Find 1	Woodland, Early	Indigenous	Unknown	> 1 km

A total of fifteen of these previously identified registered and unregistered sites are located within the SSA, and ten of them fall within 300 m. As relevant archaeological resources that could impact fieldwork strategy decisions and recommendations, sites identified by archaeological assessments within the SSA or adjacent lands will be discussed in Section 1.3.3. The remaining sites are further than 300 m and represent more distant archaeological resources.

### 1.3.3 Previous Archaeological Work

A review of available archaeological management plans and/or other archaeological potential mapping was undertaken to inform the assessment process. Specifically, the Regional Municipality of Niagara's *Archaeological Management Plan* was examined for information that could influence the choice of fieldwork techniques or recommendations (Niagara Region 2024). The associated mapping indicates that the southern section of the SSA has archaeological potential (Map 13).

Reports documenting assessments conducted within the SSA and assessments that resulted in the discovery of sites within adjacent lands were sought during the research component of the study.

In order to ensure that all relevant past work was identified, an investigation was launched to identify reports involving assessments within 50 m of the SSA. The investigation determined that there are multiple available reports documenting previous archaeological fieldwork within the specified distance (Map 14). The relevant results and recommendations are summarized below as required by Section 7.5.8 Standards 4–5 of the 2011 *S&Gs*.

### 1.3.3.1 Unlicensed Quarry Property, Phase 1 and 2 (Stage 1-4)

In 1988, ASI Heritage Inc (ASI) conducted the equivalent of Stage 1-2 assessments prior to the establishment of the present-day quarry within the SSA under Licence #88-17 (ASI 1988). The subject land comprised 12 agricultural fields, with each area assessed through pedestrian survey at 5-metre intervals or, where ploughing was not feasible, test pit survey at 5-metre intervals. The assessment of these fields resulted in the identification of 15 Euro-Canadian and 15 Indigenous sites. Three of the 30 sites were recommended for further work. Details on the sites are provided in Table 6.

**Table 6: Walker Brothers Quarry Site Summary (Stage 1 and 2)**

Site Name / Identifier	Affinity	Site Description	Recommendation
H1	Euro-Canadian	Small scatter of primarily 20 <sup>th</sup> century material	No further work
H2	Euro-Canadian	Diffuse scatter of 20 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts covering 2,000 m <sup>2</sup>	No further work
H3	Euro-Canadian	20 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts and structural remains of a wood framed house present on a map from 1907	No further work
H4	Euro-Canadian	Post-1920 artifacts covering 30 m <sup>2</sup>	No further work
H5	Euro-Canadian	Scatter of recently deposited modern material covering 16 m <sup>2</sup>	No further work
H6/Walker Brothers 11 (AgGs-77)	Euro-Canadian	Two scatters of 20 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts situated around remains of a house, outbuilding and stable/barn.	No further work
H7	Euro-Canadian	Twelve fragments of 20 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts	No further work
H8	Euro-Canadian	Primarily 20 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts with several scattered mid-19 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts covering 4,000 m <sup>2</sup>	No further work
H9/Walker Brothers 10 (AgGs-76)	Euro-Canadian	Scatter of early 19 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts covering 100 m <sup>2</sup>	Stage 3 assessment
H10/Walker Brothers 14 (AgGt-66)	Euro-Canadian	Fifteen fragments of early to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century and 20 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts covering 100 m <sup>2</sup>	No further work
H11	Euro-Canadian	House foundation (11 x 8 m) and associated 20 <sup>th</sup> century refuse (Snyder family home)	No further work
H12	Euro-Canadian	Eight fragments of 19 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts	No further work
H13	Euro-Canadian	Twenty-five fragments of 20 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts	No further work
H14/Walker Brothers 12 (AgGs-78)	Euro-Canadian	Small diffuse scatter of early to later 19 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts covering 1500 m <sup>2</sup>	No further work
H15	Euro-Canadian	Two late 19 <sup>th</sup> century artifacts	No further work
P1/Walker Brothers 1 (AgGs-66)	Indigenous	Retouched side scraper	No further work
P2/Walker Brothers 15 (AgGt-67)	Indigenous	One biface fragment and two flakes of Onondaga Chert	No further work
P3	Indigenous	Two flakes of Onondaga Chert	No further work
P4	Indigenous	Large triangular-shaped flake of Onondaga Chert	No further work
P5/Walker Brothers 2 (AgGs-67)	Indigenous	Broken projectile point fragment	Further work
P6	Indigenous	Single flake of Onondaga Chert	No further work
P7/Walker Brothers 3 (AgGs-68)	Indigenous	Large biface of Ancaster Chert	No further work

Site Name / Identifier	Affinity	Site Description	Recommendation
P8/Walker Brothers 4 (AgGs-69)	Indigenous	Broken Adena-like projectile point	No further work
P9/Walker Brothers 9 (AgGs-74)	Indigenous	Large fragment of a bifacial tool	No further work
P10/Walker Brothers 5 (AgGs-70)	Indigenous	Late Woodland triangular point fragment	No further work
P11	Indigenous	Large chunk of unworked Onondaga Chert	No further work
P12/Walker Brothers 13 (AgGt-65)	Indigenous	Single biface fragment	No further work
P13/Walker Brothers 6 (AgGs-71)	Indigenous	11 flakes of Onondaga Chert distributed over a 100 m <sup>2</sup> area	Stage 3 assessment
Walker Brothers 7 P14 (AgGs-72)	Indigenous	Brewerton side-notched point of Bois Blanc Chert	No further work
Walker Brothers 8 P15 (AgGs-73)	Indigenous	Biface fragment, scraper and retouched flake of Onondaga Chert	No further work

In 1989, ASI conducted further archaeological assessments of sites P13 (AgGs-71) and H9 Cordelia Site (AgGs-76) and revisited P5 (AgGs-67) under Licence #89-130B conducting activities that are the equivalent of current Stage 2-4 assessments (ASI 1989). Twelve test units were excavated at P13 (AgGs-71) but the assessment did not identify any additional archaeological resources. H9 Cordelia Site (AgGs-76) was subject to mechanical topsoil removal, which resulted in the identification and excavation of five subsurface features which were either devoid of artifacts or comprised of refuse pits containing 19th-century Euro-Canadian artifacts. P5 (AgGs-67) was intensified with a pedestrian survey at 1 m intervals, but no further archaeological resources were identified. No further work was recommended for any of these three sites, and the subject property was considered clear of further archaeological concerns.

The assessed areas overlap the current SSA excluding the southern extent. Methodology and mapping of the assessment does not meet current provincial standards (i.e., unclear intensification methodology, no mapping of methodology), and the overlapping area remains of further archaeological concern. The current status of the sites within the SSA (Walker Brothers 1, 3, 4, 8-12) are unknown but have likely been heavily impacted by the operation of the quarry.

### 1.3.3.2 Mountain Road Realignment (Stage 1-4)

In 2001, ASI conducted a Stage 1-2 assessment for the proposed realignment of Mountain Road from Beechwood Road to Townline Road under CIF #2001-025-016 (ASI 2002). The corridor was assessed through pedestrian and test pit survey at intervals of 5 m. Two locations of archaeological materials were identified: the P1 and Huson (AgGt-111) sites. P1 comprised a single Indigenous lithic artifact. The Huson Site (AgGt-111) comprised 108 Indigenous lithics within eight test pits. During a subsequent Stage 3 assessment, 22 one-metre-square test units were excavated in the area of the positive test pits, and the precise provenience of almost all of the 6,693 Indigenous artifacts recovered was recorded. Measuring approximately 50 square metres, the Huson site (AgGt-111) was determined to represent a significant archaeological resource and recommended for either Stage 4 avoidance and protection or excavation prior to any disturbance within this portion of the right-of-way (ASI 2002).

In 2002, a Stage 4 mitigation of the Huson Site (AgGt-111) was conducted by ASI under CIF #2001-025-020 (ASI 2004). The Huson site comprised a small, dense and relatively undisturbed concentration of Onondaga chert artifacts. A total of 9,407 artifacts (9,380 pieces of lithic debitage, 27 lithic tools, and one fish vertebra) were recovered from 60 excavation units. Most of this material was recovered during trowel excavation of the central part grid with the precise provenience of the artifacts recorded. Diagnostic tools recovered suggest the site dated to the Early Archaic period (ASI 2004). The Huson Site has been fully mitigated and no further work is required.

#### *1.3.3.3 Walker Waste Disposal (Stage 1)*

In 2005, ASI conducted a Stage 1 assessment under PIF #P057-138 as part of the Environmental Assessment for the expansion of the Walker Industries landfill facility into the South Quarry (ASI 2005a). The SSA comprised the extant quarry and its haul route, most of which were previously subjected to Stage 2 assessment prior to their development and disturbance (ASI 1988; ASI 1989; ASI 2002; ASI 2004). The assessment determined the entire SSA had been previously disturbed, and no further work was recommended.

#### *1.3.3.4 Regional Road 70 Re-Alignment (Stage 1 and 2)*

In November 2005, ASI conducted a Stage 1 assessment for the proposed re-alignment of Regional Road 70 (Taylor/Beechwood Road) between Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road) and the Canadian National Rail Tracks under PIF #P057-205 (ASI 2005b). The assessment determined that the SSA comprised a mix of areas of archaeological potential and areas of no archaeological potential. A Stage 2 assessment was recommended for areas with archaeological potential.

In 2006, ASI conducted a Stage 2 assessment under PIF #P057-252-2006 (ASI 2006). The assessment resulted in the identification of three locations of Indigenous archaeological material: P1, P2/Yerba Site (AgGs-276) and P3. A single Indigenous lithic was recovered from both P1 and P3. A total of nine Indigenous lithic artifacts covering a 55 x 14 m area were recovered from the Yerba Site (AgGs-276), including a Late Archaic Adder Orchard projectile point (ASI 2006). Due to the isolated and undiagnostic nature of findspots P1 and P3, these sites were not recommended for further work. The Yerba site (AgGs-276) was determined to require a Stage 3 assessment.

Between 2007 and 2008, ASI conducted a Stage 3 assessment of the Yerba site (AgGs-276) under PIF #P057-376-2007 and P264-006-2008 (ASI 2008a). It was subject to a controlled-surface pick up and the excavation of 43 one-metre-squared test units. All together, a total of 160 non-diagnostic Indigenous artifacts were recovered and no further work was recommended.

#### *1.3.3.5 Mountain Rd between Taylor Rd and Kalar Rd (Stage 2)*

In 2006, ASI conducted a Stage 2 assessment as part of the improvements to Mountain Road (RR 101) between Taylor Road (RR 70) and Kalar Road (RR 98) under PIF #P223-002-2008 (ASI 2008b). Areas of archaeological potential on the north and south sides of Mountain Road were subject to test pit survey at 5 m intervals. A single Indigenous lithic biface fragment of Selkirk chert was recovered and recorded as Site P1 (AgGs-323), but it was not recommended for further work.

## **2.0 STAGE 1 BACKGROUND STUDY**

### **2.1 Background**

With occupation beginning approximately 11,000 years ago, the greater vicinity of the SSA comprises a complex chronology of Pre-Contact and Post-Contact histories (Section 1.2). Artifacts associated with Palaeo, Archaic, Woodland and Early Contact traditions are well-attested in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, and Euro-Canadian archaeological sites dating to pre-1900 and post-1900 contexts are likewise common. The presence of 59 previously identified registered and unregistered archaeological sites in the surrounding area demonstrates the desirability of this locality for early settlement (Section 1.3.2). The investigation confirmed that fifteen of these sites extended into the SSA. Their current status is unknown but have been likely impacted by the quarry operations. Background research identified multiple areas of previous assessment within or abutting the SSA (Section 1.3.3).

The natural environment of the SSA would have been attractive to both Indigenous and Euro-Canadian populations as a result of its proximity to Ten Mile Creek, which once traversed the SSA. The diverse local vegetation would have encouraged settlement throughout Ontario's lengthy history. Euro-Canadian populations would have been particularly drawn to Mountain Road, Taylor/Beechwood Road and Garner Road, all of which were historically surveyed thoroughfares.

In summary, the background study included an up-to-date listing of sites from the Ontario Archaeological Sites Database (within at least a 1 km radius), the consideration of previous local archaeological fieldwork (within at least a 50 m radius), the analysis of historic maps (at the most detailed scale available) and the study of aerial images. ARA therefore confirms that the standards for background research set out in Section 1.1 of the 2011 *S&Gs* were met.

### **2.2 Field Methods (Property Inspection)**

The SSA was not subject to a property inspection, as the corpus of available imagery, topographic mapping and digital environmental data provided abundant information concerning current land conditions. This information was of a scale and detail that allowed for the accurate evaluation of the presence and character of features of potential, and no greater level of detail was needed to make appropriate Stage 2 recommendations. The results of ARA's archaeological potential modelling are discussed below.

### **2.3 Analysis and Conclusions**

In addition to relevant historical sources and the results of past archaeological assessments, the archaeological potential of a property can be assessed using its soils, hydrology and landforms as considerations. Section 1.3.1 of the 2011 *S&Gs* recognizes the following features or characteristics as indicators of archaeological potential: previously identified sites, water sources (past and present), elevated topography, pockets of well-drained sandy soil, distinctive land formations, resource areas, areas of Euro-Canadian settlement, early transportation routes, listed or designated properties, historic landmarks or sites, and areas that local histories or informants have identified with possible sites, events, activities or occupations.

The Stage 1 assessment resulted in the identification of numerous features of archaeological potential in the vicinity of the SSA (Map 15; SD Map 1). The closest and most relevant indicators of archaeological potential (i.e., those that would directly affect survey interval requirements) include 59 previously identified registered and unregistered archaeological sites (e.g., Walker Brothers 1-15 and Huson sites), one historical water source (Ten Mile Creek), two wetlands (Shriners Creek and Ten Mile Creek Wetland Complexes), three historic roadways (Taylor/Beechwood Road, Mountain Road and Garner Road) and three historic structure localities (19<sup>th</sup>-century farmsteads). Background research did not identify any features indicating that the SSA had the potential for deeply buried archaeological resources.

The Regional Municipality of Niagara's *Archaeological Management Plan* indicates that the southern extent of the SSA has archaeological potential (Map 13). However, this modelling was not the result of a property-specific assessment and, therefore, does not fully account for land-use history and current conditions.

Although proximity to a feature of archaeological potential is a significant factor in the potential modelling process, current land conditions must also be considered. Section 1.3.2 of the 2011 *S&Gs* emphasizes that 1) quarrying, 2) major landscaping involving grading below topsoil, 3) building footprints and 4) sewage/infrastructure development can result in the removal of archaeological potential, and Section 2.1 states that 1) permanently wet areas, 2) exposed bedrock and 3) steep slopes (> 20°) in areas unlikely to contain pictographs or petroglyphs can also be evaluated as having no or low archaeological potential. Areas previously assessed not recommended for further work also require no further assessment.

ARA's desktop evaluation, coupled with the analysis of historical sources and digital environmental data, resulted in the identification of areas of no archaeological potential within the remaining lands. Specifically, deep land alterations have resulted in the removal of archaeological potential from the previously quarried land within the SSA. These areas have clearly been impacted by past earth-moving/construction activities, resulting in the disturbance of the original soils. Conditions of these lands will need to be confirmed during subsequent property assessments.

The remainder of the SSA in the south retains potential for Indigenous and Euro-Canadian archaeological materials or requires test pit survey to confirm that they have no archaeological potential. The areas of archaeological potential include grassed areas and overgrown/wooded areas.

Most of the SSA was previously assessed in the late 1980s, aside from the southern extent (ASI 1988; 1989). Methodology and mapping of the assessment does not meet current provincial standards (i.e., unclear intensification methodology, no mapping of methodology), and the overlapping area remains of further archaeological concern. Fifteen of the thirty sites identified are potentially located in the SSA. These were identified prior to current standards and their current status is unknown. Their status will need to be re-assessed and confirmed through visual inspection if impacted by the quarry or, in areas not impacted, re-located and re-evaluated through current standards.

In summary, the Stage 1 assessment determined that the SSA comprises a mixture of areas of archaeological potential, areas of no archaeological potential and previously assessed lands of further archaeological concern. The potential modelling results are presented in Map 16. The SSA is depicted as a layer in these maps.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Stage 1 assessment determined that the SSA comprises a mixture of areas of archaeological potential and areas of no archaeological potential. It is recommended that all areas of archaeological potential that could be impacted by the project be subject to a Stage 2 property assessment in accordance with Section 2.1 of the 2011 S&Gs.

As no property inspection was completed, no areas of the SSA can be fully exempt from further archaeological work in accordance with Section 1.4 of the 2011 S&Gs. Areas of no archaeological potential, such as the existing quarry, will need to be confirmed to be disturbed by visual inspection and photo-documentation during any subsequent Stage 2 property survey.

The grassed, wooded and overgrown areas and other areas where ploughing is not viable must be assessed using the test pit survey method. A survey interval of 5 m will be required due to the proximity of the lands to the identified features of archaeological potential.

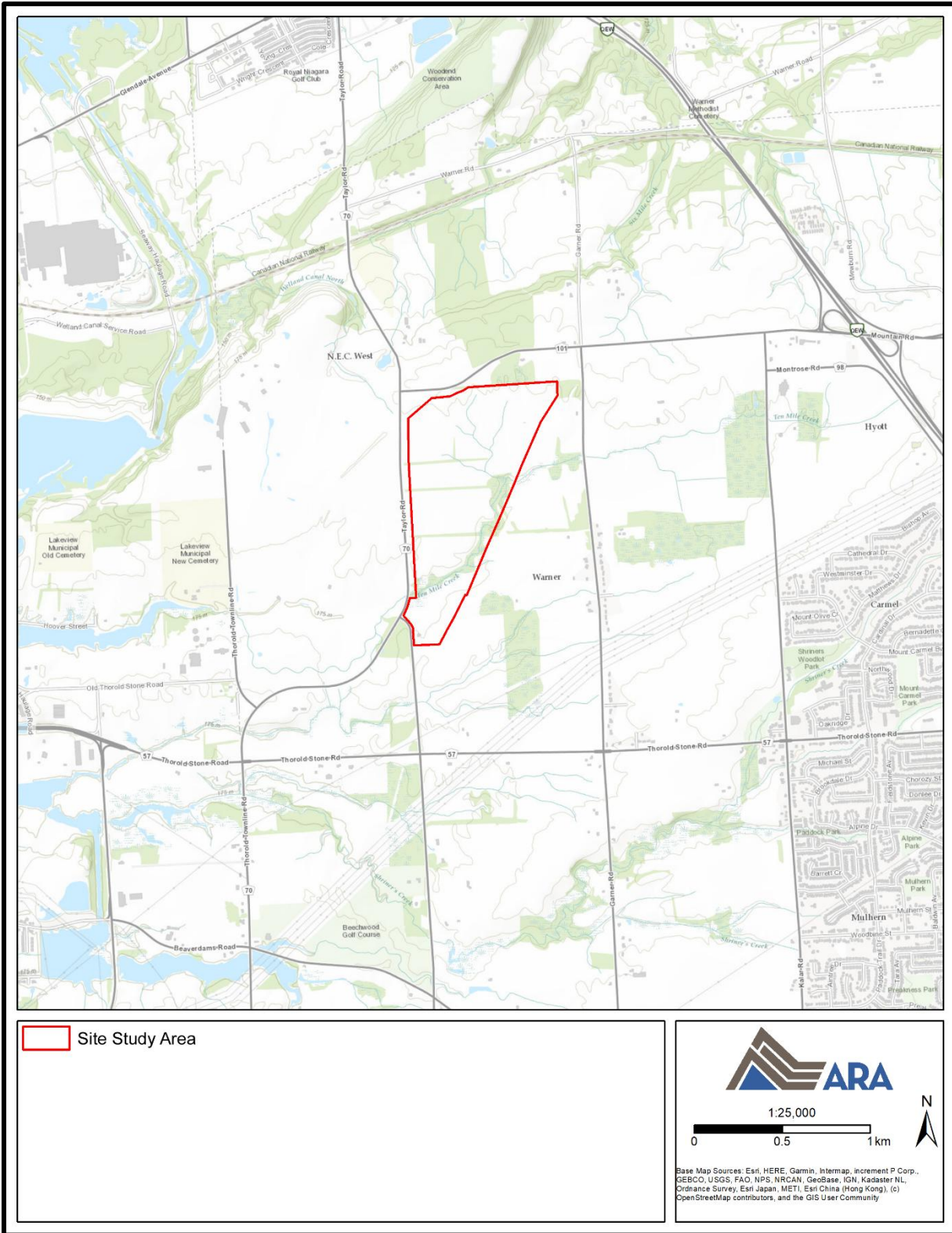
Each test pit must be excavated into at least the first 5 cm of subsoil, and the resultant pits must be examined for stratigraphy, potential features and/or evidence of fill. The soil from each test pit must be screened through mesh with an aperture of no greater than 6 mm and examined for archaeological materials. If archaeological materials are encountered, all positive test pits must be documented, and intensification may be required.

## 4.0 ADVICE ON COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION

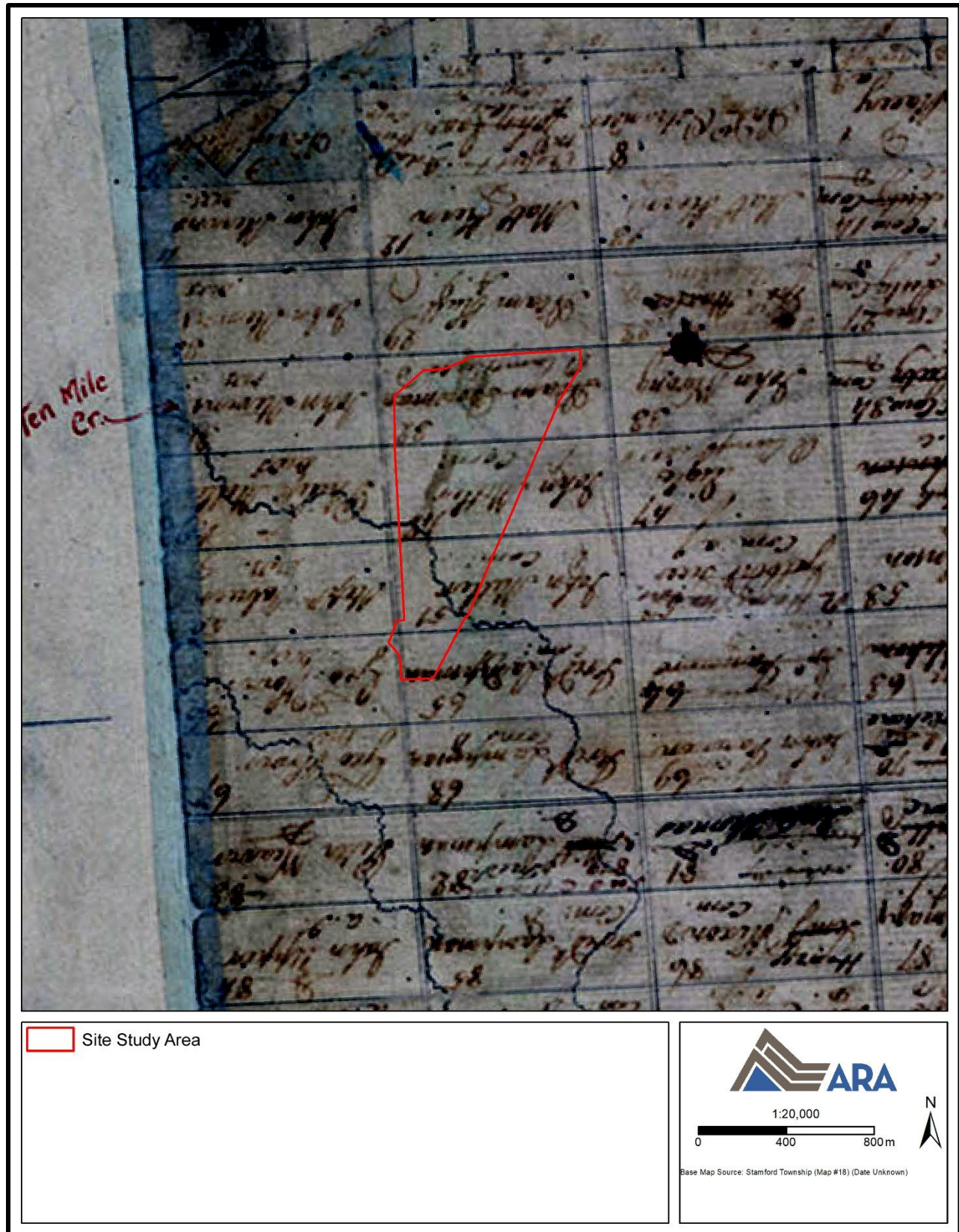
Section 7.5.9 of the 2011 *S&Gs* requires that the following information be provided for the benefit of the proponent and approval authority in the land use planning and development process:

- This report is submitted to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18. The report is reviewed to ensure that it complies with the standards and guidelines that are issued by the Minister, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations ensure the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario. When all matters relating to archaeological sites within the project area of a development proposal have been addressed to the satisfaction of the MCM, a letter will be issued by the ministry stating that there are no further concerns with regard to alterations to archaeological sites by the proposed development.
- It is an offence under Sections 48 and 69 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* for any party other than a licensed archaeologist to make any alteration to a known archaeological site or to remove any artifact or other physical evidence of past human use or activity from the site, until such time as a licensed archaeologist has completed archaeological fieldwork on the site, submitted a report to the Minister stating that the site has no further cultural heritage value or interest, and the report has been filed in the Ontario Public Register of Archaeology Reports referred to in Section 65.1 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
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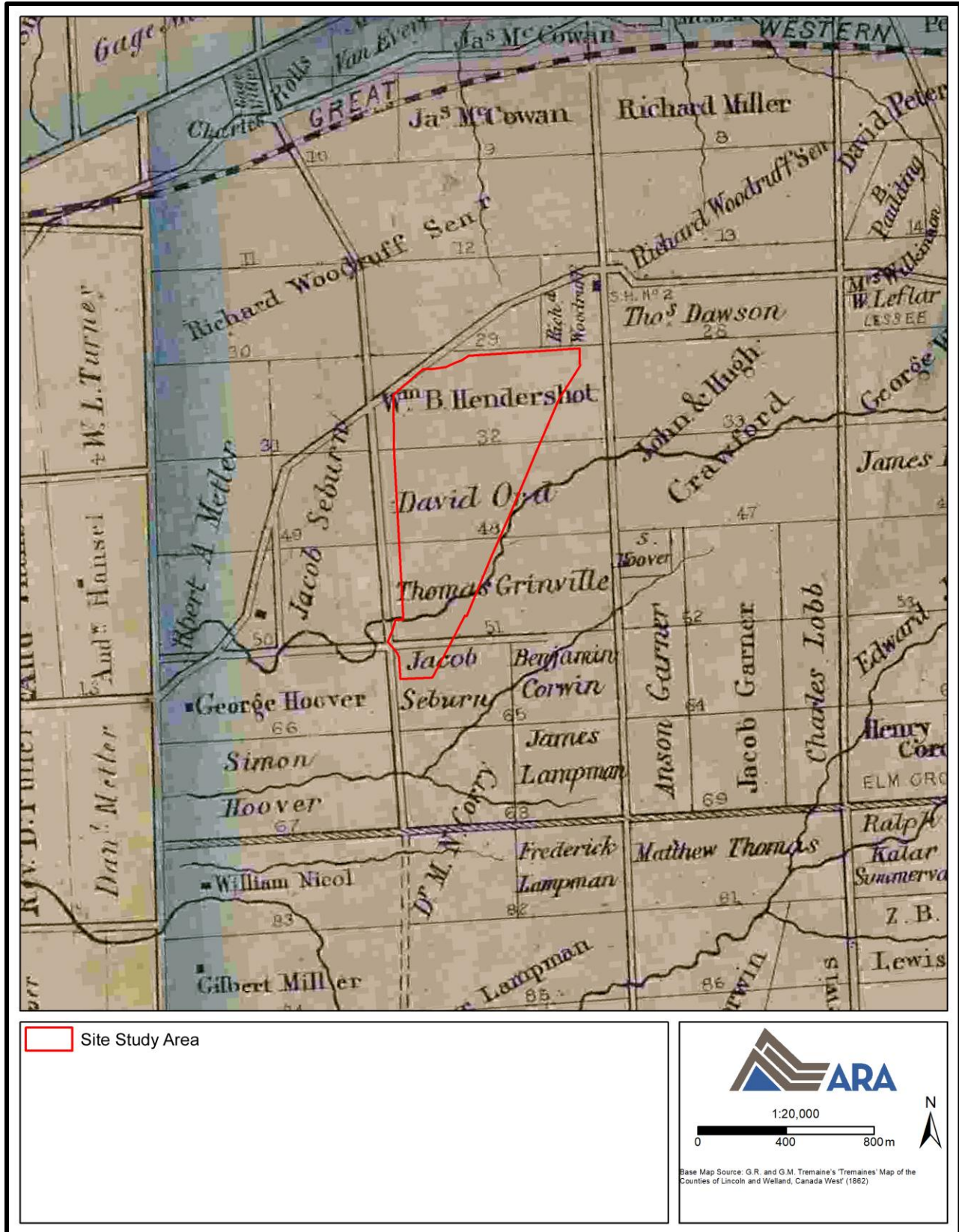
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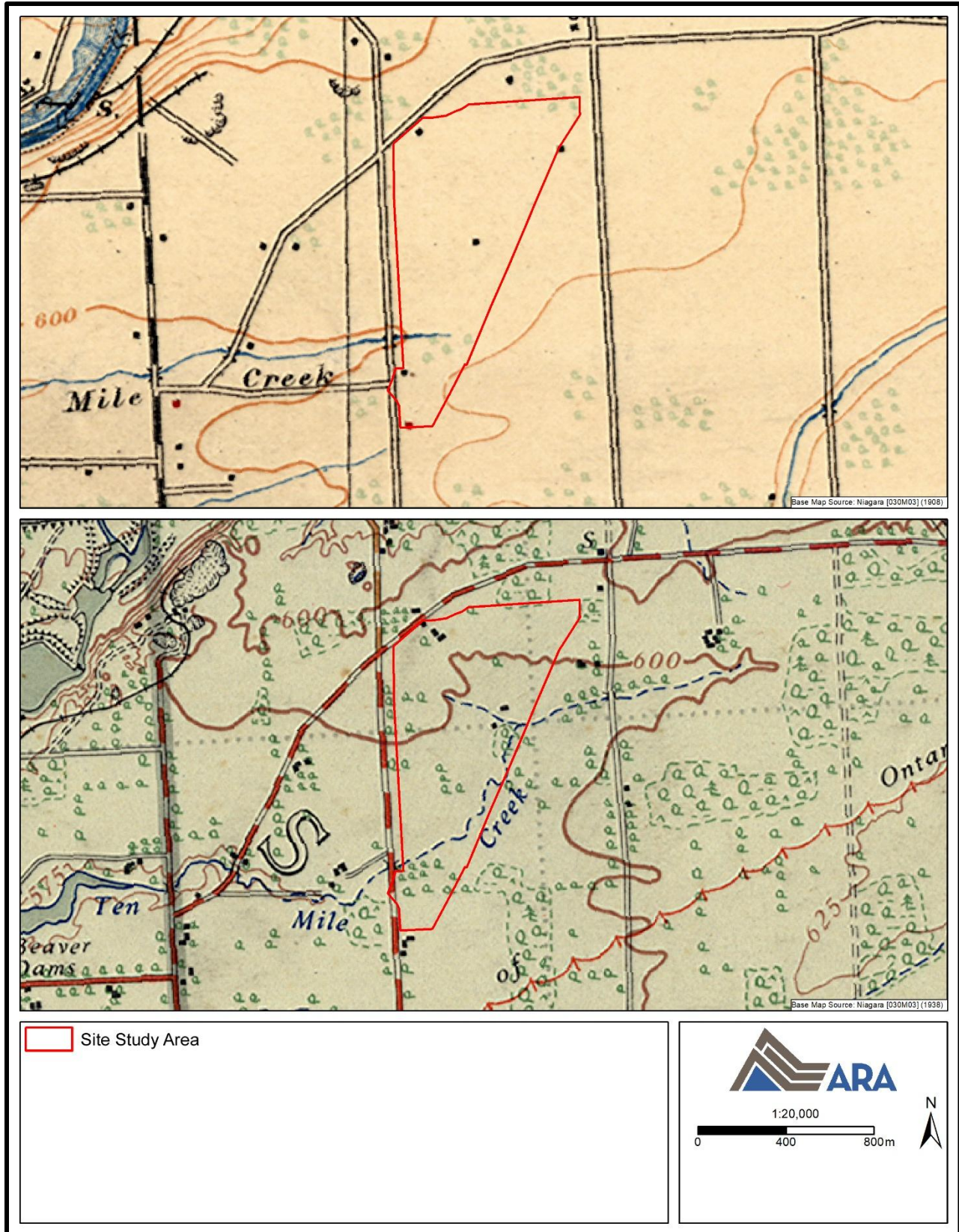
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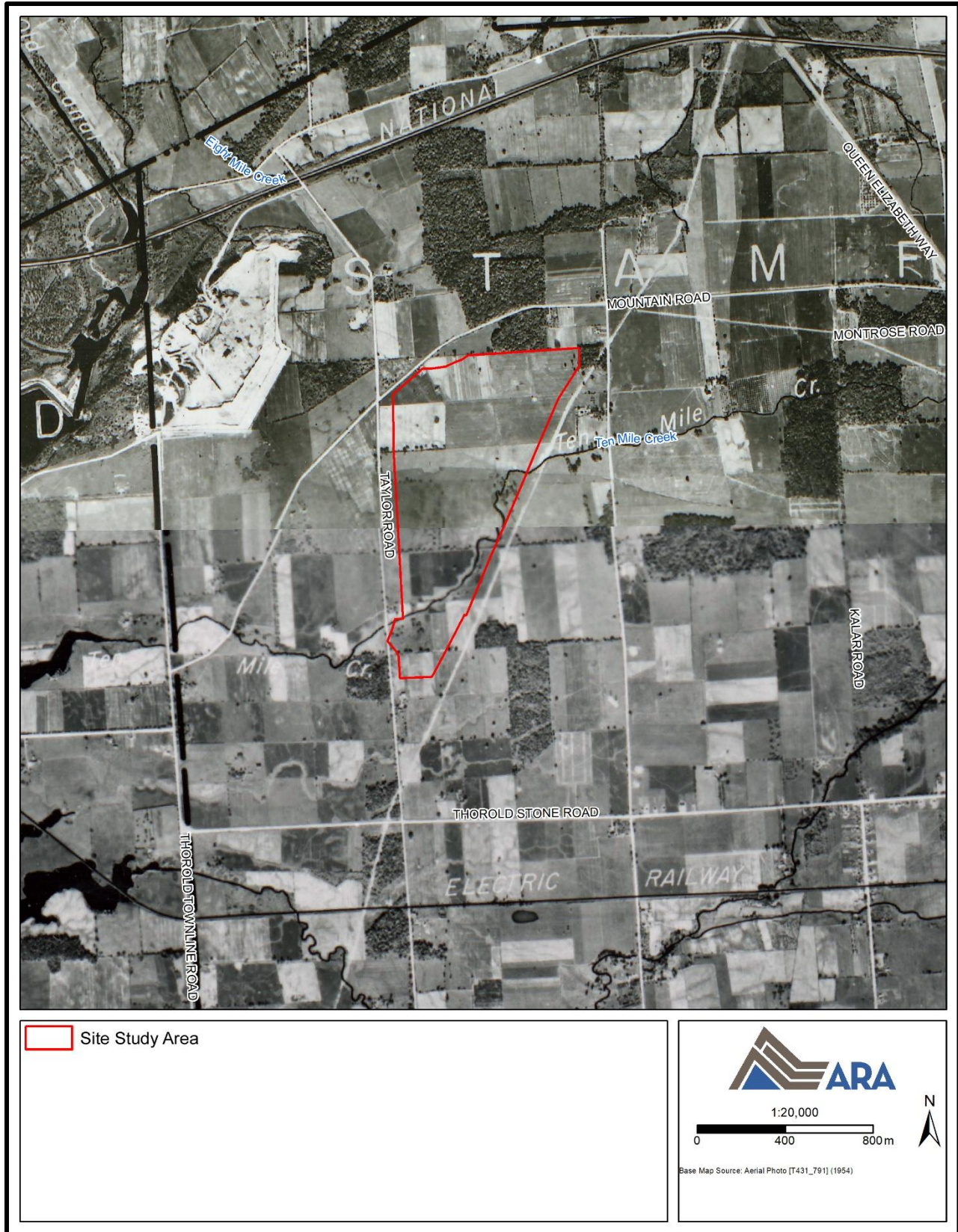
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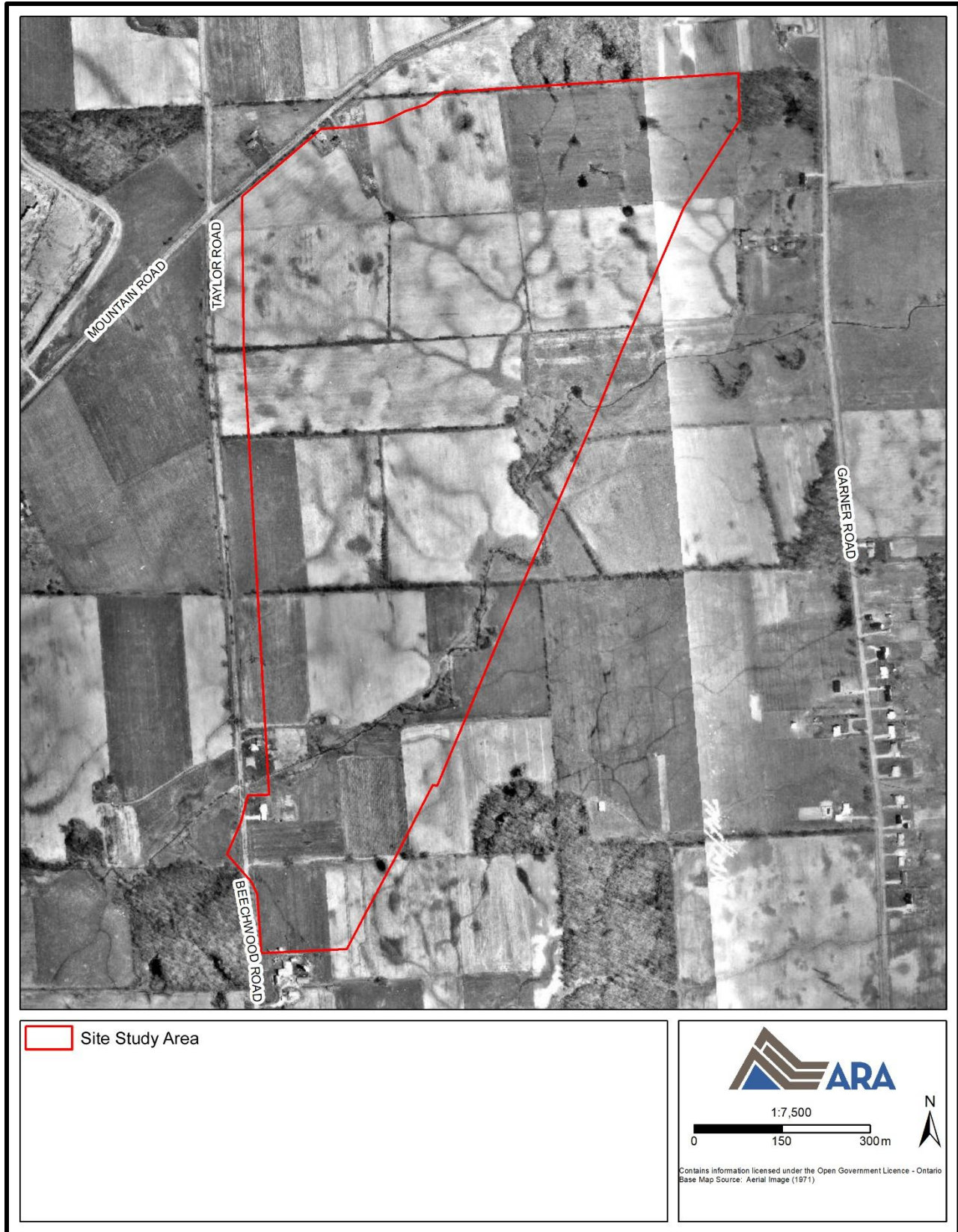
**Map 4: Township of Stamford from H.R. Page's Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, Ont (1876)**  
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**Map 5: Topographic Maps (1908 and 1938)**  
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**Map 6: Aerial Image (1954)**  
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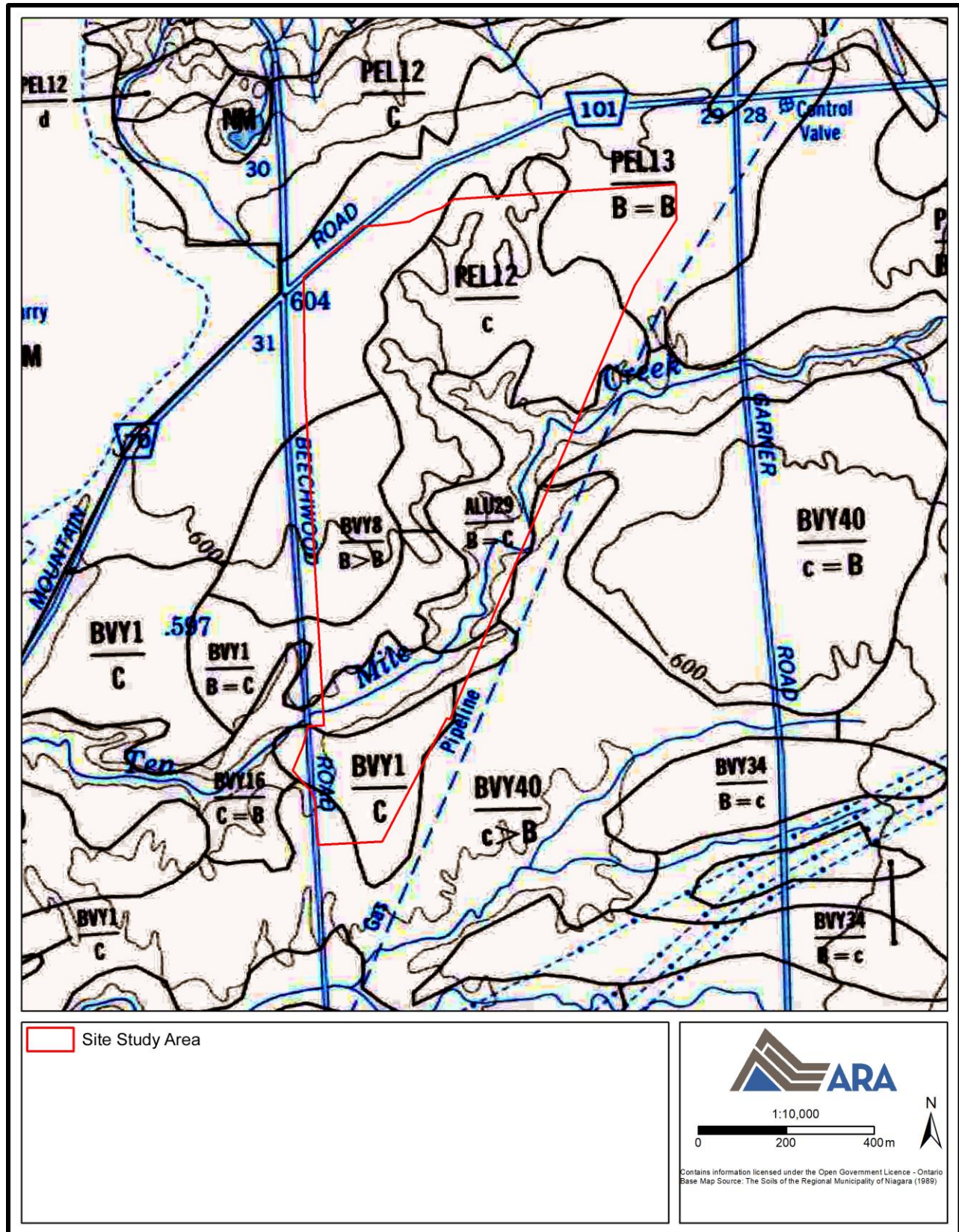
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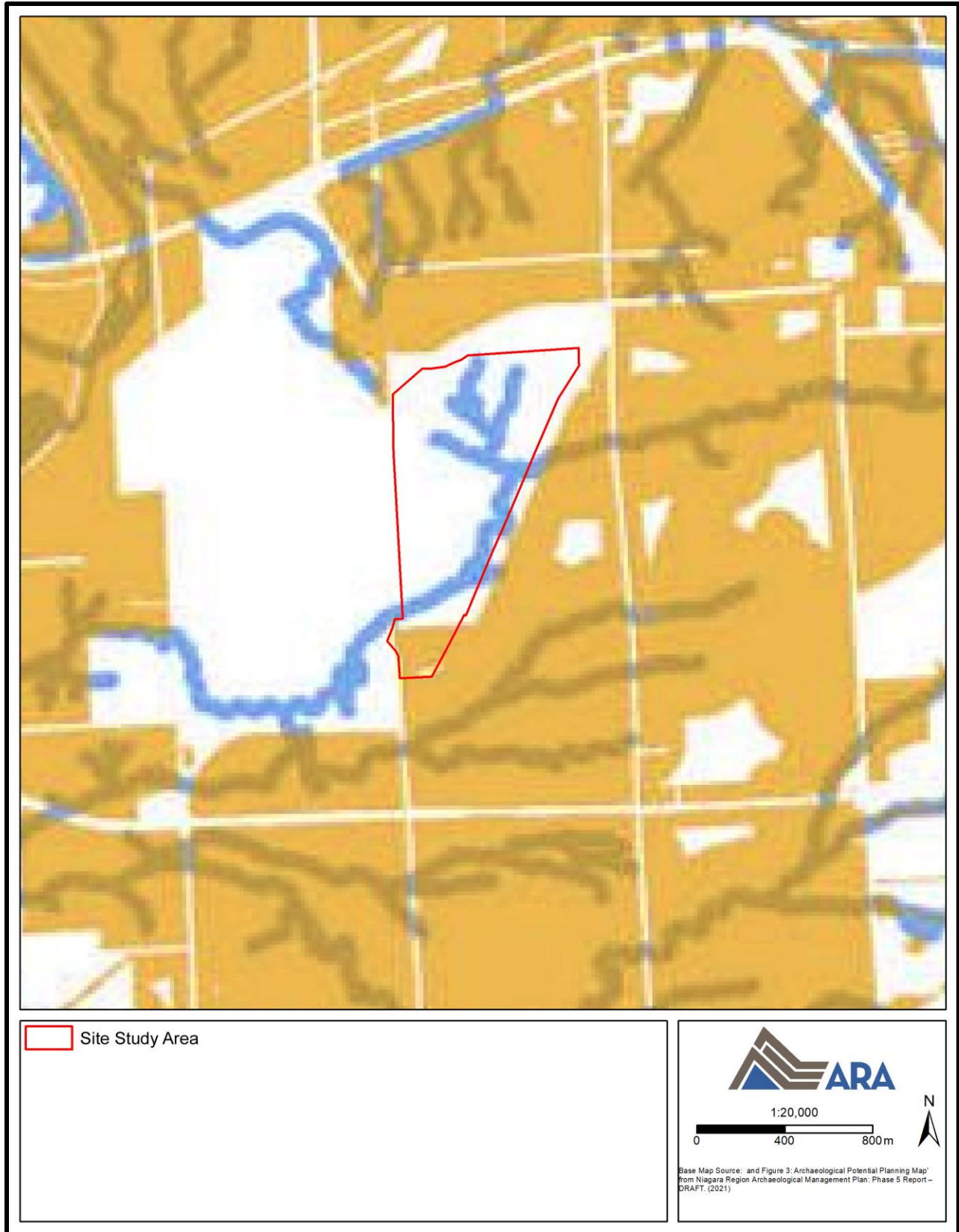


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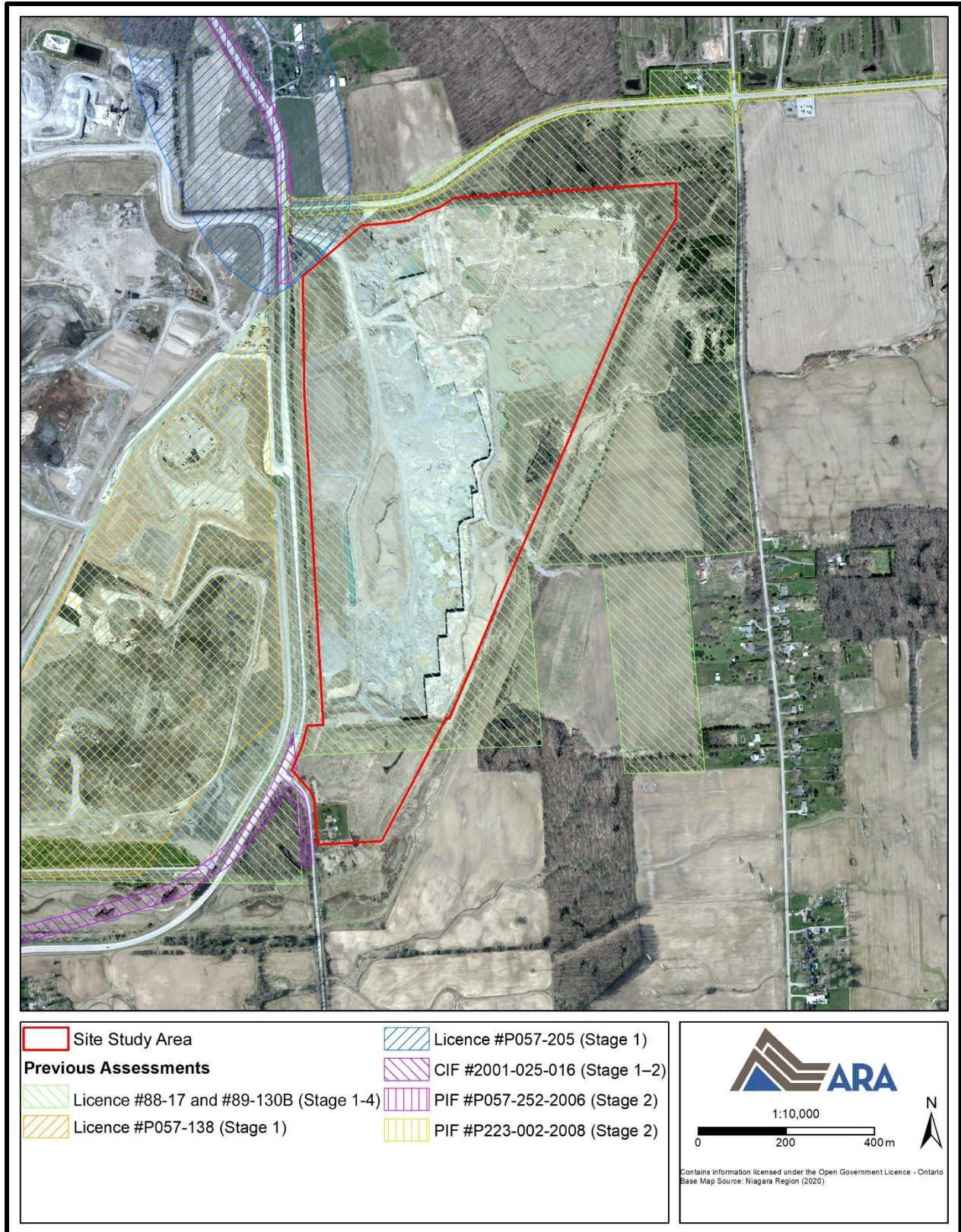


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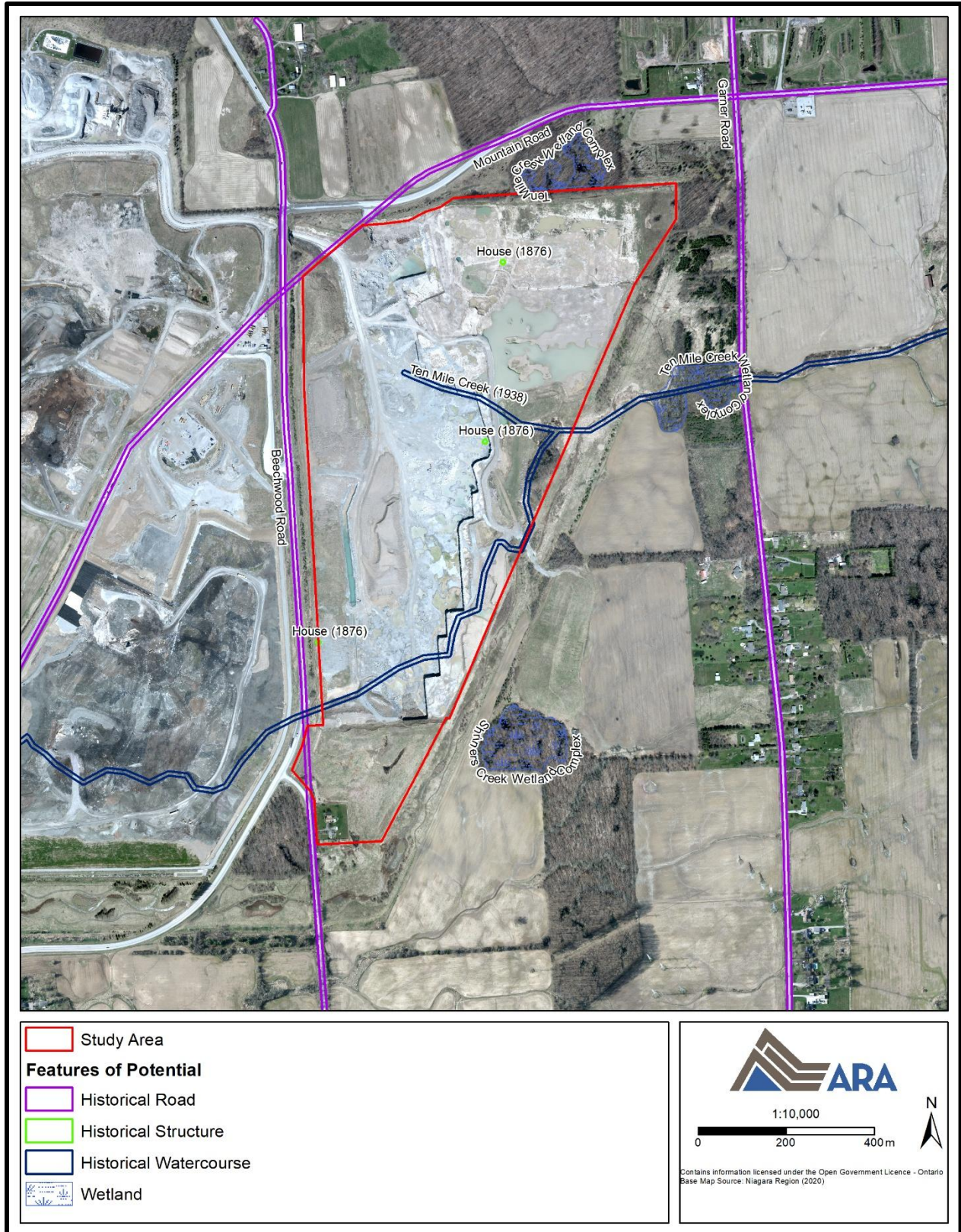
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**Map 13: Regional Municipality of Niagara's Archaeological Management Plan**  
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**Map 14: Previous Assessments**  
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**Map 15: Features of Potential**  
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**Map 16: Stage 1 Assessment Results Map**  
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*Good morning Darren,*

*Attached please find the 2025 Archaeology Monitor Agreement to be filled in, signed and send back at your earliest convenience for processing.*

*We look forward to working with you in the upcoming 2025 season.*

*Also, we have been requested by our finance department for companies to provide a contact name, phone number and email for invoicing and payment purposes in the newly added section 6 to our Standard Monitor Agreement.*

*Thank you kindly,*

***Dawn LaForme***, Secretary/Receptionist, Lands and Resources (519) 753-0665

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Nia':wen ko:wa (thankyou)  
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Kind regards,  
Kait

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**Subject:** Re: Walker South Landfill Phase 2 EA, Stage 1 Archaeology  
**Date:** Monday, April 7, 2025 at 1:37:55 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Dawn Russell <dawnrussell@sixnations.ca>  
**Attachments:** image001.png

Hi Dawn,

This Friday Apr 11<sup>th</sup> works for us.

Nya:weh,  
Darren

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**From:** Dawn Russell <[dawnrussell@sixnations.ca](mailto:dawnrussell@sixnations.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 7, 2025 11:32 AM  
**To:** Darren Fry <[DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com)>  
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Good morning Darren,

On behalf of Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC) Lands and Resources Department Consultation and Accommodation Process (CAP) Team we would like to offer the following dates for an in-person meet:

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am

Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

Upon receipt an invitation with the particulars will be sent to confirm

Nya:weh (Thank you) much appreciated,

Dawn Russell  
Consultation Administrative Assistant  
Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council Lands and Resources Department  
[dawnrussell@sixnations.ca](mailto:dawnrussell@sixnations.ca)  
519-753-0665 ext. 5422





**Subject:** Fw: Walker - South Landfill Phase 2 EA, June 5 2025 Update  
**Date:** Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 3:33:59 PM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** South Landfill Phase 2 <info@southlandfillphase2.com>  
**Attachments:** Walker EA Recommended Method - Cover Letter - SNGR.pdf

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**From:** Darren Fry  
**Sent:** June 5, 2025 11:18 AM  
**To:** Peter Graham <[lrcs@sixnations.ca](mailto:lrcs@sixnations.ca)>  
**Cc:** [sngr.chief@sixnations.ca](mailto:sngr.chief@sixnations.ca) <[sngr.chief@sixnations.ca](mailto:sngr.chief@sixnations.ca)>; Dawn Russell <[dawnrussell@sixnations.ca](mailto:dawnrussell@sixnations.ca)>; Lonny Bomberry <[lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca](mailto:lonnybomberry@sixnations.ca)>; Lauren Vanderlingen <[wsma@sixnations.ca](mailto:wsma@sixnations.ca)>; [laurenjones@sixnations.ca](mailto:laurenjones@sixnations.ca)  
**Subject:** Walker - South Landfill Phase 2 EA, June 5 2025 Update

Hello Peter,

Please see the attached letter providing an update on Walker's South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment.

I would be more than happy to meet with the review team, provide an update, gather feedback/perspectives and answer any questions.

Warm regards,

Darren

June 5, 2025

**Via Email**

Peter Graham  
Consultation Supervisor  
Six Nations of the Grand River  
2499 Chiefswood Road, PO Box 5000  
Ohsweken, ON N0A 1M1

Dear Peter Graham,

**Subject: Recommended Method Milestone & Public Information Session Notice  
Walker Environmental Group – South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment**

Walker's South Landfill (Phase 1) plays an important role in helping communities manage waste that isn't reused or recycled. It is also a key part of Walker's Resource Management Campus which includes a composting facility and renewable energy facility. As Phase 1 of our South Landfill nears its final capacity, Walker is proposing to develop the next phase of the South Landfill, Phase 2, to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal capacity. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy for and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

As part of the Provincial planning process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, Walker has initiated an Environmental Assessment. This study will assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill continuation on the environment, Indigenous communities and interests and surrounding community to ensure Phase 2 can be safely developed.

### **Meeting Request**

Walker acknowledges the unique and inherent rights, treaty rights, and perspectives of Indigenous peoples. As we continue to implement our commitment of meaningful and respectful engagement with Indigenous peoples, we would like to notify you of a key milestone in the above-mentioned project and would like to meet with you to share information, gather feedback and perspectives before moving to the next stage of the studies. The meeting would include the following discussion items:

- An update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Overview of the comparative evaluation process and confirm the recommended method
- Confirm the methodology for the upcoming detailed impact assessment of the recommended method

Additionally, we are hosting a public information session on June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm in Niagara Falls. A virtual component to the public event will be available on the project website

([www.southlandfillphase2.com](http://www.southlandfillphase2.com)) from Wednesday, June 18, 2025 to Monday, July 7, 2025 if you would like to review the information.

Walker is a *fifth generation, family-owned* and Niagara-based company. With a commitment to the environment, community, and future generations, we will consider a wide range of input as we undertake the EA planning process. We will continue to work with Six Nations of the Grand River in a good way while respecting community consultation and accommodation protocols.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the undersigned directly or visit our project website [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com) to learn more.

Sincerely,



Darren Fry, Project Director

Phone: 1-866-699-9425

Email: [info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)

Website: [southlandfillphase2.com](http://southlandfillphase2.com)

**Attachment: Notice of Public Information Session – Recommended Method**

Cc: Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill-Pierce  
Lonny Bomberry, Lands & Resources Director, Consultation and Accommodation Team  
Dawn Russel, Consultation Administrative Assistant, Consultation and Accommodations Team  
Lauren Jones, Wildlife and Stewardship Manager, Lands & Resources  
Lauren Vanderlingen, Wildlife & Stewardship Technician, Lands & Resources



## Upcoming Public Information Session

# South Landfill Phase 2 Environmental Assessment

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Walker Environmental Group (Walker) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the *Environmental Assessment Act* as part of the planning process for the next phase of its South Landfill (Phase 2).

The South Landfill (Phase 1), an essential component of Walker's integrated Resource Management Campus in Niagara Falls, is nearing its final capacity. Walker is proposing to develop the next phase to continue to provide safe, affordable, and reliable waste disposal services. Phase 2 will also supply renewable energy to the community and will sustain over 500 jobs in the Region.

### Walker is hosting a public information session to:

- Introduce Walker, its current landfill operations, and provide an update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA
- Review the comparative evaluation process and confirm the recommended method
- Confirm the methodology for the upcoming detailed impact assessment of the recommended method

### Stay informed by attending the public information session or review the material via our virtual information session option:

#### In-Person

**June 18, 2025**

Drop-in anytime between  
**5pm - 8pm at Club Italia**

2525 Montrose Rd,  
Niagara Falls, ON L2H 0T9

#### Virtual

Available **June 18 - July 7, 2025**  
at **[southlandfillphase2.com](https://southlandfillphase2.com)**

Walker is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable waste management solutions at its Niagara Resource Management Campus.

For more information, contact **[info@southlandfillphase2.com](mailto:info@southlandfillphase2.com)**.

June 5, 2025

**Subject:** Fw: [External] ARA Report Review - Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 EA - Stage 1 Archaeology Report - SNGR  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 8:28:24 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time  
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Good morning Tanya,

Thank you for returning this review, and for your notes regarding staff to be included in circulation. Much appreciated, have a great week!

Kind regards,  
Kait

**Kait Kenel M.A. (she/her)**  
**Indigenous Engagement Advisor**  
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**Upcoming Holiday: ARA will be closed in observance of Canada Day on Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

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**Subject:** RE: [External] ARA Report Review - Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 EA - Stage 1 Archaeology Report - SNGR

Hi Kait

SNGR archaeological unit has reviewed the stage 1 Walker, South Landfill Phase 2 EA archaeological assessment with no comments or concerns.

I would also like to put note in writing that the consultation team is a separate team for the archaeological unit.

FYI for future reference Peter and Lauren do not have any archaeological involvement. Dawn Russell is cc'd here as she is the administrator for that team. Future reference they will be removed by myself as they are not responsible for comments on behalf of the archaeological.

Nia':wen ko:wa (thankyou)

**Tanya Hill-Montour**

Six Nations of the Grand River Archaeological Supervisor  
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Project Name: Southeast Landfill

ARA Project: 2022-0501

Type of Work: Stage 2

Fieldwork Date: Monday August 25 to Thursday August 28

Meeting Time: 7:00am

Meeting Location: [43°07'56.9"N 79°09'41.6"W - Google Maps](#)

PPE Required: **hard hat**, steel-toed boots, high visibility vest

Field Director: Field Director (Cell Phone): Carolyn Pallett (226-339-7164)

Division Manager: Sarah Bolstridge (519-502-1619)

Size of Field Crew: 11

Kind regards,

Kait

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ARA Project: 2022-0501  
Type of Work: Stage 2  
Fieldwork Date: Tuesday September 2 to Friday September 5  
Meeting Time: 7:00am  
Meeting Location: [43°07'56.9"N 79°09'41.6"W - Google Maps](#)  
PPE Required: **hard hat**, steel-toed boots, high visibility vest  
Field Director: Field Director (Cell Phone): Carolyn Pallett (226-339-7164)  
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Size of Field Crew: 9-10

Kind regards,  
Kait

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**Subject:** ARA deployment - Southeast Landfill Stage 2 - SNGR  
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ARA Project: 2022-0501  
Type of Work: Stage 2  
Fieldwork Date: Monday September 8 to Wednesday September 10  
Meeting Time: 7:00am  
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**Subject:** Re: [External] ARA Fieldwork Notification - Southeast Landfill Stage 1 - SNGR  
**Date:** Friday, April 10, 2026 at 9:54:37 AM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Darren Fry <DFry@walkerind.com>  
**To:** Dawn LaForme <dlaforme@sixnations.ca>  
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Good morning Dawn,

Attached is the signed Arch Monitor Agreement 2026. Can you kindly send me back a fully signed copy once you get signatures on your end.

Thank you!  
Darren

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**From:** Dawn LaForme <[dlaforme@sixnations.ca](mailto:dlaforme@sixnations.ca)>  
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Good morning Darren,

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Thank you kindly,  
***Dawn LaForme,***  
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Good afternoon Tanya and Dawn!

We have received updated mapping from the client for Walker Southeast Landfill Expansion (*ARA Project # 2022-0501*), which included some additional lands that have not been assessed (please see attached map for reference). We will be assessing these additional lands in Spring 2026, beginning with a Stage 1, the results of which will be incorporated in the draft report. It is estimated the Stage 1 will be completed in one day and has not yet been scheduled.

If a new participation agreement for this work is required, please forward to Darren Fry at [DFry@walkerind.com](mailto:DFry@walkerind.com). Thank you!

We welcome your continued participation on this project!

Kind regards,  
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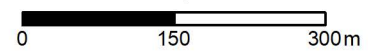
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 Project Area



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