EA Advisory Committee

South Landfill Phase 2 EA

Agenda – Meeting #6

Date: October 5, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (Dinner at 4:30 pm)
Location: Club Italia, Marconi Room

	Agenda Item	Duration
1	Dinner	30 min
2	Welcome & Agenda Review	5 min
3	Meeting #5 Summary & Action Item Review	10 min
4	Presentation & Discussion: SLF PH2 Update • Last Meeting Recap • Draft EA Update • Overview of Comments / Themes Received	30 min
5	Next Steps in the EA Process	5 min
6	Next Steps of the EA Advisory Committee	15 min
7	Other Business & Q&A	15 min

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Location: Club Italia, 2525 Montrose Rd, Niagara Falls, ON

Materials

- Agenda
- Presentation – Project Update (Walker)

Meeting Objective

The purpose of this meeting was to review the meeting notes and adopt the summary from Meeting #5, receive on update on the status of the SLF2 EA, discuss comments received on the Draft EA and discuss next steps for the Committee as it nears the completion of its mandate.

EA Advisory Committee Meeting - Discussion Topics

1. Meeting #5 Draft Summary and Action Item Review

The EA Advisory Committee had no comments on the draft Meeting #5 Summary and it was approved. The EA Advisory Committee reviewed the action Items from Meeting #5. It was noted that Walker will incorporate a summary of advancements in waste disposal technology (e.g. what has improved from SLF1 to SLF2 in the Final EA Report.

A discussion took place around the Social Assessment and clarification was sought on what portions of the landfill will be visible above existing Garner Rd. berm.

Action: Walker to review the Visual and Social study with regard to visibility of the proposed SLF2 above the existing Garner Rd. berm.

2. Presentation: Project Update (Walker)

Walker provided the EA Advisory Committee and update on the South Landfill Phase 2 EA. The update included an overview of what has occurred since the committee last met, the release of the Draft EA Report, summary of comments on the Draft EA received by theme and EA next steps

Please refer to Meeting #6 EA Advisory Committee Presentation for details related to the topics above.

Walker offered to review the Draft EA with anyone interested in meeting offline and offered to bring experts to the next meeting if desired by the Committee.

The Draft EA was released and made publicly available for comment on July 8 through to August 24, 2026. It was noted that a public information session was held on July 8 and was also available on the project website for the duration of the comment period of 6 weeks.

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Walker granted several comment period extensions to government agencies, municipalities, and Indigenous communities.

When summarizing the comments received, Walker noted comments on the Draft EA varied and were as simple as a spelling mistake/incorrect reference or they can be substantive. Walker noted that it has received comments on the Draft EA document throughout its development and at key stages like the Existing Condition Reports or Alternative Methods Reports (which form part of the Draft EA Report) and that when incorporating all comments received on the Draft Reports, there has been good participation by agencies, Indigenous communities and the public.

A committee member inquired if Walker was able to track views and demographics on those that accessed its website/Draft EA Report. Walker confirmed it could and that there was approximately 60 direct views online, most are local (Niagara) with some from the GTHA area.

There was a discussion around residents that have interest in the project but did not submit comments. Walker encouraged anyone with interest to contact Walker and/or submit comments.

The Facilitator noted that if committee members or residents have any comments or questions, they can contact her directly and she will relay them to Walker.

There was also a discussion centered around changing regulations in Canada and Ontario around Environmental Assessments and other approvals for infrastructure projects. Approval processes are being streamlined and in some cases consultation requirements are being reduced. It was noted by the Facilitator (and EA practitioner) that consultation best practices are still being followed by progressive proponents.

A committee member inquired if the significant rainfall events experienced in Niagara this summer impacted the models used in the EA. Walker stated that climate change assumptions were considered in all elements of the EA, including stormwater management and leachate generation (as a result of precipitation). Walker noted that the events of the summer of 2026 may become the new regional storm model events.

A discussion took place on recent weather events and how the current landfill managed these events. Walker responded that all facilities performed as designed and approved. Stormwater management ponds (non-contact water) operated as design and went into emergency by-pass mode. Leachate collection systems and ditching contained all contact water within the landfill. Walker performed additional monitoring around the Campus to ensure no adverse effects occurred to local water sources.

A committee member asked if any specific comments or themes stood out. Walker responded that since EA's don't occur too often, sometimes agency reviewers are not familiar with EA methodology and ask questions that aren't applicable to this part of the process and come at a later stage (e.g. the detailed design stage and approvals on the *Environmental Protection Act*). Walker works with the reviewers where this comment theme comes up to provide frameworks and commitments that will be completed at later stages should the EA be approved.

3. Next Steps in the EA Process

- Walker noted that the project team is currently meeting with commentors to make sure comments are understood and that responses satisfy the comments.

- Walker anticipates submission of the Final EA by the end of this year, likely early December
- The Final EA report will have all comments received and how Walker responded. It will also note if comments required changes to the document and an index on where those changes can be found.

4. Final EA Report Review Process

Walker reviewed the Final EA Report Review process with the EA Advisory Committee. (See presentation attached for the outline of the process). The following discussion took place during the presentation.

Question: When could Walker expect a decision by the Minister on the EA?

Response: Based on the timelines, the earliest Walker could expect a decision would be July or August but the file could sit with Minister and staff until they are satisfied with the application and so it's hard to predict when a decision will be made.

Question: Were there any comments from the Niagara Regional Native Centre?

Response: Walker maintains a positive relationship with the NRNC and they have been engaged throughout the process. Walker noted it has received a lot of Indigenous input from Indigenous communities and summarized some of the input.

Action: Walker to share the Indigenous input/perspectives on the project with the Committee.

5. EA Advisory Committee Next Steps

The EA Advisory Committee is nearing its fulfillment of its mandate. A discussion occurred around next steps for the Committee.

The Committee expressed the following:

- Continued interest in participation in the project, to ensure that commitments are being followed and stay engaged with Walker along as the project is developed,
- Overall appreciation for the establishment of this committee, the value its brought to all parties and for the opportunity for transparent/open dialogue,
- Interest in continuing to engage with Walker, potentially in the form of a Public Liaison Committee for Walker's landfill operations.

It was agreed to meet again in January, virtually, to review the Final EA submission and key updates that were made to the EA. Additionally, it was agreed to meet in the Spring (April/May) once the Ministry's comment period is closed to review any further comments that have been received and any further updates/changes.

Summary of Action Items from EAAC Meeting #5

TASK		LEAD	STATUS
1	Walker to consider incorporating a summary into the EA Report of what advancements in waste disposal technology, design, operations, etc. has occurred since South Landfill Phase 1.	DF	In Progress

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TASK		LEAD	STATUS
2	Walker to continue to plant trees on the existing Garner Rd Berm and ensure that proposed vegetative screenings meet the design requirements. It was noted that annual tree/planting health surveys are proposed and will be incorporated into the compliance reporting.	DF	In Progress
3	Walker to send a copy/link of the Social Study to the committee members once it is available.	DF	Complete
4	Walker to schedule the next EA Advisory Committee meeting for September. (Consider the week of September 14). Discussion to cover comments received from government agencies, Indigenous communities, and the public.	DF	Complete
5	Walker to consider having a technical expert attend the next EA Advisory Committee meeting. (i.e. Air Quality, Social)	DF	Complete

Summary of Action Items from EAAC Meeting #6

TASK		LEAD	STATUS
1	Walker to review the Visual and Social study with regard to visibility of the proposed SLF2 above the existing Garner Rd. berm.	DF	New
2	Walker to share the Indigenous input/perspectives on the project with the Committee.	DF	New

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