South Landfill Phase 2
EA AC Meeting 6

Walker Presentation

Agenda

1. **Recap of Meeting #5**

2. **South Landfill Phase 2 EA Update**
   - Review of activities conducted since our last meeting
   - Overview of comments / themes received on Draft EA

3. **Next Steps in the EA Process**

4. **EA Advisory Committee Next Steps**

* EA = Environmental Assessment

SFL2 EA Update

EA Advisory Meeting #5 – June 15, 2026

- Overview/Summary of Draft EA
- Review and discussion of the key findings

EA Activities since June 15, 2026

- Release of the Draft EA Report (July 8)
- Draft EA review and comment period (July 8 – August 24)
- Receipt, review & consideration of comments received

Summary of Draft EA Comments

6-week review period (July 8 – August 24)

22 Review Agencies / Commenting Groups

150+ Comments Received

Several reviewers confirmed they **did not have comments**.

No comments received from the public.

Summary of Draft EA Comments

Comments Received From:

MECP Reviewers

- Approvals and Resilience Branch
- Air Quality
- Environmental Assessment Branch
- Hydrogeology & Surface Water
- Noise
- Regional Environmental Planner
- Species at Risk
- Source Water Protection
- Waste/Landfill Engineering

Agencies & Indigenous Communities

- Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Niagara Region
- TransCanada Pipelines Limited
- Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- *Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council
- *City of Niagara Falls
- *Niagara Escarpment Commission

** Comments expected*

Summary of Draft EA Comments

Key Comment Themes

Groundwater & Water Protection

- Additional explanation of groundwater modelling
- Clarification on future monitoring and approval requirements.

Natural Environment

- Additional information regarding wetland mapping, wildlife habitat & species at risk
- Recommendations for habitat restoration following site closure.

Air Quality

- Request for commitment to future monitoring programs and Best Management Practices/Plans
- Additional discussion requested on methane capture, mitigation, utilization and contingency

Summary of Draft EA Comments

Key Comment Themes

Approvals

- Request for clearer descriptions of future permits and approvals
- Expanded description of timing and sequence of future approvals.

Landfill Design & Operation

- Expanded discussion on landfill slope stability
- Buffer/infrastructure sizing confirmation
- Leachate and stormwater management design considerations

Documentation & Clarity

- Comments related to improving report clarity, updating references, correcting terminology, and strengthening documentation of consultation.

Summary of Draft EA Comments

Key Takeaway's

- Comments on the Draft EA Report generally focused on:
  - Strengthening the documentation (accuracy/references and traceability)
  - Providing additional technical detail (some of which will be developed in post-EA approvals)
  - Clarifying how environmental protection measures and future approvals will be implemented.

Feedback received did not identify any fundamental concerns with the purpose of the project or the overall assessment approach, but instead highlighted areas where additional explanation and supporting information would benefit the Final EA Report.

Next Steps in the EA Process

1. Clarify (if needed) and confirm approach to address comments
2. Finalize responses and share back with commentors
3. Update the EA Report and supporting technical studies, including items such as:
   - Clarifying and strengthening supporting information;
   - Improving traceability between approved Terms of Reference commitments and the EA documentation;
   - Correcting clerical issues, cross-references, and updating consultation records;
   - Updating references to legislation, regulations, and guidance documents, as appropriate; and
   - Expanding descriptions of post-EA approvals, permitting requirements, and implementation processes.
4. Submit Final EA Report to the Minister (MECP)

Final EA Report Review Process

1 Inspection of the EA

7 Weeks

- The EA is reviewed by the Ministry and made available for review
- Comments are submitted to the Ministry during this review period.

2 Preparation of the Ministry Review

5 Weeks

- The Ministry considers comments received and prepares the Ministry Review.

3 Notice of Completion of the Ministry Review

No prescribed timeline

- The Ministry issues the Notice of Completion and distributes the Ministry Review.

4 Inspection of the Ministry Review

5 Weeks

- The Ministry Review is made available for review.

5 Final Ministry Evaluation Period

13 Weeks

- The Ministry completes its final evaluation, considers any remaining comments, and provides a recommendation to the Minister for decisioning.

Minister's Decisioning
(No prescribed timeline)

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EA Advisory Committee

Next Steps & Dissolution

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EA Advisory Committee – Next Steps

Agenda

- Completion of Committee Scope / Objectives
- Recognition of Value Provided from the Committee
- Next Steps & Dissolution Process
- Interest in continued engagement with Walker?

EAAC Purpose & Mandate

Purpose and Mandate

- The purpose of the EA Advisory Committee will be to **review and provide input to the EA** for the South Landfill Phase 2. This input will be **part of the public consultation activities** required under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. **As an advisory body**, the EA Advisory Committee will not make decisions on the EA but instead **provide advice** and **input** that **Walker will be required to consider** as part of **consultation** and **decision-making process**.

EA Advisory Committee Objectives

- Facilitate an understanding of the site's and neighbouring communities' characteristics
- Enhance alignment of the project with community interests, goals, aspirations and social and economic development objectives by providing insight into these areas.
- Help identify potential impacts, issues, concerns and opportunities that are important to the local community.
- Offer suggestions on impact mitigation or enhancement opportunities.
- Offer suggestions on public consultation efforts necessary to enhance community participation.

Summary of Key Input from the EA AC

- Sharing of local perspectives
  - Neighbourhood character
  - Mitigation ideas/opportunities
- Improved communication
  - Event board language/design
  - Attendance at Public Events
- Relaying of community input/information
- Recommended enhanced consultation
  - Niagara College students/youth perspective
- Encouraged innovation and outreach
- Community benefit opportunities

Next Steps for the EA AC

EA Advisory Committee – next meeting?

Continued Interest in Engaging Walker?

Thank you

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