



July 7, 2023

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To Marci Ivanic,

I am writing to you today to advise you that Waste Connections of Canada (Waste Connections) has initiated an Environmental Screening Process at the Ridge Landfill located at 20262 Erieau Road in Blenheim, Ontario. We are proposing a 300,000 tonne increase to 1.6 million tonnes per year so we can meet the disposal capacity needs of our local and regional customers. No other changes are being proposed and there are no changes to the Site's waste footprint or boundary.

As part of the Environmental Screening Process, Waste Connections' team of environmental experts will carry out technical analysis to determine the potential impacts associated with increasing the annual fill rate at the Ridge Landfill, and will prepare an Environmental Screening Report with the findings.

The Notice of Commencement for the ESR is attached. This notice provides information on an upcoming **Open House to be held at the John Legue Building, Talbot Trail Place, 24 John Street West in Blenheim on July 26, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm.**

This Open House will introduce the ESR process and provide background information on the project. The Open House will allow participants to provide input on the project and take part in the development of the ESR.

Project updates and the Open House material will be made available on the project website www.ridgelandfill.com as the project progresses.

If you have any questions or comments, please call me at 519.358.2860 or I can be reached at catherine.smith@wasteconnections.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Smith', with a small dot above the 'y'.

Cathy Smith
Project Manager

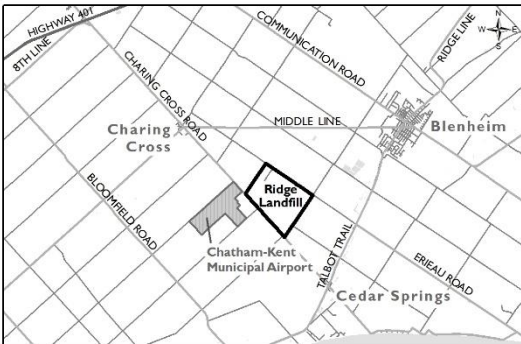
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Notice of Commencement of Environmental Screening Report

Ridge Landfill, Waste Connections of Canada

The Study

Waste Connections of Canada (Waste Connections) has initiated an Environmental Screening Process under *Ontario Regulation 101/07* (Waste Management Projects Regulation) and the *Environmental Assessment Act* to increase the annual fill rate at the Ridge Landfill located at 20262 Erieau Road in Blenheim, Ontario. Waste Connections is proposing a 300,000 tonnes increase to 1.6 million tonnes per year to meet the disposal capacity needs of its local and regional customers. There are no other proposed changes including no changes to the Site's existing and approved waste footprint and boundary.



About the Ridge Landfill

The Ridge Landfill has been serving in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent community for 50 years and has an excellent environmental track record. The Ridge Landfill provides disposal capacity for the industrial, commercial and institutional (IC&I) customer base in central and southern Ontario and residential waste from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. Waste Connections is and always has been committed to being a responsible partner in Chatham-Kent and working collaboratively with the community.

The Process

The Environmental Screening Process will be carried out in accordance with the Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects, as required by *Ontario Regulation 101/07* of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Environmental Screening Process requires the Proponent to publish a Notice of Commencement (this Notice), prepare a project description, apply screening criteria, and prepare an Environmental Screening Report (ESR). The ESR will determine the impacts associated with increasing the annual fill rate at the Ridge Landfill. The ESR will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities and other interested persons will be informed through a Notice of Completion when and where the ESR can be reviewed.

Consultation

Public consultation is a very important aspect of the ESR process. Our first Public Open House will be held on July 26th, 2023 (see text box to the right). Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation events or contacting Waste Connections to provide comments or to ask questions.

Future consultation opportunities are planned and will be advertised in local newspapers, distributed to those on the project contact list, and posted at www.ridgelandfill.com. Please visit the website under our Contact Us page to be added to the project contact list.

You are invited to our first ESR Public Open House!

This first Public Open House will introduce the ESR process and provide background information on the project. The purpose of the Open House is to get your input on the project and to participate in the development of the ESR.

Time & Date: July 26, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: John Legue Building, Talbot Trail Place, 24 John St. West, Blenheim, ON

For further information please contact:

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