

# Manager's Letter

January 2012

#### Dear Neighbours:

As the New Year has begun, I want to take this opportunity to update you on what is happening at the site.

### Waste and Recyclable Drop Off Facility Opens Feb 1

When the landfill site closed, we applied to the Ministry of the Environment to open a residential waste and recycling drop off centre at the site. We wanted to give people in the surrounding community a facility to bring their household waste, as well as their electronics, paints, single use batteries, tires, metal and blue box material for recycling. We recently received permission to open this facility. We will be start operations Wednesday to Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Terms of Reference (ToR)

We are waiting for a decision by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) on our Terms of Reference (ToR) for a new landfill footprint at our proposed BREC. I want to point out that if MOE approves our ToR it does not mean we have received approval for a new landfill footprint. It only means we have approval to do an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will include public consultation and detailed review of technical issues to show how it can be done in an environmentally safe manner.

## Community Liaison Committee (CLC)

Our Community Liaison Committee continues to meet. Our Chairperson is Norm Clark, Mayor of Deseronto. Napanee councilors Bill Pierson and Marg Isbester are also on the Committee along with several other members from the surrounding area. We encourage you to attend or contact the CLC if you have any questions or concerns about our operations. The CLC can also be reached by email at clcrichmond@hotmail.com

#### **Current Operations**

We have received approval from the Ministry to allow our storm water ponds to operate the way they were designed, by free flowing. As part of the approval, we will also continue a rigorous monitoring and testing program to ensure water quality remains clean as always.

If our Terms of Reference is approved, we can discuss the Environmental Assessment process and our future intentions as well as continue to talk about how the closed site is properly monitored and managed. Whatever happens going forward, you are our neighbours and we will continue to do every thing possible to be a good neighbor of yours. Thank you.

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