

Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference Twin Creeks Environmental Centre Landfill Optimization Project Environmental Assessment

As part of the planning process for the Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WM) Twin Creeks Environmental Centre (TCEC) Landfill Optimization Project, a Terms of Reference (ToR) was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. If approved, the ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed increase in landfill airspace capacity at the TCEC.

WM, the owner and operator of the TCEC in Watford, Ontario, has initiated an EA seeking approval to focus the EA on the assessment of alternative methods for increasing the landfill airspace capacity at the TCEC. The TCEC has approximately 13.2M m³ of remaining approved landfill airspace, which corresponds to about 10 years of operating life (2021 to 2031). This optimization project could provide additional airspace capacity of up to approximately 14M m³, which could extend the site life by about 12 years (from 2031 to 2043). There would be no change to the current 301 ha site area, the approved service area, or the annual fill rate.

There is a need for the continued development of the TCEC as it is a significant component of the provincial waste management network and infrastructure, which is lacking in sufficient and secure long-term disposal capacity. Optimizing the future development of the TCEC allows for ongoing sustainable business operations and continued provision of essential financial support for community services and programs.

The TCEC is located in the Township of Warwick near the Village of Watford, at the corner of Nauvoo Road and Zion Line (see Location Map below). The purpose of the EA is to assess the potential effects of the proposed landfill optimization on the environment.



The ToR will be available for public review from **January 7**, **2022** through **February 6**, **2022** on the TCEC project website <u>www.wm.com/ca/en/twin-</u> <u>creeks-landfill/landfill-optimization-project</u> and at the following location during normal business hours:

> Township of Warwick Municipal Office 6332 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0

Watford Library 5317 Nauvoo Road, Watford, ON N0M 2S0

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in reviewing and providing comments on the ToR. Written comments on the ToR must be received by **February 6, 2022** and should be submitted to the MECP Project Officer:

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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to WM for consideration.

If you have difficulty obtaining a copy of the ToR from the project website, or have project-related questions, please contact:

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