

Subject: RE: [MMRA] Howie landfill - is it safe to use

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Hi George & Al.

The town has a life of site contract with Waste Management for disposal of waste at the Carp landfill. Other area municipalities have a contract with Waste Management until May 2010. Waste Management has been hesitant to provide a estimate for the timeframe where we would be cut off from taking material to the site as they were still working on their plans for expansion and other issues.

I met with Waste Management a couple of weeks ago to talk about the status of the Carp landfill site and they estimated they would have capacity to accept the towns waste for another 3 or 4 years, which would allow disposal at Carp until 2012 or 2013.

Under our agreement we are paying a low tipping fee to take material to the Carp landfill and it was recommended that we continue to take waste to the Carp landfill as long as there is capacity and the tipping fee does not change significantly (agreement has increase with cost of living (CPI)).

Prior to 2002, the town took all municipal waste to the Howie Road (former Town of Almonte) landfill. The Howie Road landfill site has a certificate of approval from the MOE to accept waste from the town.

Sampling showed that non hazardous parameters such as dissolved solids and chloride were elevated on the abutting property indicating the lands immediately adjacent to the landfill may have been impacted. A review of the area was done and in the spring of 2008, the town purchased approximately 15 acres of land to include in the attenuation zone for the site, to ensure there is no off site impact.

The town has also done improvements at the site to improve grading at the site to reduce infiltration and direct water off the landfill site and in 2008 and 2009 the town has planted approximately 250 hybrid poplars and willows along the length of the landfill which will also to help improve the water quality using phytoremediation.

I would anticipate that we will continue to take waste to the Carp landfill site until it is closed and continue to look at options for waste disposal and improvements at the Howie Road site.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

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