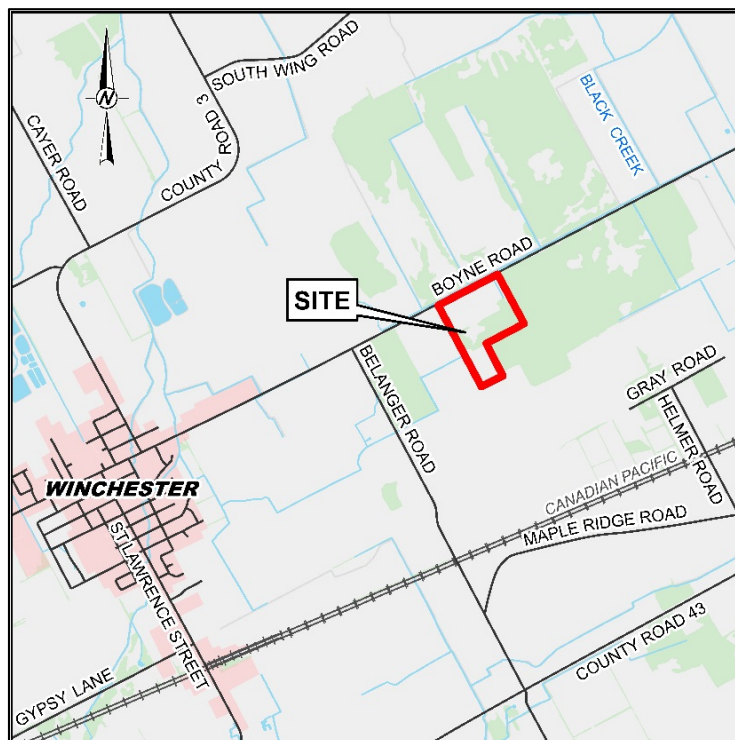


**Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Expansion of the
Boyne Road Landfill, Township of North Dundas**

The Township of North Dundas (the Township) has initiated a study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to expand the Boyne Road Landfill Site (the site).

The site is the only municipal waste disposal site available for residents and businesses located in the Township. In late 2014, as part of regulatory approval processes, the Township was made aware that it had exceeded its approved landfill disposal capacity. To continue using the site in the short-term, an emergency Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) was received and required the Township to evaluate waste management alternatives. The evaluation considered: site closure and waste export, site expansion, a new landfill and alternative waste technologies. The result of the comparative evaluation was that expansion of the existing site was the preferred alternative. Based on the findings of this evaluation, the Council directed Township staff to pursue approval to expand the site. The site expansion requires approval under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* and is the reason for this Notice of Commencement. The purpose of the environmental assessment is to identify alternatives and study the potential effects of the proposed landfill expansion on the environment.

The Township is located in Eastern Ontario, in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, approximately 40 kilometres (km) south of Ottawa. The site is located along Boyne Road, approximately 1.5 km east of the Village of Winchester on Lot 8, Concession VI in the former Township of Winchester. The location of the site is indicated on the map below.



The Process

The first step in Environmental Assessment process is the development of a Terms of Reference, which includes opportunities for public review and input. The Terms of Reference provide the framework for: defining the scope of the studies to characterize the existing environment; public consultation methods; identification and assessment of alternative methods of implementing the project; the methods for the prediction and assessment of potential effects of the proposed undertaking on the environment; mitigation measures to avoid or reduce adverse effects; as well as follow-up monitoring and contingency plans. The Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for approval. Once approved by the Minister, the framework from the Terms of Reference will guide the work and studies that will then be completed during the Environmental Assessment.

Want to Get Involved?

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are invited to actively participate in the planning process by attending open houses. An initial public open house to introduce the project, discuss the Terms of Reference, the Environmental Assessment and the consultation processes is scheduled for March 7, 2017 between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the Council Chambers located in the Township Office at 636 St. Lawrence Street in Winchester. Information regarding this open house will be posted on the project website at <http://northdundas.com/town-hall/landfill-recycling/landfillea/>.

Members of the public or interested parties are also invited to attend and participate in helping the Township of North Dundas identify issues, interests or ideas to be addressed during the Environmental Assessment. Further consultation events, including a second public open house are scheduled for the summer/fall of 2017. Consultation opportunities will be advertised in local newspapers and through the Township's website at <http://northdundas.com/town-hall/landfill-recycling/landfillea/>.

Comments may also be submitted by the public or interested parties through the Township's website www.northdundas.com and by mail, email or fax, to the contacts for the project provided below.

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Veillez noter qu'il vous est possible de nous communiquer vos commentaires ou vos questions sur le projet en français en les adressant à Trish Edmond aux coordonnées indiquées ci-dessus.

All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the MOECC for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the MOECC's Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434.