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**Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**

**Proposal:** North Dundas Waste Environmental Management Plan Environmental Assessment

**Proponent:** Township of North Dundas

Comment #	Reference to EA	Comments & Rationale	Proposed Action/Solution	Proponent's Response	Technical Reviewer's Response
<b>Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks</b> <b>Carolyn Hahn, Species at Risk Specialist – Species at Risk Branch (Comments)</b> <b>Brandan Norman, Management Biologist – Species at Risk Branch (Response)</b>					
1.	Volume 1, Section 9.4.1.3, Description of the Environment Potentially affected for Landfill Expansion – Biology – Methodology – Field Surveys	What were the outcomes of the Eastern Whip-poor-will surveys carried out in 2018 on May 30, June 3 and June 26?	--	<p>No Eastern Whip-poor-wills were heard during the targeted surveys. Volume 2 Appendix F-4 indicates this.</p> <p>Section 9.4.4.3 of the draft EA has been updated to include the following text: No other SAR bird species were observed during the surveys.</p>	As identified in the comments table, I would continue to support both Carolyn's recommendation and the proponents conclusions that an Information Gathering Form (IGF) be completed for the site in order to determine whether the project will require an ESA permit or not. For the proponents awareness the IGF may be found <a href="#">here</a> . Once completed, it can be submitted directly to myself or to <a href="mailto:SAROntario@Ontario.ca">SAROntario@Ontario.ca</a> for review.
2.	Volume 1, Section 9.4.4.5.6, Description of the Environment Potentially affected for Landfill Expansion – Biology –	It is noted that no Butternut or American Ginseng were found during Plant Community Surveys carried out in 2018 on May 30, June 8 and June 21 and in 2019 on September 19 however in section 9.4.4.5.6 of the Environmental	Please clarify. Will either of these species be impacted by the landfill expansion project? If there are concerns that the species may be in the site-vicinity and could be impacted additional surveys should be carried to determine if there will be impacts to the species or their habitat and	Volume 1, Section 9.4.4.5.6 noted no Butternut or American Ginseng were found in the various noted study dates in the <u>Site Study Area</u> but noted as possibly present in the <u>Site-vicinity Study Area</u> . The expansion footprint and almost all of the ancillary features fall within the Site	At this time I do not have any further comments for the Township.

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	Wildlife – Significant Terrestrial Natural Features – Terrestrial Endangered and Threatened Species	Assessment of the Township of North Dundas Waste Management Plan it is noted that both species could be present in the site-vicinity.	to assist in guidance with respect to requirements for authorization under the ESA.	<p>Study Area as shown on Volume 1, Figure 13-9. The only area outside the Site Study Area is on the eastern side where the eastern perimeter ditch will be re-routed and the new stormwater pond will go.</p> <p>To evaluate if Ginseng or Butternut exist in this part of the Site-vicinity Study Area to the east of the stormwater management pond, a field survey is proposed at the time of and as part of confirming permit requirements for the project under the ESA. Section 13.4.1.2.1 of Volume 1 has been updated to include the field survey for Ginseng and Butternut at the time of confirming permit requirements for the project under the ESA.</p>	
3.	Draft EA	Little Brown Myotis has been detected on site and maternity roost habitat has been identified on site.	As the habitat is not limiting for this species in the greater area and if the proponent can avoid impacts to individuals by the removal of habitat outside of	Noted. Text in Sections 17.3 and 18.0 of Volume 1 has been revised to note that permitting needs, if any, will need to be determined through consultation with	

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			the active bat season (April 1 to September 30) it is possible that an authorization would not be required under the ESA.	MECP through submission of an Information Gathering Form.	
4.	Draft EA	Eastern Small-footed Myotis has been detected on site.	Please provide more information about available habitat features that may be present on site that support the species. Habitat for this species may be limiting in the area and more information is required to provide guidance with respect to authorization requirements under the ESA.	As noted in Section 9.4.4.5.6 of the draft EA, although this species was detected on the Site, it was determined that the species is not using the Site for maternity roosting and is simply foraging in the airspace above it. Foraging habitat is not a limiting factor for this species and therefore it is Golder's opinion that no authorization under the ESA is required for this species. No changes to the EASR proposed.	
5.	Draft EA	If the proposed project will impact individual species at risk or species at risk habitat an authorization may be required under the ESA.	Please ensure that if an authorization is required under the ESA that sufficient time to obtain an authorization is factored into the project timeline. To start the process an Information Gathering Form should be submitted to SAROntario@ontario.ca.	Noted.	