

The County of Peterborough
Waste Management Committee

To: Chair and Members of Committee
From: Chris Bradley, Director of Public Works
Date: November 19, 2012

Subject: Commencement of Environmental Assessment

Recommendation: That Committee recommends to the Councils of the County and City of Peterborough that staff develop a Terms of Reference for an Environmental Assessment process for the purpose of dealing with the long term waste disposal needs of the County and City.

Financial Impact: \$50,000 as part of the 2013 budget, ½ each to be paid by the County and City.

Overview:

Both the County and City of Peterborough are nearing completion of their Waste Management Master Plans. It is anticipated that both plans will be complete and adopted by the respective councils within the next few months.

One of the recommendations that will be contained within both master plans is the commencement of the Environmental Assessment process for the purpose of dealing with the long term waste disposal needs of the County and City. While the existing County/City Waste Management Facility has a life expectancy of approximately twelve years, the completion of the necessary Environmental Assessment, Environmental Protection Act related work and the detailed studies needed for the Certificate of Approval for whatever process the County and City undertakes is likely to be a very lengthy process. In fact, it took nineteen years to work through the process for the previous addition to the landfill through the 1980s to 2002 when we received the Certificate of Approval for our facility.

The initial phase of the Environmental Assessment will be the development of the Terms of Reference for the process which will guide the County/City through the various stages required to reach our goal. Staff have yet to determine whether this work will be completed internally, or externally by consultants.

The purpose of this report is to gain approval to commence the process in 2013 by developing the Terms of Reference and to set aside funds in the 2013 Budget for the County/City to proceed. Staff will present a future report to committee early in 2013 outlining a more detailed approach to this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Bradley