

Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment Greenstone Waste Management

The Municipality of Greenstone (Greenstone) is starting an environmental assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to develop a long-term waste management strategy to identify an approach and potential system(s) to manage and dispose of the regional area of Greenstone's solid waste. Greenstone has three active landfill sites (Beardmore, Nakina and Longlac) that service its communities and surround areas. As of December 2021, the Geraldton Landfill was closed and the Beardmore landfill site is overcapacity.



The Process

In 2014, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks approved Greenstone's *Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Plan Terms of Reference*. The Terms of Reference outlines the process for completing the Environmental Assessment study including the consultation and engagement requirements. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference is available at:

- www.greenstone.ca
- Geraldton Ward Municipal Office, 1800 Main Street, Geraldton, ON
- Beardmore Ward Municipal Office, 285 Main St, Beardmore, ON
- Longlac Ward Municipal Office, 105 Hamel Avenue, Longlac, ON
- Nakina Ward Municipal Office, 200 Centre Avenue, Nakina, ON

The Greenstone Waste Management Environmental Assessment will be carried out according to the approved terms of reference and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an environmental assessment report, which will be submitted to the

Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks for review. At that time, the public, Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and other interested persons will be informed when and where the recommendations in the environmental assessment can be reviewed.

Consultation

Members of the public, agencies, Indigenous communities, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the environmental assessment study process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting staff directly with information, comments, or questions. Consultation opportunities are planned to **start in the Fall of 2022 and run to 2023/2024** with three rounds of engagement planned to align with the three stages of the study.

Round 1: Gather feedback on new ways to reduce and manage waste

Round 2: Review options & determine a waste management system

Round 3: Identification of the preferred waste management system

Each round of engagement will include participant meetings and public workshops will be held inviting the communities to learn about the project and share input and feedback on development of the plan, recommended waste management system, and site selection process. Specific right-holders and stakeholder groups will be contacted directly for involvement in the study. The public events will be advertised on the project website, in local newspapers, through Municipality's social media platforms, and sent to key stakeholder groups to share with members.

Community input and feedback is essential for the study to ensure: understanding of local community issues, aspirations and opportunities including interests, needs, wants and concerns; the preferred system meets Greenstone's long term municipal servicing and operational needs; the approach is supported by the community; and the preferred alternative process addresses potential social, cultural, economic, and environmental drawbacks and identify ways to reduce them.

To learn more about the project, timelines and ways to get involved, visit the project website at www.greenstone.ca.

Contact

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