

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING REPORT - DUNCHURCH LANDFILL EXPANSION

In order to service the continued need for a waste disposal facility in the Community of Dunchurch, the Municipality of Whitestone (Whitestone) has undertaken assessment work to expand the capacity of the existing waste disposal site to meet the demand for an additional 20 year period.

Azimuth Environmental Consulting (Azimuth) was been retained by Whitestone to undertake an Environmental Screening Process (ESP) as part of the Environmental Assessment Act requirements for small landfill sites (i.e., total capacity less than 100,000 m³ of waste). Under its current approval, the landfill has capacity for until approximately 2014 if approved by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), expansion will likely commence within the next five years. The expansion of the capacity does not represent an expansion of the current property boundaries, but rather an approval to increase the amount of waste permitted (waste footprint) within the current property limits.

A detailed ground and surface water and ecological assessment of the proposed expansion have identified no significant impacts that cannot be easily mitigated. Public open house held on July 17, 2010 and responses from the public associated with the open house did not identify public opposition to the proposed expansion. We have integrated all the public comment/concerns in our recommendations for the continued site operation and have finalized our report for submission to the MOE for their review and approval as part of the landfill expansion process.

As part of the ESP, all associated government agencies, Aboriginal groups and the general public are given the opportunity to review this documentation and respond with any issues they feel have not been adequately addressed. The ESP and associated reports will be made available at the **Municipality of Whitestone office at 21 Church Street and at the library at 2206 Highway 124 in Dunchurch, Ontario**, as well as posted on Whitestone's (www.whitestone.ca) and Azimuth's (www.azimuthenvironmental.com) websites.

If upon review of this information, you feel there are unresolved issues pertaining to the work completed, there is a 60-day review period in effect starting May 9th, 2011. As such, it is recommended that any issues be submitted in writing by July 8th, 2011 to the following.

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call collect at 1-705-721-8451 ext. 209 or
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Any issues submitted will be reviewed and an attempt will be made to resolve the issue(s) in order to move forward with the submission to the MOE. It should be noted that any information submitted as part of an issues submission will be maintained on record and will be available to the public as part of the ESP.

If the issue presented cannot be resolved, the concerned person / group can make a written request to the Director of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch (MOE) for the project to potentially become elevated to an individual Environmental Assessment.

Director of Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON; M4V 1L5

Any direct request to the MOE must include the following:

- The name of project and proponent
- The basis of the request
- That the project be elevated to an individual Environmental Assessment
- The nature of the specific environmental concerns that remain unresolved
- The benefits of requiring the proponent to undergo an individual Environmental Assessment
- Information about any efforts to resolved the issues with the proponent
- Details about any correspondence with the proponent regarding the issues
- Any matters considered relevant to the concerned person / group

