



NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE MARATHON WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

The Town of Marathon Waste Disposal Site (WDS) is approaching the total approved capacity limit as stipulated in the Certificate of Approval (CofA) for the facility issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) under the Environmental Protection Act (EPA). Although the Town of Marathon has proactively invested in the development of a long-term Regional Landfill Site at Deadhorse Creek Road, regulatory approval has not yet been received from the MOE, and therefore there is an immediate need to secure additional, interim waste disposal capacity in an environmentally sound manner. The Town of Marathon has initiated the process of investigating options to expand the existing landfill site to provide approximately 5 to 15 years of capacity for continued operation without increasing the footprint (area) of the site or the potential for impacts to local groundwater resources while the Regional Landfill Site approval process continues. The Town of Marathon has initiated the Environmental Screening Process (ESP) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 101/07 under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EAA). The requirements of the ESP are outlined in the document entitled *Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects*, available at www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/publications/forms/6168e.pdf. Pending the requirements of the ESP have been met, the Town of Marathon intends to apply to the MOE to amend the CofA for the site to increase the approved capacity using the preferred solution.

Members of the public, area First Nations, stakeholder groups, agencies and other interested parties are encouraged to participate in the ESP by contacting municipal staff directly with any comments or questions they may have. Public consultation meetings will be scheduled as part of the ESP. Consultation opportunities will be advertised in a variety of formats including the Town of Marathon Website (www.marathon.ca), local newspapers and direct mail outs to identified interested parties.

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