



**FEBRUARY 20, 2015**

**JOINT MUNICIPAL COORDINATING  
COMMITTEE**

The Honourable Glen Murray  
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change  
11th Floor, Ferguson Block  
77 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto ON M7A 2T5

Dear Minister Murray:

We are disappointed that we were unable to have an opportunity to meet with you in person at the ROMA/OGRA Conference the week of February 22, 2015.

Please find attached a copy of the Briefing Note we wished to discuss with you at our delegation. As well, at our Joint Municipal Coordinating Committee (JMCC) website [www.oxfordreviewteam.ca](http://www.oxfordreviewteam.ca) you will find all of the material from our February 11, 2015 Community Update meeting to discuss the status of the Beachville Air Quality Assessment and Walker's Southwestern Ontario Landfill proposal. This includes the presentation slides, the meeting minutes and a video of the evening event.

Please review this material as it is reflective of our community's concern for air quality in the Beachville area, particularly as it relates to the existing aggregate operations nearby and further demonstrates our position that the Terms of Reference submitted by Walker Environmental should be denied.

Our continued thanks for your consideration of this information.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of David Mayberry in black ink.

David Mayberry  
Mayor SWOX, Warden Oxford County of Oxford

Handwritten signature of Margaret Lupton in black ink.

Margaret Lupton  
Mayor Township of Zorra

Handwritten signature of Ted Comiskey in blue ink.

Ted Comiskey  
Mayor, Town of Ingersoll

Attach.



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BRIEFING NOTE

## Delegation to the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC)

### Overview

- The Townships of Zorra and South-West Oxford, the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford, are very concerned with the Southwestern Ontario Landfill Proposal by Walker Environmental;
- The proposed Terms of Reference submitted to the MOECC for approval has been extensively reviewed by the Joint Municipal Coordinating Committee through its Peer Review Team, an independent multidisciplinary expert panel, and considered by each of the Councils for the Townships of Zorra and South-West Oxford, the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford;
- All of our Councils have endorsed the Acting Medical Officer of Health's recommendation for a full Health Impact Assessment to be included in any approved Terms of Reference, the technical comments developed through the JMCC, as well as provided independent comments noting deficiencies in the submitted Terms of Reference;
- Our community and our Councils remain steadfast in our objection to any Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference (ToR) that fails to:
  - Include our request for a Health Impact Assessment within the EA;
  - Adequately address all of the concerns and issues raised through our respective Councils in regard to the proposed ToR.

### Key points

- Our community is very concerned with the potential impacts the Southwestern Ontario Landfill Proposal could have on our community and its long term wellbeing;
- The ToR was extensively reviewed by our Joint Municipal Coordinating Committee (JMCC) Peer Review Team (PRT);
- The JMCC submitted extensive comments outlining technical issues with regard to the EA process, proposed studies and the associated work outlined within the ToR;
- The County's Acting Medical Officer of Health recommended that any EA ToR should include within it a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) versus the proposed Health Risk Assessment (HRA);
- The Councils of Zorra, Ingersoll, South-West Oxford and Oxford County endorsed the comments of our JMCC, the PRT and our Acting Medical Officer of Health and provided additional comments, concerns and identified shortcomings of the submitted Terms of Reference;

- We await the MOECC decision on the submitted ToR, as outlined in letters to the MOECC dating back to June 2014:
  - we prefer that the ToR as submitted be denied approval;
  - if the Minister is to approve a ToR, we ask that the Minister include amendments that fully addresses the comments, concerns and identified shortcomings, including the requirement for an HIA, as endorsed by the Councils of The Townships of Zorra, South-West Oxford, the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford;
- **We will not support any EA ToR that fails to completely address all comments your Ministry has received from our Councils.**

## Background

- Walker Environmental announced the Southwestern Ontario Landfill Proposal in Spring 2012;
- The Joint Municipal Coordinating Committee (JMCC) was formulated in Fall 2012;
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Walker Environmental in January 2013 to coordinate the independent technical review of the ToR materials, with all related costs recovered from Walker Environmental;
- With the endorsement of all four Municipal Councils, the JMCC has actively participated throughout the EA ToR development and submission process and provided extensive comments;
- All four Municipal Councils endorsed a recommendation from the County of Oxford Acting Medical Officer of Health (AMOH) that a Health Impact Assessment process be included within the EA ToR, a recommendation that was made after the AMOH and Public Health staff extensively reviewed the applicability of and HIA for this proposal;
- February 11, 2015 Community Update presentation slides, minutes and event video are available at [www.oxfordreviewteam.ca](http://www.oxfordreviewteam.ca);
- Our February 11, 2015 meeting material a further demonstration that our community is very concerned with the potential impacts the Southwestern Ontario Landfill Proposal could have on our community and its long term well-being.

## Request of the Minister

1. *We respectfully request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change **deny** approval of the Southwestern Ontario Landfill Proposal Terms of Reference as submitted by Walker Environmental as approval of the ToR will not result in an EA that is consistent with the purpose of the Act and is not in the public interest.*
2. *Should the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change decide, against our wishes, to approve a Southwestern Ontario Landfill Proposal Terms of Reference, we ask that any such approval include a requirement for a Health Impact Assessment to be undertaken within the Environmental Assessment and include all necessary amendments to fully address all comments from the Councils of the Townships of Zorra, South-West Oxford, the Town of Ingersoll and the County of Oxford.*

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Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

**Further information:** Mayor Margaret Lupton, Chair, Joint Municipal Coordinating Committee