## ST. MARYS

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys

## VIA E-MAIL

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Subject:

Errata Letter - Town of St. Marys Future Solid Waste Disposal Needs

**Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference** 

Dear Ms. Garcia-Wright:

Pursuant to a recent e-mail with Mr. Wesley Wright, Project Officer, Ministry of Environment, the Town of St. Marys wishes to provide you with the following errata table for the R.J. Burnside & Associates report entitled *Proposed Terms of Reference, Town of St. Marys Future Solid Waste Disposal Needs, Environmental Assessment (Amended)*, dated December 2013. Generally, the Town wishes to note that increased or enhanced waste diversion efforts are being considered by the Town as an ongoing, additional effort beyond the scope of the proposed EA process, though it will be conducted alongside the EA. To this end, the following changes are proposed. Therefore, this errata table is intended to provide clarity to the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for your consideration.

Location in ToR	Existing Text (if applicable)	Explanation, Revision or Additional Text
Section 2.1.2, last paragraph (p.8)	The annual fill rate, annual waste disposal tonnage, and population projection will be reassessed as part of the EA. This may result in the proposed landfill capacity, the planning period or both being adjusted to reflect future estimates/requirements.	The annual fill rate, annual waste disposal tonnage, and population projection will be reassessed as part of the EA. In parallel with the EA process, the Town will review increased waste diversion opportunities. This may result in the proposed landfill capacity, the planning period or both being adjusted to reflect future estimates/requirements.
Section 2.1.3, last paragraph (p.9)	Additional waste diversion efforts are expected to be reviewed and implemented by the Town during the 40 year planning period being considered under this EA process.	Replace with:  The maintenance and expansion of the Town's waste diversion programs are efforts intended to proceed along with, but separate from, this EA process. However, the Town will also review and may implement additional waste diversion efforts as a normal course of future activities, beyond this EA. The ability to separate, process and market

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		additional recyclable materials – or otherwise divert material from landfill disposal – is expected to change over the 40 year planning period of the proposed undertaking. Hence, the Town will review and implement diversion activities as opportunities arise.
Section 4.1, Table 4.1, Alternative 2 (p.12)	Description	Add to (end of) Description:  Despite this, the Town will review and implement diversion activities as opportunities arise, outside of this EA process.
Section 4.4, second paragraph (p.14)	Although increased waste diversion is not able to fully satisfy the Problem Statement as a stand alone solution, it is an important aspect of waste disposal and will be brought forward as a consideration for integration into the final solution.	Replace with:  Regardless of the preferred solution identified in the EA, increased waste diversion will be considered for the proposed undertaking but will not constitute part of the undertaking.
Section 4.4, third page of Table 4.2 (p.19)	Alternative 2, Increased Waste Diversion; a) Technical Factors Section Rating b) Overall Rating	<ul> <li>a) Indicated as "Not Preferred" though it should be indicated as "Preferred".</li> <li>b) Indicated as "Partially Preferred" though it should be indicated as "Not Preferred" since it does not fully address the Problem Statement.</li> </ul>
Section 5.1, third paragraph (p.20)	As also noted in Table 4.2, efforts to increase waste diversion (Alternative 2) will be considered in conjunction with Alternatives 4 and 6. Such efforts may reduce but are not expected to eliminate the need for waste disposal. Therefore Alternatives 4 and 6 are considered the two remaining Alternatives to the Undertaking.	Delete paragraph.
Section 5.1.1 (p.20 and 21) Section 5.1.2 (p.22), second paragraph	Entire Section 5.1.1.  With respect to Alternative 2, Efforts to Increase Waste Diversion, data sources may include, but is not limited to, municipal waste management program information from sources such as:	Delete Section 5.1.1  Delete text
	<ul> <li>Ontario Waste Management Association;</li> <li>Recycling Council of Canada;</li> <li>Canadian Composting Council;</li> <li>Waste Diversion Ontario;</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>Canadian Association of Recycling Industries;</li> <li>Federation of Canadian Municipalities;</li> <li>Association of Municipalities of Ontario;</li> <li>Municipal Waste Association;</li> <li>Industry magazines and similar publications; and</li> <li>Direct contact with municipal and private sector waste management staff.</li> </ul>	
Section 5.4.1, first paragraph (p.26)	Alternative Methods are technically, economically and environmentally feasible ways of doing, or implementing, the same activity.  Assuming that the preferred Alternative to the Undertaking is to expand the existing landfill, the Alternative Methods will include various design options associated with the expansion.	Alternative Methods are technically, economically and environmentally feasible ways of doing, or implementing, the same activity.  Assuming that the preferred Alternative to the Undertaking is to expand the existing landfill, the Alternative Methods will include various design options associated with the expansion. Increased waste diversion will be considered for the preferred Alternative Method but will not constitute part of the undertaking.
Section 5.4.1, second paragraph (p.26)	"During the initial screening"	Delete paragraph
Section 5.4.1, Table 5.3 (p.27)	[Table 5.3]	<ul> <li>Delete Methods 4, 5, and 6;</li> <li>Method 7 in the table will now be labelled as Method 4</li> </ul>

This errata letter is intended to supplement the ToR. As such, it will be posted along with the proposed ToR on the Town's (project) website. Should you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by email (dblake@town.stmarys.on.ca) or telephone (519-284-2340 ext. 209).

Sincerely, TOWN OF ST. MARYS

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