



TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO ADDRESS LEACHATE MANAGEMENT AT THE BLUE MOUNTAINS LANDFILL

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

THE PROJECT:

Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process to consider alternatives to address leachate management at The Blue Mountains Landfill Site (see key plan). Currently, leachate is collected within lined portions of the landfill site and then trucked to the Town's wastewater treatment facility for treatment and disposal. The study will consider a range of alternatives to address long term management of the leachate including, but not necessarily limited to, i) on site treatment and disposal of the leachate, ii) conveyance of the leachate to an existing sanitary collection and treatment system, and iii) continued use of trucking to dispose of the leachate. The study will also consider opportunities to partner wastewater servicing with adjacent commercial/industrial operations with each of the alternatives being considered.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING PROCESS:

This project is following the planning process established for Schedule 'B' activities under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) document. Schedule B projects are approved subject to the completion of a screening process. The purpose of the screening process is to identify any potential environmental impacts associated with the proposal and to plan for appropriate mitigation of any impacts. The process includes consultation with the public, Aboriginal communities, stakeholders and review agencies. This notice is being issued to advise of the start of study investigations. A public information meeting will be scheduled for the fall of 2016 to update stakeholders on the status of the study progress.



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

Public consultation is a key component of this study. All comments collected in conjunction with this Class EA Schedule 'B' process will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. For further information on this project, or to review the MEA Class EA process, please contact the project engineers or the Town as noted below:

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