

- 4.12 That Chapter 2 – COUNTY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, Section 2.1, *Planning Principles*, subsection 2.1.5, *Responsible Water and Waste Management*, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting the words ‘*infrastructure and facilities*’ from the subsection titled ‘Waste Management’ and inserting the word ‘systems’; deleting the word ‘commerce’ and inserting the word ‘business’; and adding the sentence ‘Such systems will be designed in a manner that facilitates, encourages and promotes reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery and will be located and designed in accordance with provincial legislation and standards and in consideration of the needs of the County’ so that the subsection shall be read as follows:

WASTE
MANAGEMENT

Waste management systems of an appropriate size, type and location shall be provided to meet the present and future requirements of County residents, business and industry. Such systems will be designed in a manner that facilitates, encourages and promotes reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery and will be located and designed in accordance with provincial legislation and standards and in consideration of the needs of the County.

- 4.24 That Chapter 5 – FUNCTIONAL SUPPORT ELEMENTS, Section 5.3 – *Waste Management*, subsection 5.3.1, *Strategic Approach - Objectives*, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection after the revised subsection titled ‘County Landfill Site’:

NEW LANDFILL
SITES

Consider and evaluate proposals for new landfill facilities in Oxford on the basis of the County’s needs, public safety, environmental and community impact and consistency with the goals and objectives of this Plan.

- 4.25 That Chapter 5 – FUNCTIONAL SUPPORT ELEMENTS, Section 5.3 – *Waste Management*, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting subsections 5.3.2, *Existing County Landfill Site*, 5.3.3, *County Biosolids Storage Facility and Composting Operation – Part Lot 10, Concession 2 (Dereham), Township of South-West Oxford*, 5.3.4, *Policies* and 5.3.5 *New or Expanding Landfill Sites* and replacing them with the following subsections 5.3.2, 5.3.3, 5.3.4 and 5.3.5:

5.3.2 Policies

WASTE DIVERSION

The County will establish targets for the diversion of material from the municipal, as well as the industrial, commercial and institutional waste streams with an over-arching goal to achieve the highest total waste diversion rate per capita in Ontario while ensuring such targets and goals are sustainable both economically and environmentally.

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COMPREHENSIVE
WASTE
MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY

Develop, maintain and regularly update a County Waste Management Strategy to establish targets for the reduction and diversion of waste from the County landfill and recommend programs and plans, including financial considerations, for achieving such targets in a cost-effective manner. In addition, the County will, in conjunction with appropriate groups and

agencies, other levels of government and the Area Municipalities, pursue public education programs regarding the concepts of sustainability, conserve society and the principles of reduce, reuse, recycle and recover.

RESOURCE
RECOVERY

Investigate and evaluate resource recovery techniques associated with the disposal of waste generated within the County, including energy from waste facilities, as an option for maximizing the economic potential of the County's solid waste, and support the development of long-term viable markets for resources recovered from waste.

DEVELOPMENT
CRITERIA

In order to support the waste diversion targets and comprehensive waste management strategy, the County and Area Municipalities shall provide for appropriate design criteria for waste management facilities as part of the *development* approval process. Specific measures for multiple unit residential *development* design shall be provided in the relevant sections of this Plan.

5.3.4 New Landfill Sites

In keeping with Oxford's commitment to the concept and principles of sustainability, waste reduction and diversion, the County supports ~~the principle of~~ municipalities addressing their own waste disposal requirements solely within their own boundaries. Accordingly, the County will discourage the establishment of any new landfill facilities within the County that is not primarily intended to meet the waste disposal needs of County residents, business and industry, and will not support the establishment of such landfills unless it can be demonstrated to meet all of the criteria set out below.

The County of Oxford will require an amendment to this Plan to establish any new landfill facilities. The policies and use restrictions of Section 3.2, Environmental Resource Policies, Section 3.3, Cultural Resource Policies, and any other applicable policies of this Plan shall apply to the siting of new landfill sites.

OFFICIAL PLAN
AMENDMENT
CRITERIA

~~Prior to approval of an Official Plan amendment~~Where an amendment to this Plan is proposed to establish a new landfill site, the proponent shall be required to demonstrate that:

- the proposal complies with the provisions and approval requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act and any other relevant Provincial legislation and regulations and is consistent with the principles, objectives and policies of this Plan;
- alternative sites, landfill design and operations have been thoroughly assessed against all reasonable alternatives and that the proposed landfill is necessary to meet the County's waste disposal needs, or where this cannot be demonstrated, either the proposal is subject to approved Terms of Reference pursuant to the Environmental Assessment Act or that a reasonable range of alternatives outside of the County has ~~ve~~ been fully investigated and that the proposed site is demonstrated to be the preferred siting

option, based on a full assessment of the environmental impacts of the options considered;

- the impact on individuals and communities has been assessed through a systematic process which identifies the potential risks to human health and the said assessment demonstrates that there will be no significant *adverse effects* thereto;
- the impact on agriculture, mineral and petroleum resources, and off-site ground and surface water resources, air quality, noise, litter and other nuisance impacts and other social and community impacts resulting from the landfill facility has been assessed and that the said assessment demonstrates that there will be no significant *adverse effects*;
- the impact on the *natural heritage system* has been assessed and that said assessment demonstrates that there will be no *negative impact* on *natural heritage features or areas* and that the proposal will comply with the applicable policies of Section 3.2.3 of this Plan; and
- plans for the after-use of the site are compatible with existing and planned land uses in the area.

Prior to carrying out the investigation required to meet this criteria, the applicant shall undertake consultation with the County to establish the scope of the study requirements. This scoping exercise will establish the terms of reference of the required study.

New or expanding landfill sites will be located and designed in accordance with provincial legislation and standards. The County consideration of new landfills will be undertaken in this context.

To the greatest extent possible, Official Plan requirements are to be integrated with the provincial environmental assessment process so that requirements under this Plan are taken into account through the environmental assessment process. Proponents will consult with the County and the County will participate in the environmental assessment process to achieve this integration.

5.3.5 Public Participation and Evaluation of New or Expanding Landfill Sites

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Area Municipalities and the public shall be invited to participate in the examination of the design, operations and after-use planning for any proposed new landfill site or an expansion of the County landfill site prior to adoption of any Official Plan amendment.

ZONING

Any new landfill or expansion to the County landfill site shall be appropriately zoned in accordance with the provisions of the Area Municipal Zoning By-law.

Modifications – Appealed sections of County of Oxford OPA 197 (With Tracked Changes)

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INFORMATION TO
ASSIST IN
EVALUATION OF THE
AMENDMENT

In reviewing an application to amend the Official Plan to permit a new landfill site or the expansion of the County landfill site, the County shall require preparation and provision of such information, studies and documentation deemed necessary to address the applicable policies of this Plan, as well as any such information necessary to satisfy the requirements and regulations under the Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Planning Act, or any other required approvals pertaining to a new landfill or the expansion of the County landfill in order to enable Councils to make an informed decision.

The content and scope of the information, studies and documentation required to assess the proposal shall be established through a pre-consultation meeting with the County, Area Municipality and any other government agencies considered to have an interest in the proposal as early as possible in the environmental assessment process.

The County may, based on preliminary information provided by the applicant or obtained through other credible sources, and in consultation with any Provincial Ministry or other agency or body or qualified individual deemed appropriate, determine that particular information, studies or documentation are not required, taking into consideration factors such as the potential for impacts, location, scale and nature of the proposal.

Further, the County may, depending on the scope and complexity of the application, require third party review of any information, studies or documentation required by the County in connection with the application to amend the Official Plan. The third party review shall be limited to new information, studies and documentation which has not already been reviewed by the County as part of the approval process under the Environmental Assessment Act or Environmental Protection Act process. The applicant will be responsible for the reasonable costs of the third party review as well as for the costs associated with any additional review resulting from revisions to any original materials that may be required as a result of the third party review.

Where it is determined that a third party review is required, the County and/or Area Municipality will enter into an agreement with the applicant to administer and scope the third party review and set reasonable controls on third party review costs.

Many of the planning policy requirements for new landfills under this Plan may be addressed through the planning requirements under the Environmental Assessment Act. Proponents of new landfill proposals should consult with the County as early as possible and throughout the study and approval process under the [Environmental Assessment Act](#) to facilitate integration and efficiency in meeting of policy requirements under the County Official Plan and environmental assessment study requirements under the [Environmental Assessment Act](#).