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May 08, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Removal of Environmental Assessment Requirements for York1 Waste Disposal

At its regular meeting of May 07, 2025, Lambton County Council reviewed correspondence #CC 05-02-25, that being a proposal from the Environmental Registry of Ontario dated April 17, 2025, regarding removal of environmental assessment requirements for the York1 waste disposal site project through the proposed *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*.

Please be advised that the following motion was passed:

#6: Broad/Case: That County Council request that an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the York1 waste disposal project site be required, and that this request be provided to the Premier, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, M.P.P. Bob Bailey and M.P.P. Steve Pinsonneault.

A recorded vote starting with Deputy Warden Agar was requested by Councillor Broad on motion #6 of this day's minutes.

Councillor	Vote
J. Agar	Yes (3)
N. McEwen, Alternate Member to G. Atkinson	Yes (3)
D. Boushy	Yes (3)
M. Bradley	Yes (3)
A. Broad	Yes (1)
T. Case	Yes (2)
D. Cook	Yes (3)
B. Dennis	No (3)
D. Ferguson	Yes (1)
B. Hand	Yes (1)
B. Loosley	Yes (2)

K. Marriott	Yes (1)
C. McRoberts	Yes (3)
S. Miller	Yes (2)
D. Sageman	Yes (2)
I. Veen	Yes (1)
B. White	Yes (3)

Yeas - 34; Nays - 3.

Motion Carried.

If you have further questions, please contact me.

Kind Regards,

Signed by:

Ryan Beauchamp

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Deputy Clerk

att: CC 05-02-25

cc: Bob Bailey, M.P.P. Sarnia-Lambton Riding
Steve Pinsonneault, M.P.P. Lambton-Kent-Middlesex-Riding
The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



Removing Environmental Assessment Requirements for the York1 Waste Disposal Site Project

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	025-0389
Notice type	Act
Act	Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990
Posted by	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	April 17, 2025
Comment period	April 17, 2025 - May 17, 2025 (30 days) Open
Last updated	April 17, 2025

This consultation closes at 11:59 p.m. on:

May 17, 2025

Proposal summary

We are proposing to remove environmental assessment requirements for the York1 waste disposal site project through the proposed *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*.

Proposal details

Proposed Legislation

To help provide additional waste capacity in Ontario due to the threat of US tariffs impacting Ontario’s waste sector, the province is proposing to remove environmental assessment (EA) requirements for the York1 waste project through the proposed *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*.

This would include revoking Ontario Regulation 284/24 designating Chatham-Kent Waste Disposal Site and removing environmental assessment (EA) requirements for York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Ltd.’s proposal to resume landfill operations and expand waste handling, processing, and transfer operations at the former Dresden Tile Yard, in Chatham-Kent (the Project).

The proposed legislation, if passed, would:

- Revoke Ontario Regulation 284/24: Designation - Chatham-Kent Waste Disposal Site, which designates the Project as a Part II.3 project requiring a comprehensive environmental assessment; and
- Amend the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) to exempt the Project from other EA requirements.

The project will remain subject to strong provincial oversight and other regulatory requirements including Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA) under the *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA) and *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA).

Proposed project

York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Ltd. is proposing to build an 8-hectare engineered landfill cell and re-establish landfill operations at an existing landfill site, including construction of any other works or facilities such as onsite roads, and fencing to receive waste and restart waste management activities and landfilling at the site, located at 29831 Irish School Road, in the former Township of Camden, Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Ontario.

The existing landfill site has a theoretical approved capacity of 1,620,000 cubic metres to landfill non-hazardous solid waste including construction and demolition waste and excess soil that are not reusable.

As part of the project, York1 Environmental Waste Solutions Ltd. is also proposing to re-establish and expand waste processing and transfer operations at the site, including expanding the existing 0.8-hectare waste processing site to 25 hectares.

Other activities are also anticipated, including:

- the construction of a new processing and sorting building capable of indoor storage
- the addition of waste classes for accepted and processed waste
- installation of stationary equipment for processing construction and demolition waste into alternative low-carbon fuels (ALCF) in the new processing/sorting building
- placement of mobile diesel-powered shredding/grinding equipment for wood/construction & demolition waste outdoors
- installation of a soil treatment/soil washing system for processing solid and liquid soil to recover sand and aggregate material
- construction of stormwater management infrastructure

Permitting requirements for the project

There are existing ECAs under the EPA for the site, which allow for an 8-hectare landfilling area and for a 0.8-hectare waste processing site within the 35-hectare property.

Modifications to the waste disposal site will be subject to ECA requirements for air, noise emissions, waste management activities and sewage works under the EPA and OWRA for the landfill site, as well as the processing and transfer facility.

Timelines

If the legislation is passed, it would come into effect on Royal Assent.

Supporting materials

Related links

[Legislative Assembly of Ontario \(https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current\)](https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/current)

[Environmental Assessment Act \(https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e18?highlight=true&lang=en&option=%7B%22selection%22%3A%5B%22current%22%5D%2C%22result%22%3A%5B%22statute%22%2C%22regulation%22%5D%7D&paging=%7B%22page%22%3A1%2C%22pageSize%22%3A50%2C%22sort%22%3A%22Relevance%22%7D&searchMode=search&searchWithin=%5B%22title%22%2C%22body%22%5D&searchWithinResult=false&selection=consolidated%20law&text=Environmental%20Assessment%20Act&trigger=1&useExact=false&withinResultSearch=\)](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e18?highlight=true&lang=en&option=%7B%22selection%22%3A%5B%22current%22%5D%2C%22result%22%3A%5B%22statute%22%2C%22regulation%22%5D%7D&paging=%7B%22page%22%3A1%2C%22pageSize%22%3A50%2C%22sort%22%3A%22Relevance%22%7D&searchMode=search&searchWithin=%5B%22title%22%2C%22body%22%5D&searchWithinResult=false&selection=consolidated%20law&text=Environmental%20Assessment%20Act&trigger=1&useExact=false&withinResultSearch=))

O. Reg. 284/24: Designation – Chatham-Kent Waste Disposal Site
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/240284>)

Chatham-Kent Waste Disposal Site (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/chatham-kent-waste-disposal-site>)

Related ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) notices

Proposed designation under the Environmental Assessment Act of the landfill site and waste transfer and processing expansion, located in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent (/notice/019-8417)

View materials in person

Some supporting materials may not be available online. If this is the case, you can request to view the materials in person.

Get in touch with the office listed below to find out if materials are available.

Comment

Let us know what you think of our proposal.

Have questions? Get in touch with the contact person below. Please include the ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number for this notice in your email or letter to the contact.

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