



# **RECORD OF CONSULTATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 BACKGROUND**

As detailed in Volume I of this report, the Township of Madawaska Valley (Township) has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.18* (EAA) to identify the best solution for the municipality to manage its solid waste for a 25 year period.

In accordance with Section 5.1 of the EAA, the Township was required to consult with interested parties:

*“When preparing proposed terms of reference and an environmental assessment, the proponent shall consult with such persons as may be interested.” 1996, c. 27, s. 3.*

The Township has completed a comprehensive consultation program in the development of the Waste Management Strategic Plan (WMSP) EA. The consultation program was scheduled such that seasonal residents in the Township would have an opportunity to attend major Public Consultation Events (PCE) held at milestones throughout the process, commencing with the Terms of Reference preparation in 2004, through to the presentation of the “Preferred Alternative” to the public at PCE No. 4 in June 2006.

### **1.2 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of this Record of Consultation (RoC) is to provide reviewers of the report with an organized document to demonstrate the level of consultative effort undertaken by the Township in the development of the WMSP, as a requirement of the EAA, and a complement to the various studies completed and documented in Volume I of the EA Report.

The scope of the RoC will provide the reviewer with a general description of the various methods of consultation undertaken with various agencies, groups, parties, and the public, and provides supporting documentation to this effect in the attached Appendices. A methodology of the consultative efforts has been included in Section 2.0.

Consultation for the WMSP was undertaken as follows:

- With the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (OMOE) Project Coordination Section of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch (EAAB), as summarized in Section 3.0.

- With government review agencies on the municipal/regional, provincial, and federal levels, identified as the “Government Review Team” (GRT) for the WMSP, as summarized in Section 4.0.
- With First Nation peoples with interest (land claims, cultural significance, etc.) in the study area as summarized in Section 5.0.
- With the public and stakeholder groups in general, and specifically to those members of the public and stakeholder groups whom expressed interest in the WMSP (Section 6.0).

## **2.0 CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY**

The Township employed several different methods of consultation for the WMSP, in an effort to inform and engage the various agencies, groups, and the public in the development of the EA. These efforts are summarized in the following sections.

### **2.1 GENERAL**

It was the Township's objective throughout the development of the WMSP to ensure that the process, the work program, and the consultation program were open and transparent, and that interested parties could maintain involvement and knowledge in the project despite the comprehensive aspects of the EA process.

Based on the above, the Township prepared periodic documentation throughout the project as summary work plans in preparation for upcoming work in the forthcoming period in the WMSP, and those studies that were proposed for the next phase of the project. These documents include:

- *General Work Plan for Initial Studies for Environmental Assessment (GWP)*, SGS Lakefield Research Limited, October 2004.
- *Detailed Work Plan for Further Studies for Environmental Assessment (DWP)*, SGS Lakefield Research Limited, September 2005.

These reports are included with this record as Appendix II - A and II - B, respectively.

Upon completion of the GWP and DWP studies, summary letter reports dated May 6, 2005 and April 21, 2006, respectively, were circulated to review agencies for comment. These reports are included in Appendix II – D, as part of the agency consultation.

Upon completion of the WMSP in the fall of 2006, the Township prepared and circulated a Draft EA Report (Greenview, November 6, 2006) to the OMOE, other government review agencies, and First Nations groups with potential interest in the project. The Draft EA was also available for review and comment by the interested public and local stakeholders. Further detail of the Draft EA report and review are provided in the following sections.

## **2.2 ONTARIO MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

In preparation for the initiation of the WMSP, the Township met with the OMOE in a preconsultation meeting in September 2003 to review the various requirements and regulatory aspects of the EAA as it would pertain to this project. Upon formal commencement of the project in late 2003 and the preparation and submission of the ToR in 2004, the OMOE assigned a project officer to the WMSP to provide guidance and assistance in conducting the WMSP.

Since the preconsultation meeting in September 2003, this project has had five (5) different Project Officers. Appendix II - C includes specific correspondence and information pertinent to the development of the WMSP and the assistance of the OMOE in completing the EA process for submission to the Minister for review.

As stated above, a Draft EA was prepared and circulated for OMOE and other review agency comment on November 6, 2006. Review comments on the Draft EA were received by mid-January 2007 and are presented in Table 2, with documentation attached in Appendix II – C to this record.

## **2.3 GOVERNMENT REVIEW AGENCIES**

Consultation with review agencies or the “Government Review Team” (GRT) was undertaken from the draft ToR stage in early 2004. The GRT was consulted throughout the project at specific milestones and for background information and interpretation as related to specific agency mandates. For the WMSP, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) Pembroke District Office, and the Ontario Ministry of Culture – Heritage Operations (OMCL) were of particular assistance due to the nature of the undertaking and the resultant “Preferred Alternative”.

With the circulation of the Draft EA in November 2006, review comments from the GRT were provided from the various GRT members, as detailed in Table 2, with specific documentation in Appendix II – C to this record.

## **2.4 FIRST NATIONS**

During the initial consultations for the ToR in 2004, the Township was advised by the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat (ONAS; now Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs) to consult with local First Nations groups in the area on the WMSP. ONAS identified three groups with potential interest in the study:

- The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan (AoP) – Golden Lake, Ontario.
- The Algonquins of Greater Golden Lake (AGGL) – Killaloe, Ontario.
- The Algonquin Nation Tribal Council (ANTC) – Sharbot Lake, Ontario.

These groups were identified during the development of the WMSP as having land claims in the Ottawa Valley region, including the entire Township of Madawaska Valley.

The Township has included these groups in the consultation program for the WMSP, and only the AoP have been active in the project, providing background information, and other comments relating to the WMSP and the Algonquin land claim in the region. In addition, a constructive and informative consultation meeting was held with the AoP (all invited) in April 2005 at which the AoP's interests in the project were communicated directly to the Working Group and PLC.

Since the April 2005 meeting, the Township has made additional attempts to meet with the AoP to discuss the results of various natural heritage and cultural heritage (archaeological) studies completed for the WMSP. Unfortunately, the AoP (and the other First Nations requested to attend), have declined.

Further to the direction of ONAS in 2004, the Pembroke District Office of the OMNR advised the Township in early October 2006 that additional consultation pertaining to a compliance land acquisition process for the implementation of the "Preferred Alternative" was necessary, with an additional local First Nation from the Whitney, Ontario area. With the assistance of the Pembroke District OMNR, the Township has undertaken consultation with the Whitney Algonquins in this regard, and the Township understands that no significant concerns have been identified.

The Township anticipates support from local First Nations for the implementation of the WMSP, as First Nations peoples residing in the Township have access to and readily use the Township's waste management services.

In addition to consultation with local Algonquin First Nations on this project, First Nations peoples associated with the Williams Treaty area were contacted at the Draft EA stage (November 2006) requesting an expression of interest in the project and the "Preferred Alternative". Details of this additional consultation with the Williams Treaty First Nations is included with Appendix II – E of this record.

## **2.5 PUBLIC**

The Township has utilized a significant amount of resources to ensure consultation with the public has been effective, and useful in the development of the “Preferred Alternative” for the WMSP. Since the Township included public opinion as a screening element in the development of the WMSP, public interest and comment was deemed vital to the success of the project.

### **2.5.1 PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENTS**

As stated in Section 1.0, the Township hosted a total of four (4) public consultation events (PCE) during the preparation of the WMSP. PCE No. 1 was held in preparation of the ToR, and the subsequent three events were held during the preparation of the EA, at milestones in the project's development.

At each PCE, the Township presented the following to those in attendance:

- A slide presentation outlining/reiterating the key aspects of the EA process, the need for technical studies, and the significance of public comment. The presentation also provided a synopsis of the project work completed to date, and the next steps and future work for the project. Future work in the project was summarized in draft versions of the work plans attached as Appendix II – A and II – B of this record.
- A question and answer session during which time attendees could inquire about any aspect of the project.
- A following open house session with visual aids, small group discussions, and opportunities for individual discussions as preferred by some.

In addition to the presentation and open discussion portions of each PCE, the Township prepared a questionnaire that was available for completion and return to the Township either during the meeting sessions, or provided to the Township after the meeting within a typical four (4) week comment period. From the questions, comments, questionnaires, and other comments received, a summary of each event was prepared, and any other formal responses to comments that were warranted were prepared and sent to respective parties.

### **2.5.2 PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE**

From the first PCE in October of 2003 in preparation of the ToR, the Township invited interested parties to be part of a Public Liaison Committee (PLC), whom were tasked with a mandate and responsibilities to the WMSP. It was decided that the Township's Working Group, consisting of the Township's Water, Wastewater, and Waste Management Committee, would meet regularly with the PLC to discuss project progress, and specifically, any public comment or issues that may have been raised outside of formal PCEs.

The PCE was tasked with the following responsibilities to the WMSP:

- To assist in identifying public parties interested in the WMSP and related contact information.
- To conduct or attend regular meetings which were open to the public to ensure transparency, and equal opportunity for public input.
- To identify potential issues and concerns, and/or collect input of the public, and communicate this information to the Working Group.
- To disseminate comments, proposed amendments/solutions to concerns provided by the PLC from the Township Council, and/or the Working Group back to the public.
- To build the profile of the project and engage the public in the WMSP.

The PLC was also requested to attend the PCEs to provide a familiar portal for the public to comment on the WMSP. The PLC has been a tremendous asset to the development of this project.

### **2.5.3 PUBLIC MEDIA**

Local newspapers are an integral means by which information is provided to the public in small, rural communities. In the Township, two (2) particular newspapers play a fundamental role, the Barry's Bay This Week (BBTW) based in Barry's Bay, and the Eganville Leader (Leader) of Eganville (Township of Bonnechere Valley). Both publications cover the western and central portions of Renfrew County and the western Ottawa Valley, including Madawaska Valley.

Further to the benefit of local coverage of this issue in community newspapers, the Township was fortunate to have editors of the BBTW paper on the PLC. The benefit of this arrangement was to ensure that reporting of the various events, results of technical studies, and other important information was clearly and accurately communicated to the public.

Other media approaches were also utilized to provide information to the public and to communicate upcoming PCEs, and other waste management matters. These efforts included:

- Press releases in the BBTW and Leader, at specific milestones in the EA and in preparation for upcoming PCEs.
- Radio announcements on local stations (Moose FM and Star96) providing notice to the public of upcoming PCEs.
- Regular (seasonal) "Waste Matters..." newsletters providing project status reports and notification of upcoming waste management events, educational insights, and other information pertinent to the WMSP. The newsletters were included in tax mailings, and as handouts at existing waste disposal/transfer sites in the Township.
- The establishment and on-going management of an information "base station" related to the WMSP at the Township office and on the Township's internet webpage: <http://www.madawaskavalley.on.ca/municipal/waste.php>. This webpage holds all pertinent information related to the project for public viewing.
- In special cases, direct (or electronic) mailings were utilized to ensure PLC members, stakeholders, and the public were notified of various stages of the WMSP and/or upcoming PCEs.

### **3.0 CONSULTATION WITH THE ONTARIO MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The OMOE Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch (EAAB) has acted as a Ministry representative in cooperation with the Township in the development of the WMSP. To date, the project has had several officers assigned to the file, whom have provided support and information to the Township throughout the various phases of the study and the formal submission process.

Summary documentation related to the OMOE's assistance has been attached in Appendix II – C. In addition, any and all correspondence, submissions, etc. sent to review agencies was copied to the Project Officer at the OMOE. This information is attached in Appendix II – D of this record.

## **4.0 CONSULTATION WITH REVIEW AGENCIES**

The Township has undertaken comprehensive consultation with government review agencies (GRT) in developing the WMSP, both at milestones through the process, and specific consultation for various studies, assessments and other pertinent needs to the EA.

### **4.1 SUMMARY OF AGENCY CONSULTATION FOR THE EA**

The attached Table 2 summarizes the various consultations that were held with pertinent agencies during the study phase of the EA. Specific comments and corresponding actions taken with respect to GRT comments are also provided therein.

The consultations with the GRT were primarily based on three (3) measures during the undertaking:

- Request for Information (RFI) – agencies with mandates consistent with a long-term waste management planning project were contacted to collect background information, etc. for the various technical aspects, site locations, etc. that were being considered in the development of the project.
- General Work Plan (GWP) – as mentioned in Section 2.1 above, interim reports were prepared and presented to the public and pertinent review agencies throughout the project. In this particular case, the GWP (SGS, 2004) was prepared and circulated to various agencies for comment.
- Detailed Work Plan (DWP) – similar to the GWP, the DWP (SGS, 2005) was also circulated to the GRT for comment.

Comments from the GRT were utilized to assist in the various technical studies undertaken to identify the “Preferred Alternative” for the WMSP (as detailed in Volume I of this report).

As part of the finalization of the WMSP, a Draft EA Report was circulated to active GRT agencies on November 6, 2006, requesting review comments on the WMSP, and the presentation of the WMSP in the form of a documentation report. Comments on the Draft EA were provided by GRT agencies, First Nations, the public and stakeholders as summarized in Table 2.

The comments received on the Draft EA (Table 2) were helpful in identifying where additional information and clarification on the various aspects of the WMSP were needed. The majority of GRT review comments were technically detailed in nature, despite the WMSP being an EAA level submission, with future EPA-level applications pending EAA approval (see Volume I, Section 10). However, the technical-based comments on the Draft EA will be useful to the Township during the EPA-level applications pending approval of the WMSP EA in 2007.

## 5.0 CONSULTATION WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

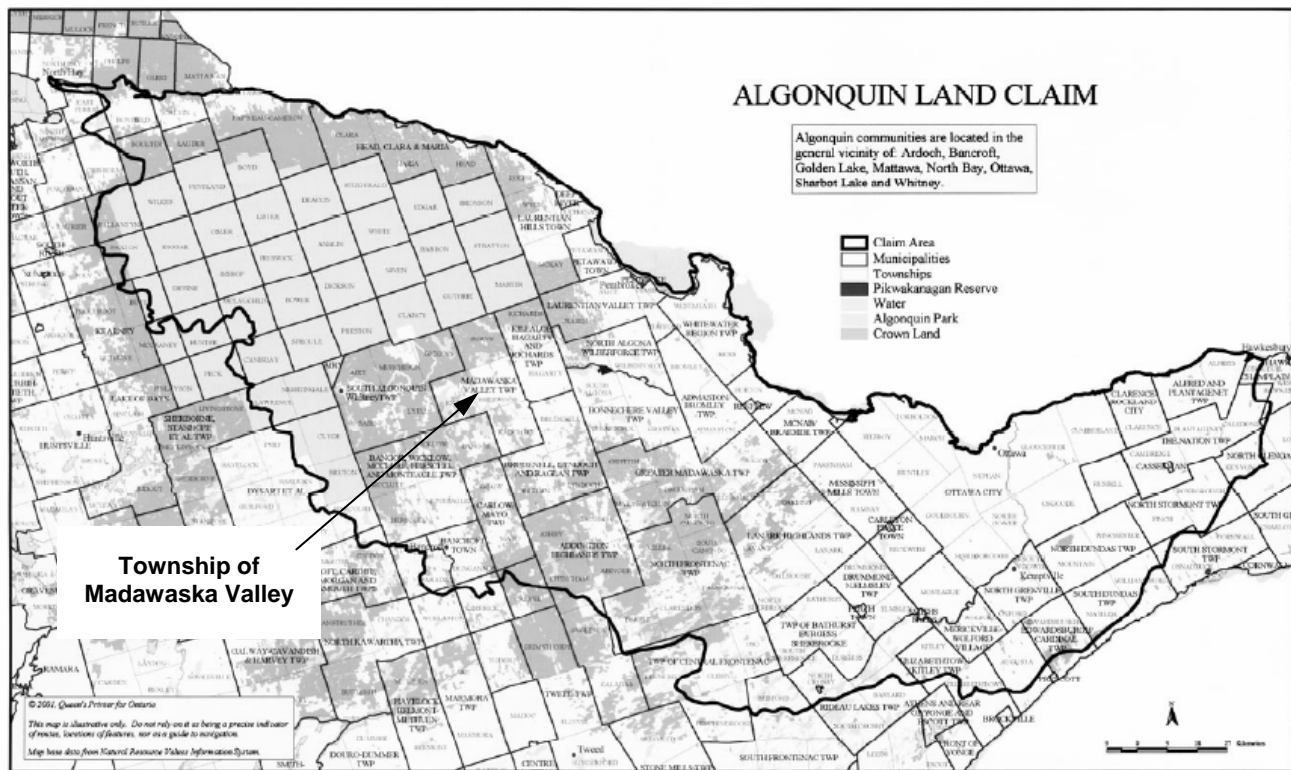
During the review of the ToR for this WMSP in 2004, the Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs (OSAA; then the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat, ONAS) suggested that the Township consult directly with local First Nation groups with interest in the study area.

Details regarding consultation with First Nations communities for the WMSP are provided in the following sections with specific consultation information attached in Appendix II – E to this record.

### 5.1 SUMMARY OF ALGONQUIN FIRST NATION CONSULTATION FOR THE EA

Since the ToR stage of the project, formal negotiations have commenced with local Algonquin First Nation and the provincial and federal governments with respect to land claims in the Ottawa Valley region, including claim to unpatented lands of the Township of Madawaska Valley, as shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1 Algonquin Land Claim Area**



Source: 2001, Queen's Printer for Ontario

During the ToR review stage in 2004, the Township requested a formal “time-out” of the ToR review process by the OMOE to ensure local First Nation groups, as advised by OSAA (ONAS at that time), were consulted for the ToR and were properly notified of the project and had an opportunity to comment on the ToR and their preference for future involvement in the development of the WMSP.

The local First Nation groups that were consulted for the WMSP were:

- The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan (AoP) – Golden Lake, Ontario.
- The Algonquins of Greater Golden Lake (AGGL) – Killaloe, Ontario.
- The Algonquin Nation Tribal Council (ANTC) – Sharbot Lake, Ontario.
- The Whitney Algonquins (WA) – Whitney, Ontario.

The ANTC were represented by the AGGL throughout this project; however, the AGGL has not taken an active role in the development of the WMSP. The WA were identified for consultation late in the process by the Pembroke District OMNR. Consultation with respect to land acquisitions at/near Bark Lake with the WA was completed in cooperation with the Pembroke District OMNR and no concerns were identified.

Consultation with local First Nations in the development of the WMSP has included the following aspects:

- Requests for and the provision of background information related to cultural and/or heritage values as it pertains to existing waste disposal sites, and potential areas of First Nation significance (October 2004).
- A formal First Nations consultation meeting of April 28, 2005.
- Distribution of the GWP and DWP documents and results of the studies for comment.
- Circulation of the Draft EA (November 2006) for review and comment.

The Draft EA Report (November 2006) was circulated to the Township’s Algonquin First Nation contacts, and no comments have been received on the Draft EA and the “Preferred Alternative”. Table 2 and Appendix II – E contains specific First Nations consultation correspondence associated with the project.

## **5.2 SUMMARY OF WILLIAMS TREATY FIRST NATIONS CONSULTATION FOR THE EA**

At the Draft EA stage of the WMSP in early November 2006, letters of consultation regarding the Township’s WMSP and the Draft EA Report (November 6, 2006) were distributed to Williams Treaty (WT) First Nations with potential interest in the study area. These First Nations are:

- The Mnjikaning First Nation – Rama, Ontario.
- The Alderville First Nation – Roseneath, Ontario.
- The Curve Lake First Nation – Curve Lake, Ontario.
- The Moose Deer Point First Nation – Mactier, Ontario.
- The Hiawatha First Nation – Keene, Ontario.
- The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation – Port Perry, Ontario.
- The Beausoleil Indian Band – Cedar Point, Ontario.
- The Chippewas of Georgina Island – Sutton West, Ontario.

Figure 2 depicts the Williams Treaty land claim area, showing interest in lands in the Township of Madawaska Valley, southwest of Pembroke, Ontario.

**Figure 2 Williams Treaty Land Claim Area**



Source: 2005, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, Directory of Federal Real Property

The WT First Nations were invited to express interest in the WMSP in November 2006 during the Draft EA stage, when specific details about the “Preferred Alternative” had been identified as a result of the EA, and related to their land claim, any land-related components of the “Preferred Alternative” that may be of interest to the WT communities.

In response to the Draft EA circulation, responses were received from the Alderville, Mnjikaning, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations, which are summarized in Table 2 and included in Appendix II – E to this record. No other WT communities have expressed interest in the project.

A comprehensive record of consultation with the above First Nation groups has been compiled and is provided for review in Appendix II – E of this Volume.

Further to the above, the project’s First Nations contacts have been circulated a copy of this Final EA Report for review and comment during the formal EA review process.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

Consultation with the public in the development of the WMSP has been undertaken in various methods and approaches, in an effort to maximize public involvement in the process. Further, when comment was provided from the public on any aspect of the project, the Township prepared formal responses to the comments received.

### **6.1 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE EA**

As presented in Section 2.5, various strategies and approaches to consultation with the public were employed by the Township, including:

- Formal consultation events.
- Newspaper and radio notices, and press releases.
- Newsletters.
- Mailings.

Specific tasks and/or items related to the public consultation program are provided in the following sections, relative to each of the four (4) Public Consultation Events (PCE) hosted by the Township for the WMSP at milestones along the project's development.

### **6.2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT NO. 1 – OCTOBER 4 AND 8, 2003**

#### Consultation in Preparation of the Terms of Reference

In preparation of the Terms of Reference framework document by which the Township has been conducting this project in accordance with the EAA, the Township hosted the first public consultation events on October 6 and 8, 2003 to consult with the public on their interests, concerns, and to gather input from the public into specific parts of the project that were deemed important in the study area. Notice of this meeting was provided by the Township as follows.

Newspaper Notices: Barry's Bay This Week, October 1, 2003, and Eganville Leader, October 1, 2003.

Newspaper Article: "Waste Management Process Gets Underway", Barry's Bay This Week, October 15, 2003.

Since this first PCE was held in preparation of the ToR, copies of the various documentation has been included with the ToR as Appendix I – A of Volume I.

### **6.3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT NO. 2 – AUGUST 25, 2004**

#### Presentation of the Terms of Reference and General Work Plan

With the consultation on the ToR completed through the first consultation event and the subsequent formal submission to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for approval, the Township held a second public consultation event in the late summer of 2004 to present the details of the ToR and to present general work studies for completion in late 2004 and early 2005, which were documented in a draft (at that time) GWP (SGS, 2004). Upon completion of the consultation event and a public comment period, the GWP was finalized and published for viewing by interested parties on the Township's webpage, local public libraries, and at the Township office. Notices of PCE No. 2 were published as follows:

#### Newspaper Notices:

- Bancroft This Week, August 13 and 20, 2004.
- Barry's Bay This Week, August 18 and 25, 2004.
- Eganville Leader, August 18 and 25, 2004.

#### Newsletters:

- April 2004 (Edition 1).
- May 2004 (Edition 2).
- June 2004 (Edition 3).
- July 2004 (Edition 4).
- August 2004 "Special Edition" (Edition 5).
- October 2004 (Edition 6).

#### Municipal Mailings:

Summer 2004, August 2004 "Special Edition" (Edition 5) Newsletter included.

#### Other:

- Newsletter handouts at Township waste disposal/transfer sites, August 2004.

- Newspaper article, “Public Comment Sought on Waste Management”, Barry’s Bay This Week, August 25, 2004.
- Newspaper article, “Waste Management Strategic Plan Focus of Public Consultation”, Barry’s Bay This Week, September 1, 2004.
- Newspaper article, “MV Council Updated on Waste Management Strategic Plan”, Barry’s Bay This Week, October 20, 2004.
- Newspaper article, “Waste Management Terms of Reference Should Be Accepted This Week”, Barry’s Bay This Week, December 1, 2004.
- Newspaper article, “Terms of Reference Approved for MV’s Waste Management Strategic Plan”, Barry’s Bay This Week, January 19, 2005.

Summary information from the PCE and the various items listed above has been included in Appendix II - F to this record.

#### **6.4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT NO. 3 – AUGUST 3, 2005**

##### General Work Plan Summary and Detailed Work Plan

The Township completed the general studies identified in the General Work Plan (SGS, October 2004) and prepared a summary document as a report for interested parties to review, as a continuation from the second consultation event from August 2004. With the results of the general work plan in consideration, the Township prepared a Detailed Work Plan (in draft) for review and comment at this meeting. Notice of this meeting was provided as follows:

##### Newspaper Notices:

- Barry’s Bay This Week, July 20 and 27, 2005.
- Eganville Leader, July 20 and 27, 2005.

##### Radio Announcements:

- Moose 97.7 FM, Bancroft: July 25 to August 2, 2005, approximately 25 announcements.
- Star 96.7 FM, Pembroke: July 25 to August 2, 2005, approximately 30 announcements.

##### Newsletters:

- February 2005 (Edition 7), May 2005 (Edition 8), Summer 2005 “Special Edition” (Edition 9).

Municipal Mailings:

- July 11, 2005 letter to Bark Lake area property owners as an invitation to attend the August 3, 2005 meeting.

Other:

- Newsletter handouts at Township waste disposal/transfer sites, July and early August 2005.
- Press Release, "Third Public Consultation Event for Waste Management Strategic Plan", Barry's Bay This Week, July 27, 2005.
- Newspaper article, "Township to Consult Public on Waste Woes", Barry's Bay This Week, July 27, 2005.
- Newspaper editorial, "Garbage Meeting is Time Well Wasted", Barry's Bay This Week, July 27, 2005.
- Newspaper article, "Residents Question Waste Management Strategy", Barry's Bay This Week, August 10, 2005.
- Newspaper article, "Down in the Dumps – Township Mulls Options to Solve Its Waste Management Blues", Barry's Bay This Week, August 17, 2005.

At this particular meeting, the Township did receive comments from property owners from the Bark Lake area, specifically those near the currently operating Bark Lake waste disposal site. These interested parties provided a petition to the Township related to the consideration of the Bark Lake site for potential expansion, which was proposed for specific investigation in the (draft) Detailed Work Plan. The Township responded to this petition in a letter dated September 28, 2005, addressed to individuals listed on this petition who provided address information.

No responses to the Township's letter of September 28, 2005 were received.

Summary information from the PCE and the various items listed above has been included in Appendix II - F to this record.

## **6.5 PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT NO. 4 – JUNE 5, 2006**

### Detailed Work Plan Summary and the Recommended "Preferred Alternative"

The fourth event was held to present the findings of the Detailed Work Plan (SGS, September 2005) which formulated the recommendation of the "Preferred Alternative" presented at the meeting. Notice of this meeting was provided as follows:

Newspaper Notices:

- Barry's Bay This Week, May 24 and 31, 2006.
- Eganville Leader, May 24 and 31, 2006.

Radio Announcements:

- Moose 97.7 FM, Bancroft: May 20 to June 5, 2005, approximately 40 announcements.
- Star 96.7 FM, Pembroke: May 21 to June 5, 2006, approximately 50 announcements.

Newsletters:

- Spring 2006 (Edition 7).

Municipal Mailings:

- May 10, 2006 letter to Bark Lake area property owners as an invitation to attend the June 5, 2006 meeting.

Other:

- Newsletter handouts at Township waste disposal/transfer sites, May and early June, 2006.
- Newspaper article, "Ancient Tools Found at Proposed Landfill Site", Barry's Bay This Week, February 1, 2006.
- Newspaper article, "Consultant's Report Favours Expansion of Bark Lake Landfill", Barry's Bay This Week, March 8, 2006.
- Newspaper article, "Firm Briefs Council on Waste Issue", Barry's Bay This Week, March 22, 2006.
- Newspaper article, "Public Meeting on Waste Management Plan Set for June 5", Barry's Bay This Week, May 17, 2006.

At this meeting, the Township was provided a letter (and attached petition) from a particular individual apparently representing local property owners of the Bark Lake area in the Township. In response to this letter, a formal response from the Township was provided dated July 25, 2006. To date, no formal comments from this individual or other property owners has been received.

## **6.6 DRAFT EA REPORT REVIEW – NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

As documented in the various sections in this record, a Draft EA Report was prepared and available for interested parties to review, as part of pre-submission consultation efforts of the Township. Newspaper notices of the Draft EA reports availability were published in early November 2006, and specific notifications provided to the Township's PLC for their interest and communication to the public.

Despite the efforts of the Township to engage the public to review the Draft EA, only minimal public/stakeholder comment on the prepared documentation was provided. However, the Township recognizes that the various consultation events hosted throughout the project since 2003 have provided ample opportunity for the public to express their comments and concerns regarding the WMSP, which have been considered in the evaluation of the project alternatives.

Consistent with the Draft EA review process, the Township looks forward to continued public support of the WMSP during the Final EA review in 2007.

Summary information from the various public consultation efforts identified above are provided in Table 2 and Appendix II - F to this record.