

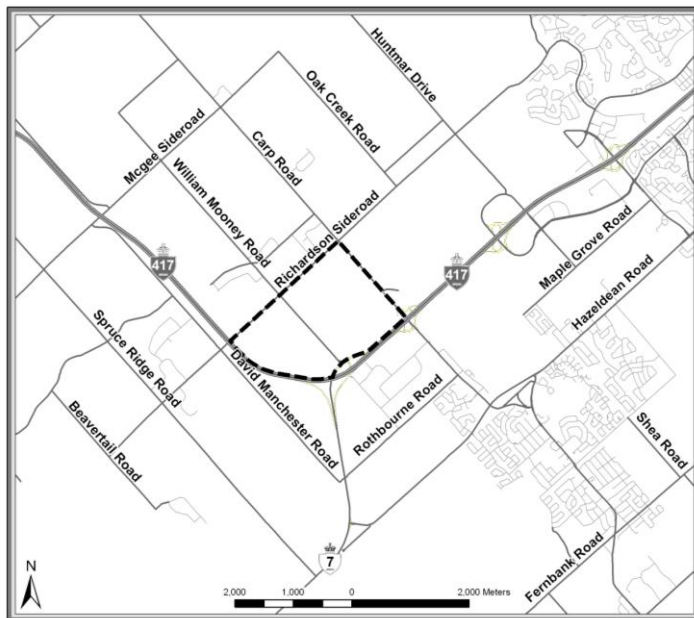


## Notice of Commencement Terms of Reference for an Environmental Assessment Waste Management of Canada Corporation West Carleton Environmental Centre

Waste Management of Canada Corporation (WM), owners and operators of the existing Ottawa Waste Management Facility (Ottawa WMF), have initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) seeking approval for a new landfill footprint at the existing Ottawa WMF. The new landfill footprint will be one component of the proposed West Carleton Environmental Centre (WCEC). The proposed WCEC will be an integrated waste management facility that will include:

- Waste diversion and recycling operations;
- Composting operations;
- Renewable energy facilities;
- Recreational lands for community uses; and,
- A new landfill footprint for disposal of residual waste materials.

The new landfill footprint is the only component of the WCEC that requires EA approval under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) and is the reason for this Notice of Commencement. The proposed location of the WCEC and the new landfill footprint component is within the City of Ottawa in the area shown on the map below. The purpose of the EA is to study the potential effects of the proposed new landfill footprint on the environment.



### The Process

The new landfill footprint component of the WCEC requires EAA approval. The first step in the process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR sets out the proponent's framework and work plan for addressing the EAA requirements when preparing the EA, including such things as the alternatives that will be considered and the public consultation activities that will be carried out. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA.

### Want to Get Involved?

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process by attending consultation events or contacting WM staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation opportunities will be advertised in local newspapers, on our project website (<http://wcec.wm.com>) and by direct and/or electronic mail.

An initial round of **Public Open Houses** to discuss the development of the draft ToR including the rationale/need for the new landfill footprint, potential alternatives, and the consultation process that will be followed during the development of the EA, along with elements of the WCEC, is scheduled for the week of **April 19 to April 22, 2010**. The specific dates, times and locations of the first Public Open House are as follows:

April 19, 2010	April 20, 2010	April 21, 2010	April 22, 2010	April 22, 2010
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
WM Hauling Office 254 Westbrook Road, Stittsville	Carp Agricultural Fair 3790 Carp Road, Carp	Brookstreet Hotel 525 Leggett Drive, Kanata	Metro Central YMCA 180 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa	Shenkman Arts Centre 245 Centrum Blvd, Orleans

You are encouraged to attend and participate in helping us identify issues, interests or ideas to be addressed during the EA. A workshop on evaluation criteria and identification of alternatives will be held on May 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2010. A second Public Open House is tentatively scheduled for the end of May, 2010 before the ToR is submitted to the Minister of Environment for a decision. Details of these consultation activities will be made available to the public in advance.

In addition to attending the public open house and workshop events, you are invited to submit your comments via the project website (<http://wcec.wm.com>), mail, email or fax to the address/number published below. We will also receive your comments on our project information line at (613) 836-8610.

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Please note that information related to this Study will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record and may be included in Study documentation prepared for public review.

***Get Involved....Have Your Say!***