



**CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL  
STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION  
– EAST OF OTTAWA (CESA-EO)**



**CAPITAL REGION CITIZENS  
COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT (CRCCPE)**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Landfill Opponents Critical of Antics at City Hall**

**Russell and Carlsbad Springs, April 24, 2015:**

CTV Ottawa News has erroneously reported, "Ottawa's Environment Committee voted today to approve a new landfill in Ottawa's East end, to be built and operated by Taggart-Miller Environmental Services". This is not true. Only the Province of Ontario can approve this proposed landfill project.

The City of Ottawa Environment Committee approved the City staff report which identified several issues with the Environmental Assessment Report prepared by Taggart Miller.

A delegation headed by Sue Langlois, the president of CRCCPE, and Harry Baker, the president of CESA-EO, laid out the communities' concerns:

- a) The mega solid waste facility proposed for Boundary Rd/ Hwy 417 would be roughly **FOUR TIMES** the footprint of the current Carp Road landfill.
- b) In their report, Taggart Miller states clearly that their ultimate diversion target for the IC&I (Industrial, Commercial and Institutional) waste stream is **ONLY 16%** – clearly they plan to landfill the majority of the waste.
- c) The site is underlain by 100 feet of weak, highly compressible, and sensitive Leda clay soil which makes it unstable for any large weighty structure, especially a landfill. With the high moisture content of the Leda Clay at this location, combined with any vibration (i.e. identified zone of high probability of earth quakes, heavy equipment vibration, etc.), liquefaction could occur resulting in a massive landfill settlement and possibly ripping the landfill perimeter liner. With no bottom liner, wet saturated Leda Clay would allow contaminants to flow easily through it. The proponent's questionable design would expose the community to a very high risk of surface water and groundwater contamination. Farmers, residents and businesses in the area must not be put at risk
- d) Hydrological information collected was highly oversimplified and the hydrological modelling has significant problems. The work undertaken in support of the proposed facility at Boundary Road is seriously deficient.

Fourteen hundred East Ottawa residents have signed a petition opposing a landfill on Boundary Road. CRCCPE/CESA-EO asked the City of Ottawa Environment Committee to issue a complete rejection of this private landfill proposal which exposes Ottawa's citizens to avoidable harm.

We applaud the City of Ottawa for their stance on waste diversion targets proposed in resolution #2. The province should enforce their target of 60% diversion.

We don't need any more landfills in eastern Ontario. We already have **OVER-CAPACITY**.

Existing waste operators currently provide diversion and recycling services, and will dispose of residuals in existing landfills.

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