

## **Spring 2017 has arrived...**

... but the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Taggart-Miller landfill (CRRRC) remains at the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, in Toronto. The CRRRC dump has not been approved or rejected by the Province of Ontario, and the City of Ottawa has not approved it either. We expected an answer last August, but as the saying goes “no news is good news”.

While the Taggart Miller dump is still being assessed in Toronto, we want to raise more awareness of our community fight. Recent news about the Carp Road landfill going outside Ontario to get garbage (<http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/ontario-allows-quebec-waste-to-be-trucked-to-carp-facility-city-mulls-appeal>) proves our argument that the Taggart-Miller project would not find enough garbage locally either. We are warning the City of Ottawa and the Province of Ontario:

Ottawa does not need another dump! If the CRRRC gets approved, Taggart Miller can be expected to change their boundaries – just like Waste Management did – and take garbage from wherever they can find it.

### **Extra Extra! Read (and write) all about it!**

The Open Letter to Premier Wynne (see below) is being sent to news outlets, our provincial politicians in Toronto and will be available on the DTD2 website and Facebook page.

We need to speak up; most people outside our area still do not know about the 450 acre dump and trash depot that Taggart Miller want to build on Boundary Road. Please take a minute and write to this local reporter who covers waste issues: [jon.willing@sunmedia.ca](mailto:jon.willing@sunmedia.ca)

You might want to mention...

- we are glad Waste Management has backed down (for now) on taking Quebec garbage
- that situation proves it is very easy for a dump to “re-draw the map” after they get approved
- Ottawa obviously does not have enough trash to support the Taggart Miller dump, or Carp Road
- Miller Waste handles tons of waste in Toronto which they could send to Ottawa!
- the City of Ottawa needs to stop the Taggart Miller dump while we have time!

### **Stay informed:**

Your DumpThisDump2 annual recycling drive will take place May 27 (flyer to come soon)

We will also hold the Annual General Meeting later this spring.

Watch our website for details: <http://www.dumpthisdump2.ca/>

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## **Open Letter to Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario**

Ottawa, Edwardsburgh, Winchester, Ingersoll, Russell, Stittsville... the list of communities grows longer every week. Shocked and frustrated citizens open their local newspapers and learn they are invited to an "Open House" consultation then read the fine print: a massive dump is proposed for the quarry near their town. Or the field beside that. Or the forest across the road.

Many of these communities already have a local waste facility. They may have 2 or 3 within a 30 minute drive. So concerned citizens write to the province of Ontario and explain that they have recycling and waste disposal. They note: no new dump is needed.

Then new Open House invitations appear about a document called the "Terms of Reference" for an Environmental Assessment process. The citizens realize the unnecessary, destructive dump project is moving forward. They write more letters. They do more research. They learn that in some parts of Ontario, TWICE as much dump capacity is already approved by Ontario's Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), compared to how much waste is generated there, every year. Where is all the garbage coming from?

### **Catchment Creep**

Although waste project proposals state local "preferred service areas", the area supplying waste can be greatly enlarged after a dump is approved. Ontario dump managers are now so hungry for new trash business, they are asking for garbage from neighbours like Quebec, regardless of the increased trucking emissions. And the MOECC is approving those changes, letting more trucks roll in from outside Ontario.

### **Taggart & Miller**

The 450 acre landfill and recycling site proposed in Ottawa by Taggart Construction and Miller Waste (the CRRRC) is currently seeking Ontario's approval, while another mega-dump (Carp Road) was approved in Ottawa last year. Ottawa has 4 large landfills operating within city limits already, plus several others in the region. The CRRRC proposal would add waste disposal capacity, but the approval of Carp Road's request to import waste from Quebec shows this region already has a surplus of approved landfill capacity. The CRRRC representatives belittle concerns about importing garbage with their oft-quoted "preferred service area" diagram. But just like the burgeoning Carp Road dump, they can ask to expand the service area if it suits their business.

Ontario's obvious priority should be reducing waste going to landfill so LESS disposal space needs to be approved, but projects like the CRRRC are long on talk and short on commitment. The majority of the CRRRC project site is designed to be a landfill. The recycling components are experimental in scale and may never be ramped up. The plan to destroy hundreds of acres of forest is anything but "green" and undermines Ontario's climate change objectives. The MOECC should see past the green tinted Assessment Report and reject the CRRRC project. Instead, they have been thinking it over for almost a year, while approving Ottawa's other dumps to take trash from out of province. If the Ontario government is serious about zero waste and its new waste-free strategy and legislation, both of which commit to "zero waste, it should NOT be approving new or expanded mega-dumps which would only undermine that initiative.

## **Back the Truck Up**

Ontario must not be “the solution” to the garbage problem next door! MOECC must protect our Environment from excess dump development. Ontario communities are waking up to the stink of the waste industry dumping on them with a nod from your administration! If Ontario’s “waste facility approval department” is so confused they can’t refuse dumps where too many already exist, then FREEZE all approvals until the rules are corrected. 882 operating landfills are enough!

32 Large landfills: <https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/map-large-landfill-sites>

850 Small landfills: <https://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/small-landfill-sites-list?drpDistrict=all&drpStatus=Open>

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