

# Next Steps at the Otter Lake Landfill

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# Acknowledgements

- \* Council for putting the process back on proper track
- \* John Traves for his efforts to work collaboratively
- \* The members of our community who have clearly expressed their views
- \* Councillors Rankin and Adams for their persistence

# Focus on Vertical Expansion

- \* Vertical expansion presents significant risk
  - \* Increased potential for impacts in community of odour, noise, litter, visual impacts from community, Bluff Trail and other areas
  - \* Increased risk of impact on Nine Mile River through siltation
  - \* No-one knows exactly what will happen when the landfill cover is peeled back on closed cells

# Recommendation 7

- \* Modification of By-law to allow export of waste
  - \* Society feels most in community would support less garbage at landfill
  - \* Not universal position
  - \* No public consultation has been done on this issue
  - \* Financial impact must be revisited
  - \* Strongly recommend that a public hearing be held to ensure wider community has opportunity to speak

# Recommendation 8

- \* Pleased that FEP and WSF will continue to operate
- \* Pleased that this will not come back for discussion until 2019 at the earliest

# Recommendation 9

- \* Accept that vertical lift is technically possible
- \* Acknowledge that there is no legal requirement to close the landfill in 2023
  - \* However, people in the community were told the landfill would be open for 25 years
- \* Vigilance required to ensure “environmental and community protection will be maintained or enhanced”

# CMC Role

- \* Important - “much better appreciation by staff of the role of CMC under the terms of the Community Monitoring Agreement”
- \* CMC will continue to be a watchdog
- \* Protecting community and environment a responsibility
  - \* Staff, Operator, Consultant, CMC/Society, and Council
- \* Council must continue to ensure commitments to community are met

# Looking Forward

- \* Lots more work to be done
- \* We will be vigilant
  - \* Monitoring measurable environmental outcomes
- \* The CMC will ensure that the Otter Lake landfill facility continues to be an example of excellence