

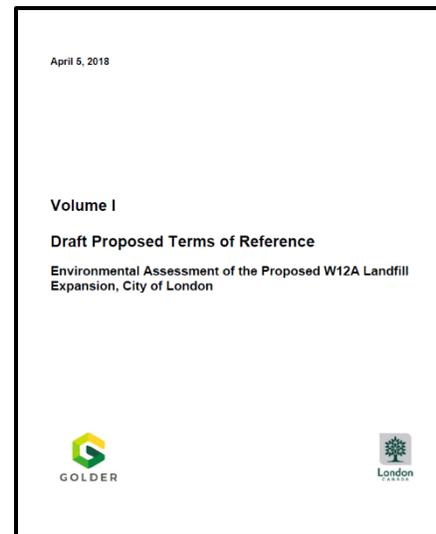
Frequently Asked Questions

Environmental Assessment for Proposed Landfill Expansion

What is the Terms of Reference?

The Terms of Reference (ToR) is the work plan or framework for completing the Environmental Assessment. The ToR describes:

- the project;
- the studies that will be undertaken;
- how information from the studies will be used to compare alternative landfill designs; and,
- the steps to complete the environmental assessment.



What is the Project?

The project is the expansion of the W12A Landfill site based on the following parameters:

- a 25 year planning period beyond projected landfill closure date of 2025;
- the service area will be expanded to neighbouring municipalities to create a regional service area;
- reduction in the maximum allowable annual tonnage that can be accepted at the landfill from 650,000 tonnes to 500,000 tonnes.; and,
- achieving 60% residential waste diversion by 2022.

At current disposal rates, the site is expected to reach its approved capacity at the beginning of 2025. An additional 14,700,000 cubic metres of airspace at the W12A Landfill site, which will about double the current approved capacity, will be required to satisfy disposal requirements for residual waste for the next 25 year period.

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How was the Terms of Reference Developed?

Development of the ToR began in March 2017 with the Notice of Commencement being sent to various stakeholders and advertised in the *Londoner*.

Since then the City has undertaken a number of community engagement activities to provide information on the ToR and seek feedback. These activities have included:

- holding two sets of open houses (one in May, one in November 2017);
- maintaining a project website (getinvolved.london.ca/WhyWasteDisposal);
- having a booth at community events (e.g., Sunfest, Lifestyle Home Show, etc.);
- providing information to nearby residents and property owners, government agencies, Indigenous Communities and the W12A Landfill Public Liaison Committee; and,
- creating the Waste Management Community Liaison Committee which has representation from various stakeholder groups.

What are the Next Steps in the Approval Process for the Terms of Reference?

The tentative schedule for approval of the ToR, including additional comment periods, is:

- ***Circulation of Draft Proposed ToR*** for public and agency review and comment from April 26 to June 8, 2018.
- The City will ***review and address comments received*** and revise Draft Proposed ToR accordingly.
- ***Approval of Proposed ToR by City Council*** in summer 2018. This will include a public participation meeting on the Proposed ToR at a Civic Works Committee Meeting prior to Council approval.
- ***Submission of the ToR*** to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. The Ministry will provide a 30 day review period for stakeholders to provide them with comments. The 30 day review period will likely occur in the Fall 2018.
- Minister of the Environment and Climate Change will make ***decision to approve or reject ToR***. This will likely occur in late 2018 or early 2019.

Please visit the project website on a regular basis to obtain updates on the status of the ToR approval.

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