

Managing Your Waste

CHRONOLOGY OF THE NORTH SIMCOE LANDFILL SITE (NSL)



1979
North Simcoe municipalities begin the search for a new landfill to service their area.

1986
The North Simcoe Landfill Site (NSL), a 20.7 hectare (50-acre) parcel in Tiny Township, is selected as the preferred site through an optimization process that evaluates each location on a set of 20 technical criteria such as hydrogeology, traffic and economics. A detailed hydrogeological study examining sub-surface soil and water conditions is carried out at Site 41.

1990-93
Additional candidate landfill sites are evaluated under new guidelines to determine the best possible site. NSL remains the preferred choice

May 1993
Joint Board Hearing on NSL resumes and continues until November 1994 with about half of the 110 days spent reviewing hydrogeological findings related to protection of soil and groundwater resources.

2003
Tiny Township and the NSL Community Monitoring Committee each hire independent engineering and environmental consultants to review findings of technical studies and respond with comments.

2004
The County addresses the main issues in a report filed with the Ministry of the Environment.

2008
On December 8, the Ministry of the Environment grants Permit to Take Water. Site construction begins in June 2008.

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1989
After reviewing the site selection process as well as results from the hydrogeological studies, the Ministry of the Environment concurs with finding favourable to the NSL and the application for a landfill site is referred to a Joint Board Hearing. The Board sat for 70 days during 1989.

1990
The Ontario Cabinet agrees that the North Simcoe Waste Management Association should have an opportunity to address issues surrounding the site selection process.

1990
While the Joint Board agrees that the NSL was hydrogeologically suitable for a landfill, the Board indicates the site selection process is deficient. Guidelines governing the site selection process had changed during the late 1980s.

1995
North Simcoe Waste Management Association disbands and the County of Simcoe assumes the site development process.

1995
On February 2, Joint Board grants approval for construction of NSL, stating the site complies with guidelines under the Environmental Assessment Act and the Environmental Protection Act.

1998-03
Technical studies are conducted to address conditions on the Provisional Certificate of Approval with technical reports completed in January 2003.

1998
The Ministry of the Environment issues a Provisional Certificate of Approval with conditions identified by the Joint Board. County begins land purchases.

2007
County Council votes on initial site development works such as on site roads, berms, and a storm water pond on June 26.

2006
On October 20, the Ministry of Environment issues final approval for the Site indicating that the County's submissions, reviewed by Ministry technical experts, meet or exceed standards.

2009
Cell construction begins Spring 2009.