



## Municipality of Greenstone

May 1, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

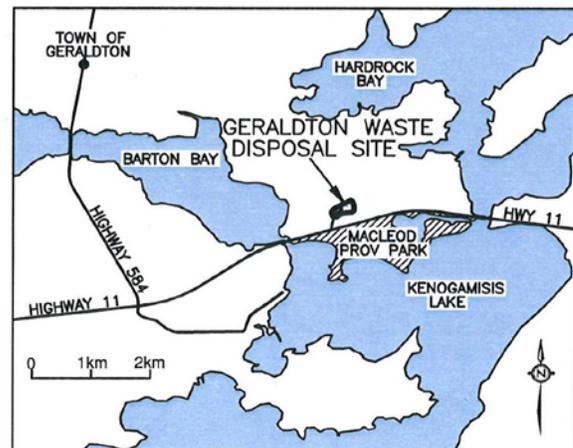
### NOTICE OF COMPLETION

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING REPORT

#### EXPANSION OF GERALDTON WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

As previously advised, the Municipality of Greenstone is engaged in the process of bringing the Geraldton Landfill Site into compliance with existing government regulations. To this end, the Municipality distributed a Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Screening Process in early 2009, designed to formally recognize the current status of the Site, which has expanded beyond its currently approved waste capacity. The Municipality engaged the services of **exp Services Inc.** (formerly Trow Associates Inc.) to undertake the environmental screening and prepare an Environmental Screening Report, in accordance with O. Reg. 101/07. Although the Site currently occupies a footprint that is essentially in accordance with a former Land Use Permit (LUP) issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), it has been operating out of compliance with its Certificate of Approval (C of A) for many years. This situation arose because an application to increase the area of the Site to correspond with the area authorized by a revision to the LUP in 1977 was never submitted to MOE. Subsequently, regulations were revised to require completion of an environmental assessment (EA) prior to obtaining approval for a Site expansion. The Municipality was advised by the MOE in 1993 that an EA would be needed to utilize the additional disposal area authorized by the revised LUP. However, due to an oversight, the additional lands began to be used for waste disposal without the required EA and C of A revision.

This notification is to advise you that the final Environmental Screening Report (ESR), addressing all comments and feedback received, has been completed. The ESR process has not identified any disadvantages of the landfill expansion that might preclude its formal approval, and the Municipality intends to submit an application to the MOE to amend the C of A accordingly. The ESR will be part of the supporting documentation for the application. Note that the amended C of A (now called an Environmental Compliance Approval or ECA) will only allow the current site to operate until approximately end-May 2014. The investigation of alternative waste disposal options is the subject of a separate undertaking.



The complete ESR is available for review on the Municipality's website ([www.greenstone.ca](http://www.greenstone.ca)). A hard copy of the report may be viewed at the Greenstone municipal offices in Geraldton (1800 Main St.) during normal business hours or at the Greenstone Public Library, Geraldton Branch (405 Second St. W), and will be sent to interested agencies or organizations upon request. Any interested persons, including Aboriginal communities or government agencies, with outstanding environmental concerns about the project should contact the Municipality's Consultant: **Mr. Demetri Georgiou, M.A.Sc., P.Eng., Exp Services Inc., 1142 Roland Street, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5M4. Phone: (807) 623-9495; Fax: (807) 623-8070; E-mail: [demetri.georgiou@exp.com](mailto:demetri.georgiou@exp.com).** If concerns are unable to be resolved, the concerned person(s) can make a written request to the MOE to elevate the project to an individual Environmental Assessment (EA). Elevation requests must be submitted within 60 days of this notice (i.e., by June 30, 2013) to: **Director, Environmental Approvals Branch, Ministry of the Environment, 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A, Toronto, ON M4V 1L5; Fax: (416) 314-8452.** As described in the *Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Waste Management Projects* (available at [www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/resources/STD01\\_076021.html](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/resources/STD01_076021.html)), the elevation request must include the following information: the name of the project and proponent; the basis of the request; that the project be elevated to an individual environmental assessment; the nature of the specific environmental concerns that remain unresolved; the benefits of requiring the proponent to undertake an individual environmental assessment; information about any efforts to discuss/resolve these concerns/environmental effects with the proponent; details of any correspondence between the person and the proponent; and any other matters considered relevant by the requesting person. A copy of the elevation request must also be sent to the Municipality's Consultant at the above address. Any such elevation request, including any personal information contained therein, will be maintained as part of a record available to the public and may be circulated to other stakeholders.