

Review of the leachate analytical data provided by Huneault Waste leachate confirmed that it could be accepted at the Pickard Centre without creating operational issues for the treatment process. The opportunity provided by the MOEE to review and comment on the draft order before it was issued enabled the Region to mitigate its impact. Given the urgency of the matter and at MOEE request, the Environment and Transportation Commissioner, using emergency powers, waived the 15 day notice period required under the Ontario Water Resources Act for the Region to provide comments on the Order once it was served.

Under normal circumstances, the disposal of leachate requires Council approval as stipulated in the Regional Regulatory Code and is subject to specific requirements and controls which are identified in the form of an agreement. Given the emergency situation, staff negotiated terms and conditions for the acceptance of the leachate with Huneault Waste. The terms and conditions include:

1. Designated times and location for the disposal of leachate.
2. Permitting requirements for the haulers transporting the leachate.
3. Monitoring and reporting requirements to assess the quality and volume of leachate being discharged.
4. Compensation for the treatment and disposal of leachate.

Staff will evaluate the analytical and technical data that will be gathered by Huneault Waste as part of their monitoring and reporting requirements to assess the on-going disposal of the Huneault Waste leachate at the Pickard Centre should this become the preferred long term leachate management plan for Huneault Waste. The staff recommendations would then be submitted to Committee and Council for approval, as required by Part 5.2 of the Regional Regulatory Code.

CONSULTATION

The public consultation process was not applicable since the receipt of the leachate stemmed from an Order from the MOEE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with receiving Huneault Waste leachate at the Pickard Centre will be fully recovered through the compensation fee.

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