
OPF/MMF Residents' Meeting Questions and Concerns Raised by Attendees

The County of Simcoe hosted an invitation-only information session on Wednesday, March 23 for residents who live within a 500 metre radius of the proposed Organics Processing and Materials Management Facility on Horseshoe Valley Road West.

An overview of the project was provided by County of Simcoe staff prior to opening the floor to questions from attendees. Below is a list of questions and concerns raised by those in attendance.

Site Selection

- Questions arose regarding the weighting of the selection criteria.
- Why were no industrial sites investigated?
- Are there comparable sites built in forests?
- The report suggests that there are no businesses within the zone, is a farm not considered a business?
- The re-zoning required to accommodate such facilities was questioned, including protective measures to control future growth.
 - What kinds of expansions could be considered?
- The lack of a complete business case raised concerns and questions arose as to when it would be completed.
 - Residents requested a detailed analysis of historical data related to the cost of waste management contracts.

Operational Issues

- What will the hours of operation be?
- Concerns related to noise, odour, traffic and air quality.
 - What type of technology will be used to minimize these effects?
- Environmental concerns related to the water table and waste water disposal.
- Question regarding the amount of waste and its source.
- How will truck washing run-off be controlled?
- How will pet waste and diapers effect the sewage?
- Will potential health impacts be taken into consideration when selecting technology?

Traffic

- What traffic mitigation techniques will be used?
- Should one truck every four minutes be expected?

- At what point will there be more than 60 trucks per day?

Additional Questions and Concerns

- How will compensation be calculated?
- Could a Community Monitoring Committee be formed for residents to be informed of and be involved with all meetings, developments and reports with respect to the ongoing process?
- Will there be the opportunity for a facility tour of an another site?
- Will an archeological study be completed?
- Will the results of studies be vetted before the information is shared?
- Is there a Plan B?
- Will the trails be affected?