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Minister of Environment approval of Waste Management Terms of Reference disappoints Councillor Shad Qadri

Shad Qadri, City Councillor for Ward 6 Stittsville, is disappointed with the decision of the Minister of Environment and his recent approval of Waste Management's Terms of Reference for its environmental assessment proposal to expand the Carp Road Landfill to be known as the West Carleton Environmental Centre.

"These are amended approvals, which means, there is little information that we have right now," said Coun. Qadri. "All we know is that the Minister of Environment has signed off his approval on the Terms of Reference from Waste Management. I am extremely disappointed with this decision, especially after all the work done by the community and the clarity of its opposition to the expansion plans."

Waste Management has been planning this expansion proposal since 2006. The current landfill cell on the site is scheduled to close in September of 2011 and is to be capped with a permanent cover and then grass.

For months, residents who are impacted by this proposal have been sending their concerns and comments to the appropriate representatives at the Ministry of Environment voicing a clear opposition to this expansion.

"This is an issue residents have been dealing with for years and the community shares my disappointment," added Qadri.

The West Carleton Environmental Centre proposal includes a variety of waste technologies and services, but it is primarily a request for a new landfill cell that would accept 400,000 tonnes of waste per year and occupy a volume of 6,500,000 cubic meters.

"This issue has been a top priority for our community, please be assured that despite this latest piece of news I will continue to raise this issue at the council table at City Hall," said Councillor Qadri. "I will continue to push for the implementation of new technologies for waste handling and continue in the fight against the out dated, ancient practice of burying waste."

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