Green Lane Landfill and Neighbouring First Nations

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Green Lane Landfill

- Located in Southwold, Ontario (outside London, Ontario)
- Purchased 2007
- 71.2 hectare landfill w/in a total site area of 129.7 hectares
- City of Toronto deposits 1,500 tonnes per day, on average
- Max. annual disposal capacity = 1.1 million tonnes



First Nations

- Surrounding Area
  - Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
  - Munsee-Delaware First Nation
  - Oneida First Nation of the Thames

- Outlying Area
  - Caldwell First Nation
  - Walpole Island First Nation

EA Act Consultation Obligations

- s. 24: consult in good faith
  - with FNs not on First Nation Liaison Committee
  - consult = discuss, provide info., attempt to resolve enviro. concerns
- s. 25: First Nation Liaison Committee
  - Oneida, Chippewas and/or Munsee to establish
  - City to participate
  - Forum for communication and resolution of environmental concerns
  - City to cover admin. costs

Community Benefit Agreements

- 2007 – Oneida files court action against City and Province, claiming failure to consult
- Settlement includes Community Benefit Agreements (CBA) with surrounding FNs
- Key CBA provisions
  - Royalty payments for life of landfill
  - Deposit waste at discounted rate
  - Establish/join First National Liaison Committee
- Munsee does not join in 2009; RAP authorizes negotiations

Beyond Consultation: Renewable Natural Gas

- CBA relationship is fragile
- City expanding current RNG program to GLL
- Move from flaring to capture/clean/convert
- Partner with First Nations
- Possible federal funding
- City to cover FN costs to understand opportunity