



TOWN OF INGERSOLL
Town Centre

Walker and Carmeuse Confirm Landfill Proposal Not Proceeding.

Nine-year community battle is successfully over.

INGERSOLL, ONTARIO, November 18, 2021 ---- The Town of Ingersoll has had discussions with both Walker Industries, the long-time proponent of a new landfill operation, and Carmeuse Ltd., the owner of the proposed site. Walker Industries confirmed that it will no longer pursue any further proposals to develop the Southwestern Ontario landfill. The company will focus on other areas of the province. Carmeuse also confirmed that it has no plans to convert its quarry operation in Zorra to a landfill at this time.

"This successfully ends 9 years of community action," said Ted Comiskey, Mayor of Ingersoll, Ontario. "We worked hard to gain approval rights from the provincial government and then all three municipalities impacted by Walker's proposal voted against it. We sent a very clear and legally-binding message to Walker."

From 2017 to 2020, Mayor Comiskey and Ingersoll Council developed and led a coalition of 150 Ontario municipalities that convinced the Government of Ontario to create new landfill approval legislation. The legislation created a provision in the environmental assessment process for new landfills - the Ministry of the Environment will not consider a proponent's application if it does not have the approval of every municipality within 3.5km of a proposed landfill site. In supportive gestures, Oxford County, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock also voted against the proposal.

Mayor Comiskey said, "I thank everyone who worked so hard with me - my fellow members of council adjoining municipalities and every member of the community that posted a sign or signed a letter. It's time now to take down the signs and focus on a positive vision of what Ingersoll and our neighbours can next accomplish together."

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