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*Good afternoon,*

***Municipalities will be given greater say over where landfills can be located” – The Hon Rod Phillips, Minister of the Environment, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2018***

As the Chair of the province-wide campaign to convince the Ontario Government to provide municipalities with the right to approve new landfill sites in their communities, I am proud to share this news with you. **In his first Environment Statement, Minister Rod Phillips, announced that he will be introducing a plan to provide municipalities with a “greater say” on where landfills can be located.**

As municipalities, we have until January 28<sup>th</sup> to submit our comments and recommendations. We will provide more information in a subsequent update.

Details of the news are contained in this report from the Toronto Star:

<https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/2018/11/29/ford-government-will-make-big-polluters-pay-with-500-million-environmental-plan.html>

Details of the consultation process are here: <https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-Content/Policy-Updates/2018/OntarioGovernmentReleasesNewEnvironmentPlanforCons>

**This is a significant milestone in our campaign. However, there is much more to do to ensure that the rights of municipalities, like yours, are guaranteed, either in legislation or regulation.**

For the moment, let’s enjoy our success. Please share this good news with your colleagues and council. Your municipality’s commitment to this cause is a large part of the reason we, collectively, have been able to move this important issue forward.

I will get back to you shortly on next steps – such as passing a revised motion (specific to the Minister’s commitment), and creating a steering committee to ensure that municipal rights to approve or reject landfill projects are enshrined.

Once again, thank you for your efforts in helping to reach this important milestone.

Sincerely,

Ted Comiskey

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