

TABLE 3
INCORPORATION OF COMMENTS/FEEDBACK RECEIVED INTO THE
PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) TERMS OF REFERENCE
“PUBLIC CONSULTATION”

Comment Received	How it was incorporated into the EA Terms of Reference
<p>Question 1A – “Information Out”</p> <p>Please rank the <u>top five</u> “Information Out” methods on a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being the best and 5 being the worst), in terms of their ability to: <i>Inform you about the Study?</i>; <i>Inform your neighbour about the Study?</i></p>	
⇒ Respondents provided a range of ranking for each of the identified consultation methods. The following are the “top five” that received the largest number of high priority rankings.	⇒ The Consultation Plan takes into consideration these priority rankings and will include these consultation methods as primary source for getting information out to the public.
◇ Public Notices	◇ Public notices have been used throughout the development of the EA Terms of Reference and will continue to be used throughout the EA Study.
◇ Website	◇ A Study website has been established (www.durhamyorkwaste.ca) and will be maintained throughout the EA Study process
◇ Direct Mailings	◇ Direct Mailings will be used in the EA Study, largely when particular issues arise with respect to individuals, groups, or geographical locations.
◇ Newsletter Mailings/Billing Inserts/Radio	◇ Newsletter mailings, Billing Inserts and Radio will be investigated further and may be included as part of the EA Study.

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<p>◇ Television</p>	<p>◇ Television advertisements will be investigated further and may be included as part of the EA Study.</p>
<p>⇒ Respondents also provided additional “information out” alternatives, the most popular of which involved informing the citizen groups and environmental organizations as well as ‘one on one’ and ‘door to door’ discussions.</p>	<p>⇒ The citizen groups and environmental organizations have been contacted and notified via Study notices throughout the development of the EA Terms of Reference and will continue to be contacted throughout the EA Study. The ‘one on one’ discussions (i.e. Kitchen Table meetings) will be utilized in the EA Study, particularly in circumstances where there may be an impact to a particular individual or group of individuals.</p>
<p><i>How will you take the information from this workshop to your neighbour?</i></p>	
<p>⇒ Respondents provided alternatives on how to “take the information from this workshop to your neighbour”, the most popular of which involved ‘in person’ or via ‘telephone or e-mail’.</p>	<p>“Word-of-mouth” notification from study participants to other study potential study participants will be encouraged in all forms throughout the EA Study.</p>
<p><i>Question 1B – “Information In”</i></p> <p>Please rank the “Information In” methods on a scale of 1 to 4 (with 1 being the best and 4 being the worst), in terms of their ability to: Get information back from you? and, Get information back from your neighbour?</p>	
<p>⇒ Respondents provided a range of ranking for each of the identified consultation methods. The following are the “top four” that received the largest number of high priority rankings.</p>	<p>⇒ See responses below.</p>
<p>◇ Surveys/Questionnaires (Mail Out)</p>	<p>◇ Surveys/Questionnaires (Mail Out) will be considered for use at relevant points in the EA Study.</p>
<p>◇ Web Forum or On-Line Poll</p>	<p>◇ Web Forum or On-Line Poll will be considered for use at relevant points in the EA Study.</p>



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◇ Public Polling (Telephone)	◇ Public Polling (Telephone) will be considered for use at relevant points in the EA Study.
◇ Toll Free Telephone Line	◇ Durham and York Regions both operate toll free telephone lines for their existing waste management programs. These lines are also available for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study. Any questions that cannot be answered by the telephone operator will be forwarded to a Durham/York Residual Waste Study representative.
Question 1C	
Are there other types of public consultation activities that should be incorporated into the EA Study process in addition to the methods outlined in questions 1A and 1B?	
⇒ Respondents provided a number of additional public consultation activities described as follows:	⇒ See responses below.
◇ Contact local community groups	◇ Local community groups have been contacted and notified via Study notices throughout the development of the EA terms of reference and will continue to be contacted throughout the EA Study.
◇ Interactive websites	◇ A Study website was established during the review of the Draft EA Terms of Reference www.durhamyorkwaste.ca and will be maintained throughout the EA Study process. The degree to which this site can be interactive (i.e. online chats, online surveys, etc.) is currently being investigated.

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<p>Question 2A – “Alternatives To”</p> <p>At what steps in the consideration of “Alternatives to” (i.e. processing technologies and systems) should the public be consulted? The preferred method of consultation to be used will be based on input received in this workshop on Public Consultation. Please check the preferred consultation.</p>	
⇒ The steps selected on Public Consultation on “Alternatives To” were as follows:	⇒ See responses below.
◇ Development of Alternative Systems	◇ A series of Workshops, Open Forum Discussions or Public Information Sessions will be held as part of the Consultation on this component of the Study.
◇ Results of Evaluation of Alternative Systems	◇ A series of Workshops, Open Forum Discussions or Public Information Sessions will be held as part of the Consultation on this component of the study. An opportunity as been incorporated at the beginning of this process to again review and confirm the evaluation of alternative systems.
◇ Selection of Preferred System (i.e. Preferred “Alternative To”)	◇ A series of Workshops, Open Forum Discussions or Public Information Sessions will be held as part of the Consultation on this component of the Study.
<p>Question 2B – “Alternative Methods”</p> <p>At what steps in the siting of facility (i.e. “Alternative Methods”) should the public be consulted? The preferred method of consultation to be used will be based on input received in this workshop on Public Consultation. Please check the preferred form of Consultation.</p>	

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⇒ The steps selected by respondents on Public Consultation on “Alternative Methods”	⇒ See responses below.
◇ Area Screening and Identification of Suitable Areas	◇ There will be no formal announcement or consultation at the time of area screening and identification of Suitable Areas. The opportunities for consultation at this stage in the process will be reviewed with the public again, prior to the initiation of evaluation of “Alternative Methods”.
◇ Identification of “Long List” of Potential Sites	◇ There will be no formal announcement or consultation at the time of the “long list” evaluation. Rather, the public will be notified of the “Long List” when the “Short List” is announced. The opportunities for consultation at this stage in the process will be reviewed with the public again, prior to the initiation of evaluation of “Alternative Methods”.
◇ Identification of “Short List” of Potential Sites	◇ A series of Workshops, Open Forum Discussions or Public Information Sessions will be held as part of the Consultation on this component of the Study.
◇ Identification of Preferred Site	◇ A series of Workshops, Open Forum Discussions or Public Information Sessions will be held as part of the Consultation on this component of the Study.
◇ Results of Comparison of Vendor’s Sites with Preferred Site	◇ A series of Workshops, Open Forum Discussions or Public Information Sessions will be held as part of the Consultation on this component of the Study.
◇ Identification of Preferred Long-term Site	◇ A series of Workshops, Open Forum Discussions or Public Information Sessions will be held as part of the Consultation on this

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Question 3A How frequently should the public be updated on the status of the project?	
⇒ Respondents indicated primarily that they preferred to be updated on the status of the project at project milestones. A fair portion of respondents indicated that a timed interval should also be considered (majority of respondents indicated every month).	⇒ The EA consultation process will allow for the public to be updated at all project milestones and will maintain a regularly updated schedule by way of the study website.
Question 3B – How much notice do you need to attend an Event? How much time <u>before</u> each public consultation event (i.e. Public Information Sessions or Workshops) should participants be allotted to schedule and plan for their attendance?	
⇒ Respondents indicated primarily that two (2) weeks would be sufficient notice to attend any event, however, the more notice the better.	⇒ The public will be given at least two (2) weeks notice of upcoming events for all future consultation events.
Question 3C – How much time do you need to get back to us? How much time <u>after</u> each public consultation event (i.e. Public Information Session or Workshops) should participants be allotted to return workbooks/provide feedback?	
⇒ Respondents indicated that materials be returned at the event (i.e. workshop session) and that one (1) or two (2) weeks would be sufficient depending on the amount of feedback required.	⇒ The EA Consultation Plan will allow for at least two weeks response time after each event, which may be extended, depending on the subject of the event, amount of detail to be covered and the time required to provide feedback.



Comments and Responses
Workshop Sessions held During Preparation of the Draft EA Terms of Reference
On "Public Consultation"
