



# Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre

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### *Service Area Expansion Approved by MOE OVWRC able to provide services to additional communities*

**Pembroke, ON:** A recent approval by the Ministry of Environment will allow the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre to provide processing services to additional communities throughout Ontario. In late December, the Centre received written approval from the MOE allowing them to accept organic and recyclable material from all of Ontario. The Centre's Certificate of Approval previously only allowed material from within Renfrew County.

Since opening in 2002 the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre has frequently received requests or inquiries from Municipalities outside Renfrew County to accept recyclable material. Recognizing the need for processing capacity throughout Ontario, the Centre made application to the MOE to expand their service area.

**"It is the mandate of the Board to always provide processing options to our local Municipalities first."** States Steve Bennett, Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board Chairman. **"Currently, the Centre's Recycling facility operates below capacity, which means there is available space for other communities to send their recyclables to us."**

Sue Campbell, General Manager of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre explains the process. **"If Municipalities can deliver their material to us we will process it. The Centre would like to expand to a two shift operation over the next year or so. We currently, process just over 6,000 tonnes per year and could easily manage double that tonnage. There is an opportunity to process more material and maximize the capital investment made by local Municipalities."**

The Board is aware that many communities are faced with limited landfill space and the Centre is willing to assist Municipalities to increase diversion from their own landfills.

**"Landfill space is a precious commodity in many municipalities, including our own."** States Mr. Bennett. **"If municipalities require assistance to manage their recyclables and organics we are more than willing to provide that service to them."**

The Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre is an integrated waste management facility located outside Pembroke, ON, two hours northwest of Ottawa. The OVWRC commenced operation in January of 2002 and is managed by a Board of Directors who are municipally appointed political representatives. It receives solid non-hazardous waste from a population of approximately 40,000 within the Town of Petawawa, the City of Pembroke, the Township of Laurentian Valley, the Township of North Algona Wilberforce and the Sebastopol Ward of the Township of Bonnechere Valley. The Centre's operations include a Material Recycling Facility, Organics Processing Facility, Construction and Demolition Recycling Area, Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Depot, and a Landfill site. A significant commitment to waste diversion has been demonstrated by the local Municipalities and this commitment has resulted in diversion rates that are among the highest in the Province.

Currently, there is no charge to drop recyclable material at the Waste Recovery Centre and Municipalities can contact the Centre for details on acceptable material and the sorting requirements. For more information, please contact Sue Campbell, General Manager, 613-735-7537, ext. 214 or 613-401-3998.