



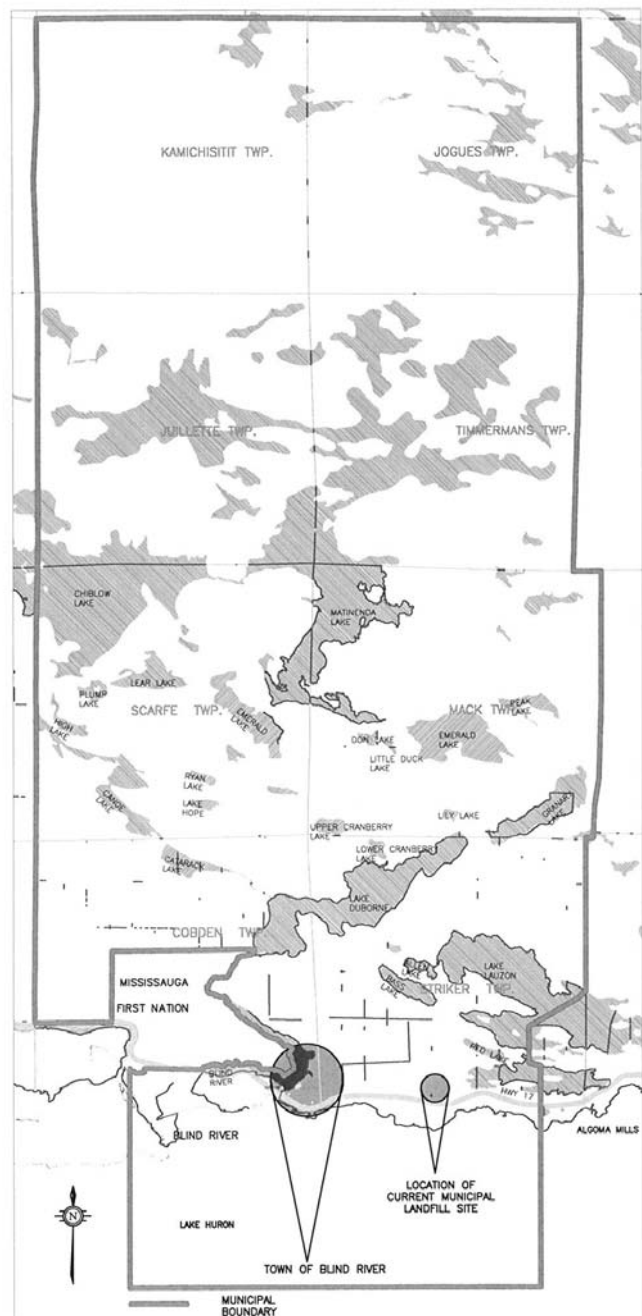
NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

TOWN OF BLIND RIVER MUNICIPAL LANDFILL SITE MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Town of Blind River has initiated the Environmental Assessment (EA) process under the *Environmental Assessment Act* to address the declining capacity at the Town's landfill site. A municipal waste management plan will ensure that sufficient waste management capacity is available for the approximately 3,500 residents of the Town of Blind River for the next 25 to 40 years, depending on the preferred alternative identified. Kresin Engineering Corporation has been retained by the Town of Blind River to develop the Municipal Waste Management Plan for the landfill site.

The Town of Blind River Landfill Site has been in operation since the 1970s and is licensed under Certificate of Approval Number A713870. The site is situated on 2 hectares of approved land and is licensed to receive domestic, commercial, and nonhazardous solid industrial wastes, scrap wood and brush, and iron sludge produced by the water treatment plant at Cameco Corporation. The site is estimated as having approximately six years of capacity remaining and historical landfilling operations have occurred beyond the current allowable limits.

In July of 2008, the Minister of the Environment approved the Terms of Reference for the Town of Blind River Municipal Waste Management Plan EA. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference is available at www.kresinengineering.ca or may also be viewed at the following locations:



Town of Blind River Municipal Office
11 Hudson Street
Blind River, ON P0R 1B0
Tel: 705-356-2251

Town of Blind River Public Library
8 Woodward Avenue
Blind River, ON P0R 1B0
Tel: 705-356-7616

The EA will be carried out in accordance with both the approved Terms of Reference and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and will include a comparative evaluation of alternative methods to identify the preferred method of addressing decreasing landfill capacity. Although waste diversion activities do not require EA Act approval, they will be considered during the EA Planning Process as an integral component to a waste management plan.

Consultation with the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) as well as the public and interested agencies will be made throughout the EA process. Formal consultation activities will be undertaken at key stages of the EA Planning Process (e.g. when alternatives are developed, when the preferred is identified, etc.) and any comments or concerns made may be incorporated into the document to improve the final outcome. A finalized EA Study Report will be prepared and will undergo the legislated review period and filing with the MOE. At that time, the public and other interested agencies will be informed when and where the EA Study Report can be reviewed.

If you have any comments/concerns regarding the above undertaking or would like to be added to the project consultation list, please contact the representative at the address below:

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