

of surface water and groundwater in these historic communities.

The Taggart Miller consortium has submitted a document called Terms of Reference, which is vague, incomplete and misleading. Worse, in defiance of science-based evidence, the document categorically denies the real risk to an aquifer which supplies water to over 10,000 people.

Yet the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Jim Bradley, approved the Taggart Miller Terms of Reference. By approving that document the MOE is not following the Environmental Protection Act and the minister is ignoring the MOE's own mandate.

This is not a new situation. In Ingersoll, Walker Engineering proposes a mega-landfill which will cause irreparable harm to that growing community. Just west of Ottawa, Waste Management Inc (WMI) is forcing through an expansion, even though their Carp Road landfill has caused extensive groundwater pollution for decades. The Tiny Township community fought for 25 years before resorting to drastic measures to oppose a landfill within some of the world's most pristine and abundant water sources. The people of Napanee are currently in court to stop a planned landfill expansion by WMI, a landfill which the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario says should be closed permanently. It is obvious that many communities have had to resort to extreme defensive measures to cope with unwanted landfills in their areas.

Great harm is being done to the People of Ontario because of poor planning, lax regulations and shoddy enforcement. It is time the Province of Ontario enforced its regulations, made new and stringent ones, and stopped enabling the contamination and destruction of communities by landfill proponents.

It is time laws are changed and proponents who mislead or pollute are punished. The MOE must act responsibly within a framework of laws which protect the lands, waters, wildlife, citizens, and the economy of Ontario. Please join us and sign our petition to Ontario Environment Minister Jim Bradley and the Government of Ontario. This long-term contamination of groundwater, surface water and farmland must stop now!

- To:
- Hon Kathleen O. Wynne, Premier of Ontario
- Hon James J. Bradley, Ontario Minister of the Environment
- Grant Crack, Ontario MPP (Glengarry--Prescott--Russell)
- Phil McNeely, Ontario MPP (Ottawa--Orléans)
- Lisa MacLeod, Ontario MPP (Nepean--Carleton)

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Sincerely,