

## Ontario To Clean Up Industrial Waste Disposal Site In Hawkesbury

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### NEWS

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Ontario is moving forward with plans to clean up the Crown land portion of an industrial waste site in Hawkesbury.

A contract to provide a detailed engineering design for site clean up has now been awarded — an important step towards restoring the site to green space to be used as a community recreational area.

The industrial lagoon was used by Canadian International Paper to dispose of waste cellulose fibre, a by-product in the production of paper. The plant closed in the mid-1980s.

A public information session will be held in early 2010 to provide details of the construction designs for site closure. The work will be carried out by contractors in three phases over the next three to five years, working closely with the Ministry of the Environment. The completion of the clean-up and restoration will be followed by a period of monitoring by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

### QUOTES

“By cleaning up this waste disposal site and restoring it to green space, we are helping to maintain a healthy environment for the community of Hawkesbury as well as ensuring water quality is protected.”

– Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources

“The cleanup of this site is vital to a safe and healthy future for our community and for the people of Hawkesbury. We look forward to seeing this project get under way in 2010.”

– Mayor Jeanne Charlebois, Mayor of Town of Hawkesbury

“I’m very pleased that the government continues to make progress towards cleaning up this former industrial site and putting it back into good use for the people of Hawkesbury.”

– Jean-Marc Lalonde, MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell

### QUICK FACTS

- The contract for the site clean up engineering design was awarded to Conestoga-Rovers and Associates, an Ottawa-based company, through a competitive bid process.
- The Canadian International Paper Company began operations in Hawkesbury in the 1890s and continued until 1985 when it closed the mill and tore it down.
- The company created the lagoon in the mid-1960s to dispose of waste cellulose fibre.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources resumed responsibility for the lagoon site when the plant closed.

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