

# Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments

# 39 Arthur Street North, Elmira Environmental Management and Community Benefits

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 28, 2023** 



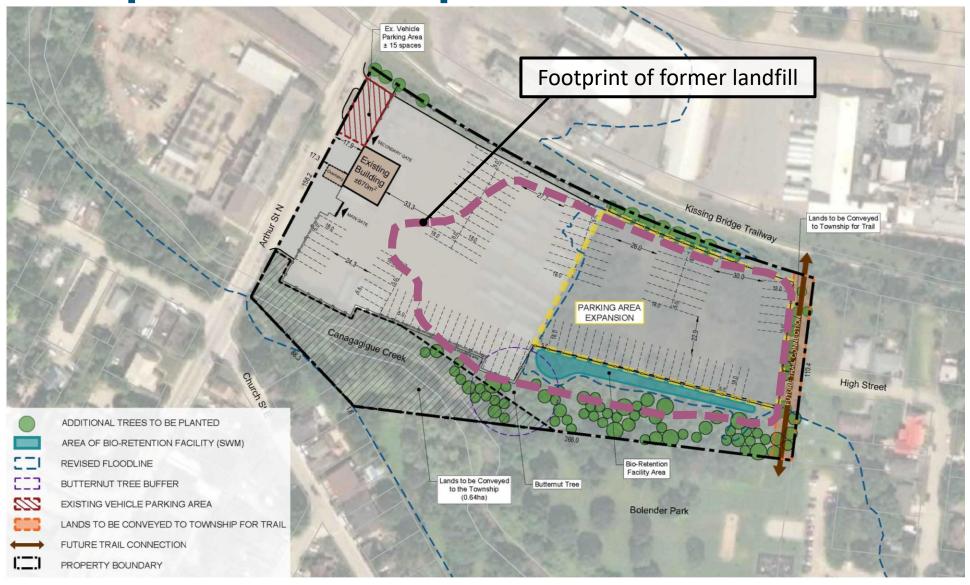
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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

- Former Landfill Site.
- Studied extensively to evaluate soil, groundwater and methane gas (D-4 Study – peer reviewed).
- Has a clay "cap" that must be maintained no large trees.
- No environmental impacts off-site.
- No environmental concern for truck and trailer parking.



## **Proposed Development**





#### HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF FORMER LANDFILL

- Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) primary regulatory agency for landfills.
- Land use is very restricted.
- Under O. Reg. 153/04 the site cannot be used for Parkland, Residential or other sensitive uses.
- Industrial use is encouraged.

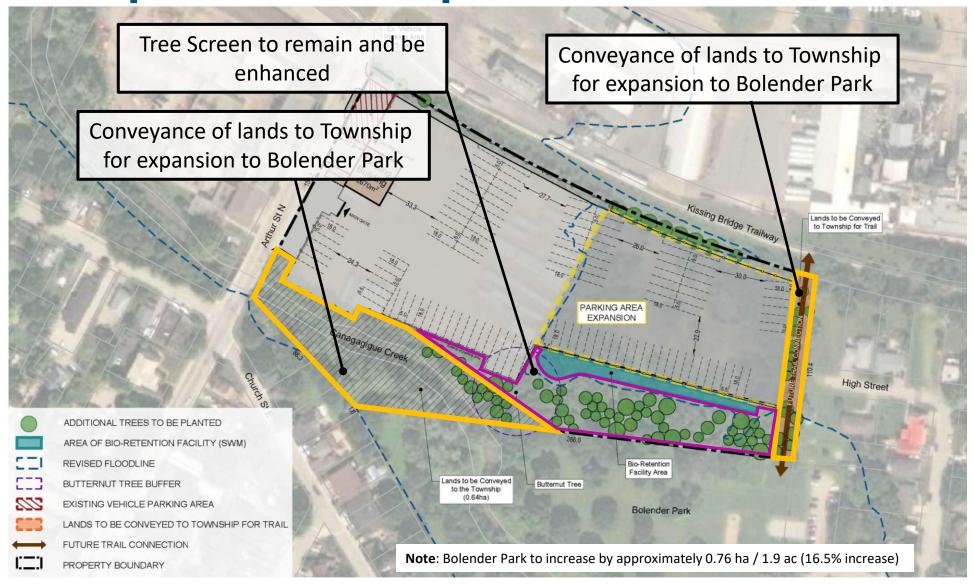


#### PROPOSED USE OF LANDS

- Former landfill area to be used for truck and trailer parking
- Portion of former landfill used as a scrap yard now used for parking has had no issues.
- Areas next to the former landfill (east, west and south), that have not been impacted by the landfill, to be conveyed to the Township for future use as parkland.



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#### **AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION**

- All agencies with jurisdiction have reviewed the proposal and have no outstanding issues:
  - Region of Waterloo;
  - Grand River Conservation Authority;
  - Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (Peer review of D-4 Methane Gas and ESA studies); and
  - Technical and Planning Staff Township of Woolwich.

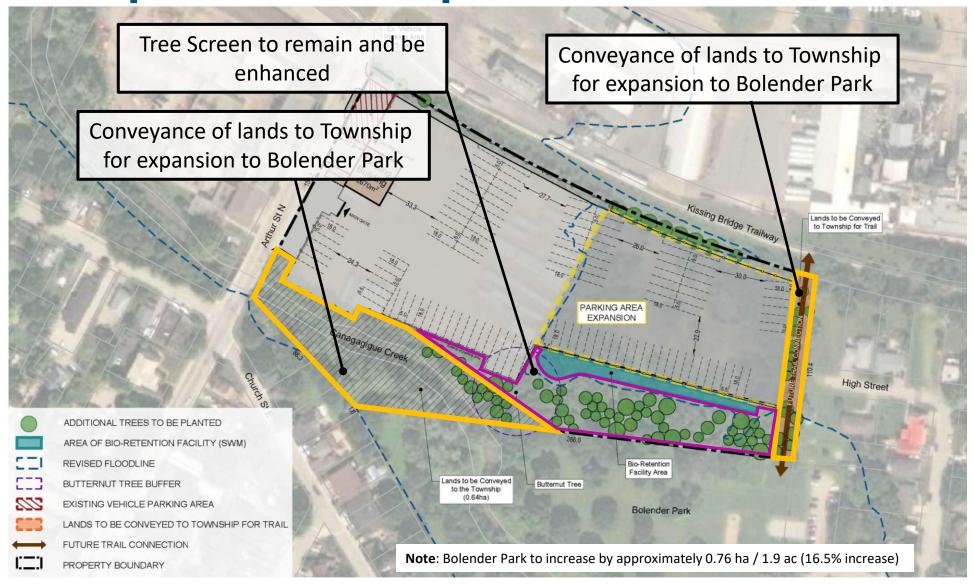


#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Environmental impacts of landfill landfill and surrounding area has been studied extensively – no issues with contamination, methane gas, etc. – MECP has approved – monitoring to continue.
- Impacts to Park park increased by sixteen percent (16%) (acres).
- Tree screen only trees on the landfill to be removed tree screen to remain and be enhanced. A large portion to be conveyed to the Township.
- Traffic removal of scrap yard approval reduces traffic volume.



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# **PUBLIC COMMENTS (Cont'd)**

- Traffic movements for 53 new parking spaces expected to be less than one every two hours (4 movements/day).
- Multiple road movement options.
- Traffic towards downtown approximately two (2) per day.
- Dust, noise and nuisance impacts less than a scrap yard, only during day. Four movements per day.
- Visual enhanced fence, tree screen and conveyed lands.





#### SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Expansion of Bolender Park by approximately sixteen percent (16%) (2 acres).
- East side –access trail from Kissing Bridge Trail to Bolender Park and buffer from residential lands.
- West side access trail from Arthur Street to Bolender Park next to creek.
- South side buffer lands between park and parking lot.



### **SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS (Cont'd)**

- Creek lands conveyed to Township (public trust) as desired by Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA).
- Scrap yard approval for the property to be rescinded permanently
  - reduces traffic and environmental risks.
- Additional 53 truck and trailer parking places to service local businesses.
- Putting parking on a former landfill reduces the need for using agricultural or other more valuable land for parking.



#### **QUESTIONS?**

Next step - Site Plan application to Township.

