

1. What is being proposed in the Landfill Optimization Plan?

The proposed changes in the design and operation of the landfill as outlined in the Landfill Optimization Plan will:

- Extend the life of the landfill. Business as usual will require a new landfill in 10-15 years
- Enhance environmental protection
- Ensure operations continue to meet or exceed environmental protection regulatory requirements
- Improve customer service for residents and users of the landfill

2. Why do we need a Landfill Optimization Plan and why can't we just continue what we have been doing?

The Landfill Optimization Plan has been developed to allow Saskatoon to continue to use the current landfill for at least 40 more years. Current practices at our landfill mean it will only last for another 10 to 15 years. We would then require a new landfill for our city.

Finding a site for a new landfill and building it would take a lot of time and money. There would be costs for land purchase, designing and constructing the new landfill, additional equipment, and staffing. There is also the issue of having to truck the waste significantly further to get to a new landfill. This increases costs and environmental impacts. There will still be ongoing costs for the closed landfill as it still requires monitoring and management.

3. How will the changes proposed in the Landfill Optimization Plan benefit residents?

These proposed changes will allow the City to:

- Reduce windblown litter with more staff and improved fencing
- Reduce odours - new waste will be covered faster
- Reduce nuisance animals
- Keep costs down
- Shorten wait times

4. How will the changes proposed in the Landfill Optimization Plan benefit commercial customers?

- Separate Commercial lane will reduce wait times
- Extended hours of operation

Note: Leachate is defined as the liquid that drains or 'leaches' from landfilled waste; if not collected, it could contaminate natural water sources.

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