



The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills Mayoral Decision

Decision: 2026-MDE-08

Date: January 16, 2026

Subject: **Veto Resolution 26-12 – Council Amendment to remove the proposed bulldozer (replacing the backhoe) from the Capital budget passed at the January 6, 2026 Special Meeting.**

Pursuant to the powers extended to the Head of Council under Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (the “ACT”), I, Mayor Carter of the Township of Minden Hills, hereby veto the following Council amended resolution to the proposed 2026 Mayoral Budget, passed by Council at its January 6, 2026 Special Meeting, in accordance with subsection 284.16(4) of the Act:

“That Council amends the 2026 Mayoral Budget to remove \$150,000 from the Capital Budget for the Bulldozer in the Environmental Services.”

The reason for this veto is:

- Renting a bulldozer is not practical given the frequent operational demands, including emptying garbage bins, pushing back construction material, and maintaining ECA compliance for adequate daily cover.
- In the summer there are increased demands due to quantity of materials and nuisances such as odour and wildlife therefore adequate burying and application of daily cover is required.
- Mobilization costs alone would make this option not feasible and not a prudent use of funds.
- D4 (30,000 lbs) or D5 (37,000 lbs) dozer is a comparable weight to the current 316 excavator (37,000). These are approximate weights.
- The bulldozer will be used at least 5 days a week to perform tasks such as:
 - ✓ Levelling and burying garbage
 - ✓ Pushing back C&D, brush, leaf and yard waste
 - ✓ Site maintenance such as grading
 - ✓ Pushing back snowbanks
- In 2023, the Annual Monitoring Report indicated that the Scotch Line Landfill capacity was 12 years. In 2024, the Annual Monitoring Report indicated that the Scotch Line Landfill capacity was 14 years. The extension of the lifespan by 2 years is likely attributed to factors such as increased enforcement (garbage bag limits) and inspections.

- The bulldozer is a proper piece of equipment used in landfills. Bulldozers excel at pushing large quantities of waste materials and spreading them into thin, even layers across the working face. This action helps prepare the waste for optimal compaction and prevents excessive cover material.
- Bulldozers have a wide, low-profile design that keeps their center of gravity close to the ground therefore providing better stability.

This Mayoral Decision comes into effect on January 16, 2026



Mayor Bob Carter