



The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills
Mayoral Decision

Decision: 2026-MDE-06

Date: January 16, 2026

Subject: **Veto Resolution 26-11 – Council Amendment to remove the project for the Moloks 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 \$19,500 from the Capital Budget for the Moloks in the Environmental Services. "

The reason for this veto is;

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 attributed to factors such as increased enforcement (garbage bag limits) and inspections. Diverting 30-40% of organic material that is typically found in household garbage would substantially increase the lifespan of the landfill. Enforcing the program through By-law would help ensure participation, enhancing its overall effectiveness.

This is a low-cost environmental improvement which is popular with the public and well used in other municipalities. Many seasonal residents, who have these programs in their hometowns ask about this service. Anything that can be done to expand the life of the landfill is near "priceless" due to the costs and regulatory issues of opening a new site.

A reduction in organic material entering the landfill can help minimize wildlife and pest attraction, which is largely driven by organic waste and odours.

This Mayoral Decision comes into effect on January 16, 2026.

Mayor Bob Carter