Minimizing the Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites

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COUNCILLOR WARD 12



Exploiting a gap "Unregulated landfills"







Waste Processing Facilities Where are we currently?

- This is not a new issue for Administration
- This is a "hot potato" issue and will be complicated to unravel
- The work is currently not being prioritized
- We are waiting on AEP and the AUMA resolution asking The Province to close this regulatory gap
- We don't know the full scope of the exposure to The City that these sites represent
- We don't know the long term environmental implications

Waste Processing Facilities Where are we currently?

- There are Calgarians operating businesses next to these sites
- There are landowners unable to rent their properties due to these sites
- They are undercutting operators that are following proper regulations
- We are still approving these sites
- We are not circulating the impacted business units
- No liners, no bonds = limited protection for the landowners, The City, The Province

Waste Processing Facilities Where are we currently?

- They represent OH&S compliance issues
- Tax forfeitures often sit for three to four years
- Who is going to want to purchase land that has sat with a huge pile of waste on it for three to four years?
- We have an opportunity to do the hard work now to minimize this issue
- Council needs to make it abundantly clear that this work needs to be prioritized

