



## 2021 ANNUAL NON-AGRICULTURAL SOURCE MATERIAL (NASM) SUMMARY REPORT Including Biosolids Land Application Program and Biosolids Centralized Storage Facility (BCSF)

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Oxford County (the County) prepares a report summarizing the Biosolids Land Application Program and performance of the Biosolids Off-site Dedicated Storage. The report details the latest quality testing results, quantity statistics and any non-compliance conditions that may have occurred. It is available for review by the end of March on the County website at [www.oxfordcounty.ca/Services-for-You/Water-Wastewater/Wastewater/Annual-reports](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca/Services-for-You/Water-Wastewater/Wastewater/Annual-reports) or by contacting the Public Works Department.

All efforts have been made to ensure the information presented in this report is accurate as possible. If you have any questions or comments concerning the report, please contact the County at the address and phone number listed below or by email at [publicworks@oxfordcounty.ca](mailto:publicworks@oxfordcounty.ca).

The BCSF Facility description is provided below:

Biosolids Off-site Dedicated Storage:	BCSF
Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Number:	3816-76HRTS (April 3, 2020)
BCSF Owner & Contact Information:	Oxford County Public Works Department Wastewater Services P.O. Box 1614 21 Reeve Street Woodstock, ON N4S 7Y3 Telephone: 519-539-9800 Toll Free: 866-537-7778 Email: <a href="mailto:publicworks@oxfordcounty.ca">publicworks@oxfordcounty.ca</a>
Reporting Period:	January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

The County owns and operates nine wastewater treatment plants (WWTP). They are listed in the table below along with their predominant treatment system and method of biosolids treatment and handling.

Plant Name	Plant Process	Biosolids Processing and Handling
Woodstock WWTP	Conventional Activated Sludge	Anaerobic digestion, centrifuge dewatering, and transported to storage at BCSF prior to land application.
Ingersoll WWTP	Conventional Activated Sludge	Anaerobic digestion, centrifuge dewatering, and transported to storage at BCSF prior to land application.
Tillsonburg WWTP	Conventional Activated Sludge	Aerobic digestion, centrifuge dewatering, and transported to storage at BCSF prior to land application.

<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Plant Process</b>	<b>Biosolids Processing and Handling</b>
Thamesford WWTP	Extended aeration	Aerobic digestion, removed for further treatment at the Ingersoll WWTP.
Drumbo WWTP	Sequencing Batch Reactor	No digestion, co-thickened sludge removed for further treatment at the Woodstock WWTP.
Tavistock WWTP	Lagoon System	Stored in lagoons on site until land applied usually between 15 to 25 years storage.
Norwich WWTP	Lagoon System	Stored in lagoons on site until land applied usually between 15 to 25 years storage.
Plattsville WWTP	Lagoon System	Stored in lagoons on site until land applied usually between 15 to 25 years storage.
Mount Elgin WWTP	Black/Grey Water Recirculation Sand Filter and Common Drainage field.	Homeowners have septic tanks maintained by the County requiring septage removal once every 3 to 5 years and transported to the Ingersoll or Woodstock WWTP.

## **2. BIOSOLIDS LAND APPLICATION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The biosolids land application program for the beneficial reuse as a nutrient was developed based on the County Biosolids Management Master Plan (BMMP). The five main elements of the BMMP include: more enforcement of the County Sewer Use By-law, dewatering of stabilized biosolids at each of the major wastewater treatment plants, transporting thickened sludge from smaller plants to the nearest major wastewater treatment plant for processing, land application of all biosolids on farms having a non-agricultural source material (NASM) plan, and centralized storage of biosolids when the material cannot be land applied.

The BCSF houses dewatered biosolids for periods such as winter months when the dewatered product cannot be directly land applied. The storage building is designed to provide a minimum of 240 days storage. It is also designed with segregated storage bays so that should material be determined to be non-compliant, it can be removed and taken to landfill and not mixed with compliant biosolids destined for land application.

The BCSF has sufficient room to house 7,000 m<sup>3</sup> of material and was built in two phases. The pre-existing building (Phase 1) included 12 bays; and Phase 2 became operational in 2019, with the addition of four more bays. The BCSF has sufficient space to accommodate the 240-day storage requirements for all of the wastewater treatment plants. The individual bays are slightly inclined with cement walls to allow for easy piling of the material. The incoming material is segregated by system and month and is deposited in the appropriate bay, after which Oxford County staff push the biosolids into higher piles at the back of the bay using a loader.

The enforcement of the County Sewer Use By-law was an important step in protecting the quality of the biosolids, and to this end, maintains an active monitoring and enforcement group with the goal of improving the quality and reducing the quantity of biosolids produced.

The following table summarizes the quantity of biosolids generated in 2021 by source. In 2021, there was 5,814 wet tonnes of dewatered biosolids land applied.

Facility	2021 Biosolids Land Applied	2021 Liquid Biosolids Generated	2021 Total Biosolids Generated	Biosolids Type	Destination
Woodstock WWTP	3,345 wet tonnes		3,924 wet tonnes	Anaerobic dewatered	BCSF & Land Application
Ingersoll WWTP	1,015 wet tonnes	85 m <sup>3</sup> transferred to Woodstock WWTP	1,245 wet tonnes	Anaerobic dewatered	BCSF & Land Application
Tillsonburg WWTP	1,454 wet tonnes	95 m <sup>3</sup> transferred to Ingersoll WWTP 82 m <sup>3</sup> transferred to Woodstock WWTP	1,623 wet tonnes	Aerobic dewatered	BCSF & Land Application
Thamesford WWTP		3,149 m <sup>3</sup> transferred to Ingersoll WWTP 75 m <sup>3</sup> transferred to Woodstock WWTP	3,224 m <sup>3</sup>	Aerobic Liquid	Ingersoll & Woodstock WWTP
Drumbo SBR		1,812 m <sup>3</sup> transferred to Woodstock WWTP	1,812 m <sup>3</sup>	Co-thickened Primary Sludge	Woodstock WWTP
Mount Elgin WWTP		113 m <sup>3</sup> transferred to Ingersoll WWTP	113 m <sup>3</sup>	Tank maintenance-septage	Ingersoll WWTP

### 3. SUMMARY AND INTERPREATION OF MONIITORING DATA

#### 3.1. Biosolids Quality Assurance and Control Measures

##### ***Sampling Procedure***

Sampling is carried out as per the ECA.

Biosolids analysis is provided to the contractor and farmer for their use at the time of land application.

The biosolids are resampled at the time of land application for verification purposes.

##### ***Laboratory and Field Testing***

The samples are analyzed by SGS Lakefield Research Ltd., a CAEAL certified lab.

The results are entered into an excel spreadsheet and reviewed for compliance with the regulations. The analytical results of the dewatered biosolids are also summarized and used for the calculation of monthly and yearly averages (Appendix A).

### 3.2. Biosolids Quality

The table below highlights the analytical results for metals versus the regulated maximum criteria. All sources of biosolids were compliant and were acceptable to be used as a nutrient for the land application program. More information can be found in Appendix A

The results of the on-site verification sampling of biosolids prior to land application can be found in Appendix A. These samples provide a further check on the quality of the material. All 2021 samples complied with the Nutrient Management Act (NMA) criteria.

The Biosolids Contractor provides nutrient reports to individual farmers on each application to aid in the beneficial use of the product as a nutrient. The contractor’s table of NASM plans indicating spreading applications is included in Appendix A.

In summary, the County’s Biosolids Management program provided effective production, transport, storage, and eventual reuse as a nutrient via land application of all biosolids generated under the program. All operation and maintenance activities were performed by Oxford County staff in the WWTPs.

The transportation of the biosolids from the wastewater treatment facilities to the storage building was done by the County’s Wastewater Services staff under ECA # A900939.

Comparison of Generated Biosolids to NMA Criteria for Metals in mg/kg Dry Solids.

Parameter	Woodstock WWTP	Ingersoll WWTP	Tillsonburg WWTP	Regulatory Limit
Metals mg/kg dry solids	2021 Annual Average	2021 Annual Average	2021 Annual Average	Maximum
Arsenic	5.9	5.9	4.0	170
Cadmium	1.4	0.9	0.5	34
Cobalt	4.6	3.9	2.2	340
Chromium	70	45	19	2800
Copper	671	619	499	1700
Mercury	0.8	0.5	0.8	11
Molybdenum	12.4	28.1	8.7	94
Nickel	40.7	28.5	49.4	420
Lead	31.0	16.5	14.0	1100
Selenium	5.1	5.0	5.0	34
Zinc	1162	1044	590	4200

The Biosolids land applied from all facilities were compliant with the NMA regulations governing NASM.

### 4. NON-COMPLIANCE AND COMPLAINTS

There were no upsets or spills during the year of operation and no complaints were received in 2021.

### 5. OPERATION OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POND FOR THE BCSF

The stormwater management pond services a total drainage area of 4.85 ha consisting of leaf and yard waste composting pad as well as the BCSF. It was designed to attenuate storm water runoff from storm events and was constructed as per the amended ECA 4022-A8YQ6R.

## 5.1. Sampling Procedure

Samples are collected semi-annually during spring and fall after a significant rainfall event and analyzed for the following:

Alkalinity	Total Ammonia Nitrogen
Chloride	Iron
Nitrate Nitrogen	Nitrite Nitrogen
TKN	Total Phosphorus
Total Suspended Solids	Sulphate
CBOD	COD
Phenol	pH
Temperature	Conductivity
Dissolved Oxygen	

## 5.2. Stormwater Management Facility Performance and Effluent

The stormwater management facility provided effective attenuation of stormwater in 2021. In 2021 there were no adverse or abnormal condition occurrences.

The stormwater management facility is inspected regularly and a log book of the inspections is maintained at the BCSF. The results of the sampling program are included in Appendix A in a summary Table.

## 5.3. Spills, Upset and Abnormal Conditions

There were no spills or abnormal discharge events in 2021.

## 6. INSPECTION OF THE BCSF

The BCSF was cleaned and an in-house inspection by staff took place on October 15, 2021.

Waste Management Facility staff swept the building prior to inspection. Not all bays were completely empty.

The following is a list of items found during inspection and the actions taken:

Inspection Item	Action Taken
There are cracks in the concrete floor at the aisle end of the concrete divider wall of bays 1 through 12. All of the cracks in the floor appear to be hairline cracks.	No action required at this time.
All cracks and chips appear to be minor.	No action required at this time.
In the center aisle east of bin 5 there is a piece of concrete reinforcing steel exposed.	No action required at this time.
In bay 12 on the south side near the west end there are two places in the floor that are broken.	No action required at this time.
There are some chips in the floor of bays 2, 4, 5, 8, 10&12. The chips are only approximately a ½ inch deep.	No action required at this time.
There are minor cracks in the exterior walls on all sides of the building. Some have minor staining, but none of them have opened up.	No action required at this time.

Inspection Item	Action Taken
In bay 11 near the east opening, on the south side there is a broken piece of concrete approximately 24" in diameter.	No action required at this time.
The 4 bay addition on the south end of the building is now being used.	No action required at this time.
The two furthest bays in the south west corner are being used for recycling.	No action required at this time.

## 7. SUMMARY

The BCSF provided effective winter storage for the County biosolids land application program and was in excellent overall condition. No complaints were received about the operation of either facility in 2021.

# Appendix A