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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND FINED \$3,500 FOR OPERATING WASTE DISPOSAL SITE WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

L'ORIGINAL—The Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland has been fined \$3,500, plus a victim fine surcharge, after pleading guilty to a violation of the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA)*.

The Corporation of the City of Clarence-Rockland owns and operates a site that receives and transfers leaf and yard waste. The Court heard that the town had originally categorized this site as a composting site; however, a ministry inspection conducted on June 21, 2005, revealed that the site no longer met composting-site requirements, and was in fact being operated as a waste disposal site. The ministry informed the corporation that either the site had to be brought into compliance with composting-site requirements, or the corporation had to apply for a certificate of approval for a waste disposal site.

The Court also heard that a subsequent inspection of the site conducted by the ministry on October 13, 2005, revealed that no modifications had been made to it, and the corporation had not applied for a certificate of approval.

The corporation pleaded guilty to one count of operating a waste disposal site without a certificate of approval, contrary to section 27(1)(b) of the *EPA*, and was fined \$3,500.

Justice of the Peace Claudette Holmes sentenced the corporation on May 18, 2006 in the Ontario Court of Justice in L'Original.

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