

Backgrounder: Biosolids Management Facility

July 2007	City of Greater Sudbury announces intention to investigate the option of halting the disposal of waste activated sludge in the R3 tailings pond to temporarily move to R4, until medium term solution is found. Among 4 'Action Items' presented was converting sludge to biosolids (Action 4).
April 2008	Public information session discussing long-term Biosolids Management Master Plan.
July 2008	Public information session discussing long-term solutions for the treatment and disposal of municipal sewage sludge.
February 2009	Biosolids Master Plan recommendations adopted by City Council.
January 2010 – January 2011	Procurement process including issuing and closing of the Statement of Interest, and Expression of Interest.
January 2011	City Council authorized the proceeding with the Design, Build, Finance, Operation and Maintenance (DBFOM) project delivery mode.
March 2011 – January 2012	RFP issued and closed.
December 2011	On behalf of the Honourable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance, Tony Clement, President of the Treasury Board and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, announced the Government of Canada's contribution of up to \$11 million through the P3 Canada Fund towards a new Biosolids Management Facility in the City Greater Sudbury. The City of Greater Sudbury's share would cover the balance of the funds for construction of the Facility at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Kelly Lake Road.
March 2012	Council decision to continue process using a negotiations protocol.
November 2012	City Council passes resolution selecting N-Viro as proponent.
June 2013	Contract between the City and N-Viro is finalized. Construction begins and is scheduled to be completed in summer 2015.
July 2013	Official groundbreaking ceremony.
November 2013	City of Greater Sudbury and N-Viro receives national award from the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) for the Biosolids Management Facility. The Chuck Willis Award for Innovation & Excellence in Municipal Public-Private Partnerships is awarded in Toronto. The submission by the City and N-Viro highlighted the project's innovative approach and commitment to environmental sustainability, as well as the benefits the project will bring to the community.
May 2014	Walker Environmental Group Inc., a division of Walker Industries, finalized the purchase of N-Viro® Systems Canada LP.
March 2015	Facility testing begins, including testing of equipment and process with all controls.
May 2015	Construction is completed. Operational phase of the contract begins and will be in effect for 20 years.