

## Transforming Methane into a Sustainable Solution for Canadian Landfills

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## Who Are We?





We are engineers, entrepreneurs, and environmentalists committed to mitigating climate change for future generations.



Renewable Natural Gas: The best solution to replace fossil fuels

#### Renewable energy

The production of RNG reduces GHG emissions and replaces fossil fuels

Methane is 80xmore potent for global warming than  $CO_2$  over 20 years

#### Abundant and available

Significant potential to produce biomethane from landfills is largely untapped:

20,000 landfills worldwide

#### Existing infrastructure

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Transport and consumption supported by the existing infrastructure

Can be **directly injected** in the existing grid

## Equally distributed worldwide

Helps developing countries to improve waste management

#### Reduces energy imports and geopolitical dependance



### Landfills: Where RNG potential is still largely unexploited



W WCGCENERGY Source: Waga Energy Producing RNG on landfill sites is a short, sustainable, and value-creating virtuous circle



## Upgrading LFG into RNG is a Technological Challenge



- Landfill gas is mainly composed of CH4, CO2, N2 and O2.
- Landfill gas composition is **unique to every site** and **varies** over time depending on waste type, site operation and atmospheric conditions.
- Legacy upgrading technologies are **highly** sensitive to N2 and often require restricting the **vacuum** on the gas collection system.
- Restricting vacuum leads to odors, surface emissions and a loss in energy recovery from the waste mass.

Source: Waga Energy

Selecting an upgrading technology based on its ability to efficiently remove nitrogen is key to your RNG project long-term success



### WAGABOX<sup>®</sup>, a proprietary technology to upgrade landfill gas into RNG

WAGABOX<sup>®</sup> is the only standardized solution adapted to all landfill sizes and gas composition



## Innovative Cryogenic distillation to separate O<sub>2</sub> & N<sub>2</sub> from CH<sub>4</sub>

At Ambient temperature (15°C)



#### At Cryogenic temperature (-160°C)

# Case Study: WAGABOX<sup>®</sup> Project Development at the Bath Landfill in Steuben County, NY



#### Landfill Overview

- Steuben County owns and operates a MSW landfill in Bath, NY. The landfill accepts ~150,000 TPY.
- An LFGTE project was commissioned in 2011 and retired in 2019 due to economical reasons.
- Landfill gas flow below 650 scfm at time of RFP
- Nitrogen content measured at 19%
- H2S content up to 1,300 ppm
- Local gas distribution interconnect without prior RNG experience and limited gas demand during summer months

#### **Selection Process**

- In July 2020, the County launched a public RFP for the development of a beneficial use project.
- The RFP team included County staff, Barton & Loguidice (engineering), and Environmental Attributes Advisors (consultant).
- Main evaluation criteria:
  - Long-term partner
  - Technology
  - Financials
  - Minimal risk for the County
  - Gas interconnection solution
- Waga Energy was awarded in May 2021 to perform a due diligence study and begin contract negotiations.

#### Solution

- In December 2021, Steuben County and Waga Energy entered into a 20year gas right agreement for the construction and operation of a WAGABOX® at the Bath Landfill.
- The Steuben WAGABOX® has the capacity to upgrade 1000 scfm of LFG into RNG, can accept up to 30% nitrogen and fits in less than a ½ acre.
- The project generates substantial new revenues for the County and allowed for further investment in the expansion of the landfill gas collection system.
- The RNG opportunity supported the County efforts to secure approval to expand the landfill air permit in a highly regulated state.

## WAGABOX® 1000 at the Steuben Landfill, NY

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## WAGABOX®

- 1. H2S removal
- 2. VOC removal
- 3. CO2 separation
- 4. CO2 polishing
- 5. N2 and O2 removal
- 6. Sales gas compression
- A. Thermal oxidizer
- B. Backup flare
- C. Electrical room

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Bath Landfill Gas Evolution: Developing an energy project on a landfill, helped with the appropriate technology, is an incentive to drive methane capture





### 21 WAGABOX® facilities in operation and 14 more under construction



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## Waga Energy is expanding rapidly in North America



# Guaranteed performance powered by a team of passionate experts and supported by smart automation



## Overcoming Challenges in RNG Project Development

- Permitting & compliance: Landfill & RNG plant compliance synergies
- Stakeholder engagement
- Collaboration with local consulting engineers
- Landfill gas collection maximization strategies
- Processable gas standards for chosen technology
- Wellfield maintenance & operations
- Pipeline proximity and specifications
- Projecting electricity costs



# Thank you!

