

Thunder Bay, ON - Dumpsite Debris Removal

Project No. R.072879.001

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Question 2: The specification states under Section 31 00 00.01 – 2.1 Materials "Imported soil used for backfill from the excavation or other sources, approved by the Departmental Representative, for use intended, shall be unfrozen and free from rocks larger than 75mm, cinders, ashes, sods, refuse or other deleterious materials and meets the above soil standards." If the backfilling operations are taking place during November or December it will be difficult or impossible to provide unfrozen backfill. How shall this be addressed?

Answer Question 2: If frozen backfill and required compaction cannot be provided due to weather conditions, Backfilling, grading, final erosion control measures, shortage and surplus, and restoration activities will take place in the spring/summer of 2015 when temperatures are suitable for these actions to be completed to obtain the compaction required. These parts of Section 31 00 00.01 – 3.5 Backfilling, 3.6 Grading, 3.7 Final Erosion Control Measures, 3.8 Shortage and Surplus, 3.9 Restoration, and 3.10 Cleaning will take place during suitable weather conditions if required to ensure the site is finished as per the requirements of the specification.

Question re above:

Would there be a chance that the entire project be started and completed in Spring/Summer of 2015? My reasoning for this questions is, if we were to start the project knowing that there is a good chance the backfill and compaction element of the project would be affected by the weather (winter) conditions, it would seem to not be cost effective to start the project, then hold out until the spring to complete the backfill portion of the work.

Would we be able to potentially start the entire project in 2015?

Answer: No. The project must start this year and get as much work completed as possible, to the requirements identified in the specification. As stated above, if the requirements of the specification cannot be met due to weather (i.e. backfill quality, compaction, seeding), the remaining work can be undertaken the following year.