

2 new dump sites to open

Mayor calls on city workers to end strike

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The city expects the temporary dump at Christie Pits to be at capacity by Sunday night, and will close it down then.

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The city is opening two new temporary dump sites as it prepares to close two others which are close to capacity.

Both Centennial Arena – at 1967 Ellesmere Rd., near Markham Rd. – and Sunnybrook Park – near Bayview and Lawrence Aves. – have been added to the list of temporary sites the city is using to help manage waste during the civic strike.

Geoff Rathbone, the city's garbage czar, said the York Mills Arena site is at capacity and has been closed down. He said the Christie Pits location is expected to be maxed out Sunday night and will be closed then.

Meanwhile, progress is being made in talks and the city strike should end now, Mayor David Miller said today.

"Enough is enough," Miller said at the City's daily briefing, as striking workers picketed outside.

Miller said children in particular have been affected by the strike and can't get pools and other recreational services.

About 24,000 workers have been on strike for almost two weeks.

Earlier in the day, Pat Daley, a spokesman for CUPE Local 416, said a deal could be reached if the City withdrew its demands for concessions.