

Company History

G-M Pearson has provided waste management services in Alberta since 1988, including providing cradle-to-grave biomedical waste services to Alberta Health Services. The company's services are currently supported by fixed facilities in Edmonton and Balzac plus a fleet of 17 trucks, and the company employs over 30 staff.

From 1997 to 2015, G-M Pearson operated the Wainwright Regional Waste-to-Energy Facility for the local municipal authority. This incinerator was initially developed during the 1980s by the province of Alberta. Over the course of G-M Pearson's involvement, the Wainwright facility aged and in latter years was unable to consistently meet evolving emissions standards. In 2015 G-M Pearson and the Wainwright Waste-to-Energy Authority elected to close the facility and authorization was received from Alberta Environment and Parks for its decommissioning and reclamation in 2016. These activities were completed in 2017.

G-M Pearson identified a market need for ongoing commercial waste incineration services given that the only other commercial waste incinerator approved to manage more than 10 tonnes of waste per month is the provincially owned Swan Hills Treatment Centre which is scheduled to be closed in or around 2025. After failing to gain municipal support for a new incinerator in Ryley, Alberta in 2014 and in Beiseker, Alberta in 2019, G-M Pearson invited expressions of interest from potential host municipalities in 2019 / 2020. Multiple communities responded positively and the Village of Forestburg was selected for the development of the new facility in 2020.

In addition to the above waste incineration history, G-M Pearson also developed a new waste treatment facility in Balzac, Alberta in 2015. This facility remains the only facility in Alberta with an approval under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act to thermally treat waste by autoclave.