



The Corporation of the County of Wellington

Solid Waste Services Committee

Agenda

September 9, 2014

10:30 am

County Administration Centre

Keith Room

Members: Warden White; Councillors McKay (Chair), Chapman, Lever, Williamson

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Next meeting date October 14, 2014 or at the call of the Chair.



County of Wellington
Solid Waste Services
Statement of Operations as of
31 Aug 2014

	Annual Budget	August Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Revenue					
Grants and Subsidies	\$693,000	\$3,983	\$283,411	41%	\$409,589
Licenses, Permits and Rents	\$12,900	\$0	\$6,443	50%	\$6,457
User Fees & Charges	\$2,032,900	\$193,028	\$1,430,852	70%	\$602,048
Sales Revenue	\$915,300	\$78,095	\$504,320	55%	\$410,980
Internal Recoveries	\$365,100	\$79,994	\$223,786	61%	\$141,314
Total Revenue	\$4,019,200	\$355,099	\$2,448,814	61%	\$1,570,386
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$2,286,400	\$190,577	\$1,518,303	66%	\$768,097
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$930,600	\$151,560	\$445,572	48%	\$485,028
Purchased Services	\$4,427,400	\$287,154	\$2,375,283	54%	\$2,052,117
Insurance & Financial	\$140,100	\$3,931	\$117,588	84%	\$22,512
Internal Charges	\$366,400	\$79,662	\$216,670	59%	\$149,730
Total Expenditures	\$8,150,900	\$712,884	\$4,673,417	57%	\$3,477,483
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$4,131,700	\$357,785	\$2,224,603	54%	\$1,907,097
Transfers					
Transfers from Reserves	\$(274,900)	\$0	\$0	0%	\$(274,900)
Transfer to Capital	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000	100%	\$0
Transfer to Reserves	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000	100%	\$0
Total Transfers	\$680,100	\$0	\$955,000	140%	\$(274,900)
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$4,811,800	\$357,785	\$3,179,603	66%	\$1,632,197



County of Wellington

Solid Waste Services

Capital Work-in-Progress Expenditures by Department

All Open Projects For The Period Ending August 31, 2014

	Approved Budget	August Actual	LIFE-TO-DATE ACTUALS			% of Budget	Remaining Budget
			Current Year	Previous Years	Total		
Elora Transfer clsd Nichol LF	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$55,866	\$950,703	\$1,006,569	92%	\$93,431
Aberfoyle TS Development	\$950,000	\$17,350	\$213,245	\$538,053	\$751,299	79%	\$198,701
Site Scale Replacements	\$105,000	\$37,142	\$72,250	\$0	\$72,250	69%	\$32,750
Aberfoyle Closed Site	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$200,000
Belwood Closed Site	\$360,000	\$0	\$6,411	\$0	\$6,411	2%	\$353,589
Total Capital	\$2,715,000	\$54,492	\$347,772	\$1,488,757	\$1,836,528	68%	878,472



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Solid Waste Services Committee
From: Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng., County Engineer
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Subject: **Rural Collection of Household Waste**

Attached for the Committee's information are several email streams that began with some residents in the rural area of The Town of Erin commenting on the challenges of controlling wild life from messing up waste placed out for collection and lead to comments regarding unfair taxation distribution and a request for some detailed costing and taxation rationale, and a request for more frequent collection in summer months

The email streams do have a lot of repetition. It was difficult to decide what not to include without losing the nature of the lead email in each stream.

The issue of increasing the frequency of collection during the summer months was considered last September by the Solid Waste Services Committee with the following result: the Committee decided to stay with bi-weekly rural collection in The Town of Erin and in The Township of Guelph/Eramosa and vowed to consider this issue again as part of a future Waste Management Plan process. The Committee's action was endorsed by County Council at its meeting on September 26, 2013.

Councillor McKay's July 8th email (Email 2) seemed to provide some practical approaches to both the wildlife and maggot dilemmas. Hopefully these ideas got to the folks that were experiencing the problems.

This item was included on the agenda to afford the Committee an opportunity to discuss the issue and the various requests embedded in the email streams attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gordon J. Ough".

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Subject: RE: Garbage pick up
Importance: High

Josie and Lou; In response to your residence calls concerning their garbage and wild life in the rural section. I would like to make the following suggestions: residents in rural areas can use a garbage can(s) to place their user pay garbage bag(s) out at the curb/roadside without getting an approved can sticker (this is the requirement in urban areas) to reduce problems with pests getting at their garbage bags. Section 9.2 of the Curbside Collection By-Law has information on the size and type of containers that can be used. This is the link to the By-Law on the County website - <http://www.wellington.ca/en/residentservices/resources/CurbsideCollectionBylaw454603.pdf>

As far as deterrents for pests go, one remedy is to place mothballs in the bottom of the garbage can, this works well for many people. For crows, try keeping the lid closed on top of the can to keep them out. I've also heard that spraying a room deodorizer on the bag may deter crows.

You had also mentioned maggots. The flies who lay the eggs which hatch into larvae/maggots, are attracted to the odour of rotting food. So reducing garbage odours by cleaning the garbage can regularly and removing any residual liquid in the bottom of the garbage can should help. My understanding is that the flies lay their eggs on organic waste so keeping a lid on the can should help avoid them. Using a backyard composter to handle veggies/fruit waste, and putting meat trays/bones/etc. in a sealed plastic bag should also help. If they continue to be a problem, try keeping meat waste items in a bag in the freezer and put it in the user pay garbage bag just before putting it out to the curb/roadside.

I believe the above suggestions would be more practical than having weekly pickup. The wild life will more than likely still be a problem

I hope this information is helpful.

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I think if we add up what Erin taxpayers pay in County taxes and the portion that goes to SWS, I am fairly certain we could afford rural collection weekly, could afford to have a small transfer station open 1 day/week, could afford a reuse store and probably much more , I am pretty certain our taxes pay for a lot more than what Erin residents receive in SWS service .

I guess my taxpayers are more than a bit fed up with subsidizing other County municipality SWS service levels when we are made to do without. Why does Centre Wellington have 2 transfer stations and Erin and Guelph Eramosa not one , same population, we pay more in assessment based property taxes, but have different service levels - lower service levels - that's not fair.

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To: Lou Maieron; Ken Chapman; donmk@wellington.ca; Barb Tocher; Deb Callaghan; John Brennan

Cc: gordo@wellington.ca; scottw@wellington.ca; chrisw@wellington.ca; Joan Murray; mike@wellingtonadvertiser.com

Subject: RE: Garbage pick up

I just want you to know I have received a further 11 calls regarding this Garbage issue in the rural section. With the wild life it is also hard to keep it some place safe. When the garbage has to be out by 7am and the pick up time varies the wild life pulls it apart. I feel something could be done for say mid June to mid September would be help full in the future and if anything could still be done this year folks would be grateful.

With respect,
Councillor Wintersinger
(Josie)

From: Lou Maieron

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 11:35 AM

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I believe the SWS committee looked at the costing of increase service by 10-12 weeks, but then I do not think the item went any further. I have forwarded your email of concern to our County Councillor Ken Chapman who sits on SWS and Chair Don Mackay as well as Gord Ough as well as the Warden .

Gentlemen; If there is a will this still could be done this year, I think the costing was reasonable to add 10-12 weeks of additional collection i.e. June July and August or July August September.

Ken Don & Chris I hope the committee can look at this ASAP and implement it. SWS is a county responsibility. Just another reason Erin residents cannot afford the imposed generosity of a 1.4 million dollar donation to hospitals they receive no service from instead of a few thousand dollars to improve their garbage collection services? I am sure they

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See I am sure if I looked at the cost of dealing with SWS on a per household basis Erin and Guelph Eramosa with collection would come in at the lowest cost in the county compared to service in other municipalities . Kind of like the libraries as well.

What can we do to improve on this SWS situation

Thanks Lou

From: Josie Wintersinger
Sent: June 9, 2014 8:58 PM
To: Lou Maieron
Subject: Garbage pick up

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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Solid Waste Services Committee
From: Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng., County Engineer
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Subject: **MHSW Phase 2 Funding Programme Cancellation**

Background:

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has been providing funding to municipalities for Phase 2 Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) since October 2012. When the funding programme was announced, it was to be a three-year programme to provide \$10.5 million in funding across the province. The Recycling Council of Ontario (RCO) was chosen by the MOE to manage the fund.

There are six materials included in MHSW Phase 2:

- fire extinguishers;
- rechargeable batteries (excluding lead acid batteries from vehicles);
- fluorescent light bulbs and tubes;
- mercury-containing devices such as thermostats;
- pharmaceuticals;
- sharps, including syringes.

Wellington County accepts all of these materials at our seven annual household hazardous waste (HHW) event days. Rechargeable batteries and sharps are also accepted at our five selected hazardous waste depots.

On July 9, the County received notification from the RCO that the MOE had cancelled the funding programme effective October 1, 2014. In their letter (see attached), RCO indicates that the MOE will be communicating directly with municipalities regarding this change. At the time of writing, there has been no communication from the MOE with regard to future funding opportunities for these materials.

For the fiscal year 2013, the County received approximately \$30,200 in funding for the Phase 2 materials. It is anticipated that the funding reduction impact for 2014 will be approximately \$8,000. However, based on submitted costs and year-end projections, staff anticipate there will be no budget shortfall on this line item as a result of the loss of this funding programme.

Recommendation:

That the MHSW Phase 2 Funding Programme Cancellation Report be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng.
County Engineer



PHA2E PHASE

July 9th 2014

To whom it may concern,

The Recycling Council of Ontario has been informed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment that effective October 1st, 2014 funding for the management of Phase 2 materials has been cancelled. Municipalities will no longer be reimbursed for the management of Phase 2 materials through the RCO's Phase 2 Program. At this time we have no information regarding future reimbursement models for these materials but the Ministry of the Environment has indicated that they will be communicating directly with municipalities regarding this change.

The claims process will remain the same for the period of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014. The deadline to enter claims for this shortened and final Funding Round 4 will now be November 3, 2014. We will be in touch to provide you with the date your final payment will be released. Your reimbursement for Funding Round 3 (January 1 2014 – June 30 2014) will still be issued on November 5th 2014.

We appreciate your support and cooperation during this Program change. We will endeavor to keep you informed of important program milestones and any further changes. Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact our management team at any time.

Regards,

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- Riverstown was the only site with adequate space to provide for storage
- Balewrap had to be white on both sides and have all dirt shaken off
- Balewrap had to be cut into small sections and rolled into bundles not heavier than five pounds
- Bale wrap could not be put in bags or tied with twine

Solid Waste Services continued to monitor the programme and research more user-friendly alternatives. In 2012 a new processor was discovered and promotion began to direct programme users away from the Riverstown facility and these restrictive requirements.

The new system continues to be a free service and accepts a variety of balewrap colours. It will take the material loose and thrown into larger bags that the processor provides at no cost. The material can have some dirt on it and accepts other plastic film from greenhouses, pallet wrap, etc. Once the customer has 10 bags (their own or in combination with others) the processor will arrange to pick up the material at the customer's location.

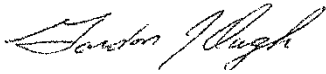
In 2012 under the original programme requirements the Riverstown facility collected 60 tonnes of balewrap from 82 customers. The new processor collected 20 tonnes of balewrap directly from other County customers. In 2013 the Riverstown tonnage decreased to 22 tonnes from only 45 customers. The new processor increased collection to 47.5 tonnes.

As customers are becoming aware of the new processor and programme changes they are changing to direct service. The Riverstown Waste Facility continues to remain available for customers this year, but it is proposed to discontinue this site service in 2015 and use this year to further promote the new and improved option. Information handouts/post cards will be provided to the remaining customers who have still not heard of the improved service.

Recommendation:

That the County refer the remaining customers to the new and improved direct service option that has been available to them since 2012 and discontinue the original balewrap collection service at the Riverstown Waste Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng.
County Engineer



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Solid Waste Services Committee
From: Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng., County Engineer
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Subject: **2015 User Fees and Charges**

Background:

Attached is a listing of the 2014 User Fees and Charges as shown on page 31 of the 2014 Budget Book.

Staff are in the process of putting numbers together for the preparation of the 2015 budget and are looking for direction with respect to potential rate changes that the Committee may wish to see incorporated into the 2015 draft budget.

A survey of our neighbouring municipalities as well as some private facilities suggest that there is room for a \$5.00 increase to our \$70 tipping fee that is charged to customers with big enough loads to be weighed in and out. A \$5.00/tonne increase has the potential to increase our revenue by \$26,000.00 based on 2013 volumes.

Recommendation:

That the current tipping fee of \$70/tonne at landfill and transfer station sites with scales be increased to \$75.00/tonne effective March 31, 2015 and that all other fees and charges remain unchanged for 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng.
County Engineer



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON 2014 USER FEES AND CHARGES

Programme/Service: **Solid Waste Services**

Department: Engineering Services

Governance: Solid Waste Services Committee

Description	2013 fee	2014 fee	% change	HST (add/incl/ na)
Curbside User Pay Bags – large	\$1.75	\$1.75	0%	N/A
Curbside User Pay Bags – small	\$1.00	\$1.00	0%	N/A
Landfill site and transfer station tipping fees				
Tipping fees – landfills/transfer sites with scales	\$70.00 tonne	\$70.00 tonne	0%	N/A
	\$10 minimum	\$10 minimum	0%	N/A
Tipping fees – sites without weigh scales	\$15.00 carload	\$15.00 carload	0%	N/A
	\$30.00 pickup	\$30.00 pickup	0%	N/A
	\$30.00 trailer	\$30.00 trailer	0%	N/A
Appliances (freon removed & tagged)	\$10.00	\$10.00	0%	N/A
Appliances (with freon)	\$25.00	\$25.00	0%	N/A
Freon removal	\$15.00 unit	\$15.00 unit	0%	N/A
Bagged waste up to 10 bags (or unbagged equivalent)	\$1.00 bag	\$1.00 bag	0%	N/A
Waste reduction				
Desk top blue boxes	\$3.50	\$3.50	0%	Incl
Blue Boxes (additional)	\$5.00	\$5.00	0%	Incl
Composters	\$30.00	\$30.00	0%	Incl
Can Carts – new	\$95.00	\$95.00	0%	Incl
Can Carts – used	\$50.00	\$50.00	0%	Incl

Note:

Authority to impose fees and charges is set out in Part XII of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25* and in by-law #5097-09 of the Corporation of the County of Wellington.



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Solid Waste Services Committee
From: Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng., County Engineer
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Subject: **Blue Box Items**

Background:

Over the years, new items have been added to the list of acceptable items for collection in the County's recycling programme, as new processes resulted in more products being financially viable to recycle.

At a meeting early this summer with our blue box recycling contractor, who is a major player in the processing and marketing of recyclable materials, it was indicated that at this time there are no items that are not already collected in our programme that are financially viable to collect, process and market.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that no additional items be added to the County's Blue Box Recycling Programme in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gordon J. Ough, P. Eng.
County Engineer