



**The Corporation of the County of Wellington
Solid Waste Services Committee
Agenda**

May 10, 2016

10:30 am

County Administration Centre

Keith Room

Members: Warden Bridge; Councillors McKay (Chair), Brianceau, Davidson, Williamson

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Next meeting date June 14, 2016 or at the call of the Chair.



County of Wellington
Solid Waste Services
Statement of Operations as of
30 Apr 2016

	Annual Budget	April Actual \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Actual %	Remaining Budget
Revenue					
Grants and Subsidies	\$701,800	\$624	\$5,032	1%	\$696,768
Licenses, Permits and Rents	\$12,900	\$0	\$9,068	70%	\$3,832
User Fees & Charges	\$2,250,000	\$219,014	\$671,310	30%	\$1,578,691
Sales Revenue	\$765,400	\$3,097	\$119,465	16%	\$645,935
Internal Recoveries	\$405,800	\$79,389	\$144,806	36%	\$260,994
Total Revenue	\$4,135,900	\$302,124	\$949,681	23%	\$3,186,219
Expenditures					
Salaries, Wages and Benefits	\$2,365,300	\$175,448	\$699,417	30%	\$1,665,883
Supplies, Material & Equipment	\$898,200	\$115,023	\$160,755	18%	\$737,445
Purchased Services	\$4,406,100	\$359,495	\$1,091,629	25%	\$3,314,471
Insurance & Financial	\$137,300	\$5,884	\$95,492	70%	\$41,808
Internal Charges	\$405,400	\$61,514	\$125,801	31%	\$279,599
Total Expenditures	\$8,212,300	\$717,364	\$2,173,093	26%	\$6,039,207
NET OPERATING COST / (REVENUE)	\$4,076,400	\$415,240	\$1,223,412	30%	\$2,852,988
Transfers					
Transfers from Reserves	\$(264,200)	\$0	\$0	0%	\$(264,200)
Transfer to Capital	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	100%	\$0
Transfer to Reserves	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000	100%	\$0
Total Transfers	\$735,800	\$0	\$1,000,000	136%	\$(264,200)
NET COST (REVENUE)	\$4,812,200	\$415,240	\$2,223,412	46%	\$2,588,788



County of Wellington

03-May-2016

Solid Waste Services Capital Work-in-Progress Expenditures By Departments All Open Projects For The Period Ending April 30, 2016

	LIFE-TO-DATE ACTUALS						
	Approved	April	Current	Previous	Total	% of	Remaining
	Budget	Actual	Year	Years		Budget	Budget
Elora Transfer clsd Nichol LF	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,042,856	\$1,042,856	80 %	\$257,144
Aberfoyle Closed Site	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$160,897	\$160,897	80 %	\$39,103
2016 SWS Equipment	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0 %	\$40,000
Site Impr - Rd Maint All Sites	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0 %	\$100,000
Waste Management Study	\$100,000	\$1,567	\$9,169	\$0	\$9,169	9 %	\$90,831
Belwood Closed Site	\$360,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,411	\$6,411	2 %	\$353,589
Total Solid Waste Services	\$2,100,000	\$1,567	\$9,169	\$1,210,164	\$1,219,333	58 %	\$880,667



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, May 10, 2016
Subject: Rural Collection Progress Report

Background:

At the March Solid Waste Services (SWS) and County Council meetings, the decision was made to expand rural collection of waste and recyclables to the five member municipalities not currently receiving the service, beginning in early July. Planning for the service expansion commenced immediately following the decision, and staff have been making a successful roll-out of rural collection a top priority.

The following report highlights some of the high level progress made to date, and also details what will need to be accomplished between now and July 1.

Operations Progress Update:

On April 4, County staff met with our curbside collections contractor, Waste Management (WM) to initiate planning for a July rural collection expansion. Roles were clarified, duties were assigned and decisions were made in regards to routing of vehicles and days of collection.

Day of Collection

It was determined that the day of collection in the rural areas would remain aligned with collection days in urban areas in the same member municipality. For example, Minto rural collection will be on a Tuesday, the same day that collection occurs in Palmerston, Harriston, Clifford and the other urban areas of Minto.

Week of Collection

Due to having a bi-weekly rural collection schedule, and in order for WM to best utilize their staff and truck fleet, the County has agreed to a Week 1 and a Week 2 schedule. This schedule has been developed in draft form and will be finalized in the coming days.

Day of Collection	Week 1	Week 2
Tuesday	Mapleton	Minto
Wednesday	Centre Wellington West of Highway 6	Centre Wellington East of Highway 6
Thursday	Erin	Wellington North
Friday	Guelph/Eramosa	Puslinch

Note that the rural areas of Centre Wellington have been split up between Week 1 and Week 2 with Highway 6 being the dividing line. Due to the large population of Centre Wellington, the rural area parts of the township need to be separated to be able to accommodate the volume.

Collection Set-Out Location

Similar to rural collection in the Town of Erin and Guelph/Eramosa Township (areas currently receiving rural collection), set-out points on Town/Township roads will continue to be on one side of the road while collection will occur on both sides of the road for County roads and Provincial Highways. This structure was built into the 2008 Collections contract.

Town of Erin and Guelph/Eramosa Township residents living on local roads have been instructed to set out their materials on the same side of the road as their mail box. This will not be the case for the other municipalities which will be receiving the service in July.

The “mail box side of the road” was challenging for collection routing, and confusing for residents at times, due to the variability of where mail boxes are located. On some roads the mail boxes would shift from one side to the other, or even appear on both sides of the road. As another complicating factor, there has been a recent trend for Canada Post to utilize superboxes, rather than having every resident use their own mail box.

For these reasons a new method of determining which side of the road collection will occur on was selected. Within a municipality, collection will be on either the “odd” or “even” side of the road with respect to civic address numbers. Roads will alternate between odd and even side for routing efficiency purposes. These efficiencies will lead to lower prices in future collections contracts.

Maps will be distributed to each household newly receiving this service, via our resident introductory packages given out with blue boxes beginning in late May.

County and WM staff have been traversing the County and Town/Township roads identifying areas that will be challenging to service, and generating potential solutions where possible.

Blue Box Delivery

20,000 22-gallon blue boxes have been ordered for the benefit and convenience of rural residents which will be newly receiving the service in July. Similar to past rural collection service roll-outs, two blue boxes will be delivered to each household complete with an introductory package. This will include information to educate residents on how to participate in the service.

As the County receives truckloads of the new boxes, beginning in late May, SWS staff will begin delivering them to households from one member municipality to the next. The deliveries will be complete by mid-to-late June.

The larger blue box will accommodate recyclable volumes with consideration of the bi-weekly rural collection schedule. With the addition of flower pots and planter trays to the blue box programme, and with packaging trends of having bulky plastic containers, the larger blue box will be a convenient tool for County residents.

The 22-gallon size will now be the standard size box with future County orders, so that urban and Erin and Guelph/Eramosa rural residents may also benefit from this change.

Promotions and Education Progress Update:

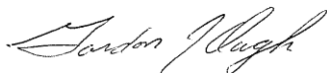
As with any significant change in service, SWS and Communications staff are coordinating a comprehensive communications programme to inform residents of the upcoming changes. A summary of the key components of the plan is provided in the table below. Copies of completed and approved media are attached for Committee’s information.

Media Tool	Approximate Start Date	Status
Media Release - decision	March 31	Complete
County Page ads – April to June	April 8	On-going
Spring Newsletter in Wellington Advertiser	April 29	Complete
County Website	May 9	
eNews Notices – May through September	May 18	
Posters	May 18	
Postcards	May 18	
Introductory package delivered to each home along with two blue boxes, includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • introduction to service • municipal collection map • collection schedule • participation information • list of user pay bag distributors 	May 30	
Radio commercials – 4 weeks	June 6	
Media Release – starting soon, blue box deliveries	June 13	
Local Newspaper Ads – starting soon	June 17	

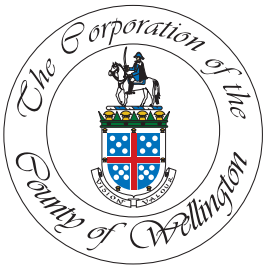
Recommendation:

That the report titled “Rural Collection Progress Report” be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon J. Ough, P.Eng.
County Engineer



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 31, 2016

COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND RURAL WASTE AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION AND CHANGE USER FEES

WELLINGTON COUNTY - During today's Wellington County Council meeting, Council approved expanding waste and recyclable collection to all rural households, and to change user fees for waste disposal. Both changes will take effect on July 1, 2016.

"Expanding rural collection will allow all County residents the opportunity to access curbside services," commented Warden George Bridge. "Given a convenient end of driveway option, we expect households will recycle as much of their waste as possible, which will extend the life of our landfill, which benefits all Wellington County residents."

The County commissioned Oraclepoll Research Ltd. to conduct a phone survey of randomly selected County of Wellington residents on issues related to waste management services in the County.

"There is strong backing for rural collection in both urban and rural areas, with 84% of respondents in support of expanding the service," commented SWS Chair Don McKay. "It was important for us to solicit the public's feedback before making this decision."

County Council also approved a modest change to user fees for waste disposal. Fees have remained unchanged in 15 years. As of July 1:

- large user pay garbage bags will be \$2.00, an increase of 25 cents
- small user pay bags will increase to \$1.50 from \$1.00
- bags brought to County waste facilities will be \$2.00 each

The user fee changes are anticipated to offset the additional cost of providing the expanded rural curbside collection service.

In advance of the July 1 start date, two large blue boxes will be delivered to each rural household in the five municipalities which will be receiving the expanded service. The delivery will occur in late May or early June, and will include an information package to provide residents details on how to participate in the curbside waste and recycling programme.

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Media, please contact:
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Ice Storm Brush Accepted at County Waste Facilities

Brush from the ice storm will be accepted free of charge at the following waste facilities:

- Riverstown • Harriston
- Belwood • Aberfoyle

Brush will be accepted until Saturday, April 30.



Rural Curbside Collection Expansion

Curbside collection of waste and recyclables will be expanded to all rural households in the County of Wellington.

- Bi-weekly collection will begin the week of July 4.
- Blue boxes and participation information will be delivered to all rural households in the five municipalities which will be receiving the expanded service.

For more information, please contact:
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T 1.866.899.0248

Council Highlights

- Council approved expanding waste and recyclable collection to all rural households. Service will take effect on July 1, 2016.
- County Council approved property tax incentives for the new Pearle Hospitality Development in Elora in partnership with the Township of Centre Wellington.
- Retired OPP Auxiliary Staff Sergeant Bruce McGimsie was honoured at County Council for his 30 years of service.

2016 Local Green Legacy Tree Distribution Days



Trees will be available at the following local municipalities and times. Arrive early to get your choice.

TOWNSHIP	DATE	CONTACT	LOCATION	TIME
Guelph/ Eramosa	Saturday, May 7	Louise Marshall louise.marshall.41@outlook.com	Marden Municipal Garage, 7366 Wellington Rd. 30, Marden Rockwood Fire Hall, AND	9:00 am -12:00 pm Donations of cash and/or dry or canned goods can be donated to the East Wellington Community Service Food Bank.
	Saturday, April 30	Louise Marshall louise.marshall.41@outlook.com	5141 Wellington Rd. 27, Rockwood	10:00 am - 1:00 pm Donations of cash and/or dry or canned goods can be donated to the East Wellington Community Service Food Bank. [Note: Personal tree orders will all go to Rockwood Fire Hall.]
Centre Wellington	Saturday, April 30	Colin Baker cbaker@centrewellington.ca	Centre Wellington Infrastructure Services Office, 7444 Wellington Rd. 21, Elora	8:00 am -10:00 am Food bank donation gratefully accepted.
Mapleton	Saturday, April 23	Jim Grose jgrose@mapleton.ca	Township of Mapleton Office (sand dome), 7275 Sideroad 16, Drayton	8:00 am -10:00 am Food bank donation gratefully accepted.
Wellington North	Saturday, May 7	Cathy Conrad cconrad@wellington-north.com	Kenilworth Works Yard 7490 Sideroad 7 West, Kenilworth	9:00 am -11:00 am Donations to the Arthur Horticultural Society or the Mount Forest Horticultural Society gratefully accepted.
Minto	Saturday, April 30	Mike Mclsaac mike@town.minto.on.ca	Town of Minto Municipal Office Garage, 5941 Hwy. 89, Harriston	8:00 am -10:00 am Food bank donation gratefully accepted.
Puslinch	Saturday, April 23	Donna Tremblay dtremblay@puslinch.ca	Green Shed at the Puslinch Community Centre, 23 Brock Rd. South, Aberfoyle	8:30 am -11:00 am Food bank donation gratefully accepted.
Erin	Saturday, May 7	John Brennan john.brennan@erin.ca	Municipal Work Yard, 5684 Trafalgar Rd., Erin	9:00 am –11:00 am Food bank donation gratefully accepted.

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FEEDBACK - HOW ARE WE DOING?

Do you have an idea for an upcoming issue?

Andrea Ravensdale, Communications Manager
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*ALL CALLS CAN BE MADE TOLL FREE TO 1.800.663.0750



Expanded Rural Curbside Collection

Solid Waste Services staff have begun a review of all of our waste services as part of the long term strategy approved in November (see story in this newsletter).

Rural curbside collection and user fees were identified as the first two priorities in the strategy review. At the County Council meeting in March, Council approved the expansion of rural curbside collection to the five municipalities not currently receiving this service. In addition, they approved an increase to the price of garbage bags at both curbside and waste facilities.

There have been many questions about these decisions and what residents can expect. We have compiled a list of the most common questions and answers to each of them.

WHERE DO I PICK UP BLUE BOXES?

Two blue boxes will be delivered to each rural

household in the five municipalities which will be receiving the expanded service. The delivery will occur in late May or early June, and will include an information package to provide residents details on how to participate in the curbside waste and recycling programme.



WHERE CAN I BUY THE USER PAY GARBAGE BAGS?

There are many distributors across the County. A distributor list is available on our website. It will also be included in the information packages being delivered to the expanded rural collection areas.

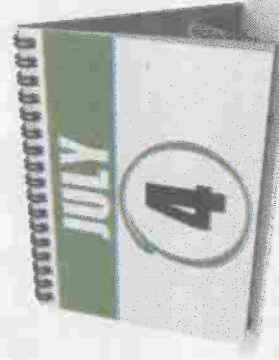


WHY DO URBAN RESIDENTS GET WEEKLY COLLECTION AND RURAL AREAS WILL RECEIVE BI-WEEKLY COLLECTION?

Providing the collection service to rural residents on a bi-weekly basis is the most cost-effective method of providing this service. In our recent telephone survey (see story in this newsletter) 91% of Guelph/Eramosa and Erin rural residents who currently receive rural collection, stated that bi-weekly collection meets their needs.

WHEN WILL RURAL COLLECTION START?

The expanded rural collection will begin the week of July 4. There will be a two-week schedule for the County. Municipalities will be split into week 1 and week 2 collection areas. The schedule will be made available as soon as our routing review is completed. The schedule will also be included in the information packages being delivered to all affected rural households during May and June.

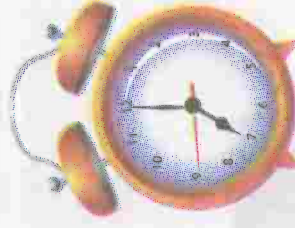


I LIVE IN AN AREA THAT ALREADY HAS RURAL COLLECTION. DOES MY WEEK CHANGE?

No, there are no changes to the rural curbside collection schedule in Guelph/Eramosa and Erin. The time of day your materials are collected may change as current routing may be affected by the new areas being brought online for collection.

I LIVE IN AN URBAN AREA AND GET WEEKLY COLLECTION. HOW WILL RURAL COLLECTION AFFECT ME?

You may find your garbage and recycling are picked up at different times than you're used to. Routes may change from week 1 to week 2 based on the different municipalities being collected. Routes may also change due to construction and weather issues. Always set your materials out by 7:00 am to ensure you don't miss the truck.



WILL MY GARBAGE BAG AND BLUE BOXES BE COLLECTED AT THE SAME TIME EACH WEEK?

Both the garbage truck and recycling truck can come any time between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm. Routes may change from week to week based on many factors including weather and construction. Please have your garbage and recycling out by 7:00 am to ensure collection.

WHAT DAY WILL MY COLLECTION BE?

In each municipality, rural collection will take place on the same day as urban collection.

Tuesday – Mapleton and Minto
Wednesday – Centre Wellington
Thursday – Erin and North Wellington
Friday – Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch

WHERE DO I PUT MY GARBAGE BAG AND BLUE BOXES?

Rural areas are collected on one side of the road, except on Wellington County Roads and Provincial Highways. The information package being delivered with the blue boxes will include a map which will show which side of the road to place your materials on.

I HEARD MY LOCAL WASTE FACILITY MAY CLOSE BECAUSE OF RURAL COLLECTION. IS THAT TRUE?

All six County waste facilities will continue to operate on their current schedules. As part of the long-term strategy review, staff will be looking at optimizing those waste facilities to best and most cost effectively provide the services needed for County residents and businesses. Waste facilities provide unique services, as some things just won't fit in a bag, and other things don't belong in a bag.

WILL I BE PAYING MORE PROPERTY TAXES NOW?

Not necessarily. We anticipate that the additional cost to expand bi-weekly rural collection will be offset by the user fee changes.



CAN I USE A GARBAGE CAN TO PREVENT ANIMALS FROM GETTING INTO MY GARBAGE?

Rural residents may use a garbage can. Please ensure that: the container is rigid, with a removable lid and has handles that are attached or moulded to the exterior of the container, and are no larger than 135L volume (36gal), 60cm wide, or 95cm in height. Please note you may only place one garbage bag in each container.



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The Wellington Advertiser

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Curbside collection of waste and recyclables will be expanded to all rural households in Wellington County.

Two blue boxes and an information package will be delivered to each household in the five municipalities being added, starting in late May.



**If you have questions, please call SWS
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Or visit our website at www.wellington.ca/sws

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Please ask the attendant for a postcard which has more information.



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Turn over for more information.



Rural Curbside Collection Expansion

What you need to know:

- Collection will start in July. Collection will occur every other week.

Days of collection are:

- **Tuesday - Mapleton and Minto**
- **Wednesday - Centre Wellington**
- **Thursday - Erin and Wellington North**
- **Friday - Guelph/Eramosa and Puslinch**

- Two blue boxes will be delivered to each household in the five municipalities being added, starting in late May.
- An information package will be included with the blue boxes. It will have information on how to participate in curbside collection, the collection schedule, a map for which side of the road to place materials on and where to buy user pay garbage bags.
- Curbside user pay garbage bag prices:
large - \$2.00, small - \$1.50, starting July 1.
- Note: Garbage bags at waste facilities will be \$2.00 per bag as of July 1.



County of Wellington Solid Waste Services

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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, May 10, 2016
Subject: **Bill 151, Waste-Free Ontario Act Update**

Background:

The County of Wellington's Solid Waste Services (SWS) Committee has been receiving periodic updates on Bill 151, the Waste-Free Ontario Act. Last month Bill 151 passed its 2nd reading in the Ontario Legislature with unanimous support from all 3 parties. The Bill then went to Parliament's Standing Committee on Social Policy for public hearings on April 18th and 19th.

As previously stated in earlier Committee updates, many of the details on how services will be funded and delivered will be determined, once the draft legislation passes, through Provincial Policy Statements and Regulations.

On April 12th, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) sent an email inviting interested parties to make a written or verbal statement to the Standing Committee on Social Policy. Previously at AMO's January 20th Municipal Forum on the topic, AMO stressed the importance of the municipal sector having a unified voice on the draft legislation.

Having a fragmented voice with different municipalities having varying viewpoints could have a less impactful effect than one cohesive voice to present the municipal perspective.

At the January 20th consultation, staff from many municipalities, including Wellington's, collaborated in crafting AMO's advocacy positions. The attendees broke into workshoping groups and discussed how the draft Bill could be useful towards meeting its stated waste reduction objectives. It was also stated that with the current ambiguity of the content of the draft legislation, there is also potential to perpetuate the status quo, a situation widely deemed undesirable by the municipal sector.

As a result of the day's consultations, a number of issues were identified as being priorities.

AMO, the City of Toronto, the Municipal Waste Association and the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario submitted comments to request the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) take into consideration and adopt the views of the organizations in seeking to enhance and improve waste diversion programmes in Ontario.

While there are a number of specific viewpoints AMO has shared with the MOECC, the Municipal Perspective as developed by AMO has been summarized below;

The Municipal Perspective

- Municipal governments have long advocated for a new legislative framework for waste diversion. We are encouraged that Bill 151 has passed through second reading.

- We strongly support the Province's legislative intent to move towards producers fully funding the end-of-life costs associated with managing products and packaging rather than relying on the property tax base to fund these costs. However, a number of issues need to be addressed in the legislation now as opposed to through future policy statements and regulations.
- Our primary concern is that Bill 151 does not provide the municipal sector with any ability to protect our interests in the operation and funding of our integrated waste management systems. Municipal governments will still be required to operate and fund the integrated waste management system for all materials that are not designated and materials that end up in our waste and/or litter streams. Given the impact new programs and recovery schemes will have on the systems we manage and pay for, municipal governments require a seat at the table when decisions are being made about these programs – both during the transition and after the legislation is in force.
- Currently, the language used in section 11 of the *Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2015* (WDTA) to describe payments from producers to municipalities for provision of the Blue Box program, is identical to section 25(5) of the *Waste Diversion Act, 2002*. This language of "Stewardship Obligation" has been interpreted differently by municipal governments and stewards, resulting in a costly arbitration in 2014 and remains in dispute between the parties. We implore the members of the Standing Committee to amend the language and take advantage of this great opportunity to finally fix this constant and unproductive conflict.
- Critical amendments to Bill 151 are needed to ensure municipal governments' concerns are addressed:
 - to protect residents'/municipal taxpayers' interests;
 - to protect the integrity of the integrated municipal waste systems; and
 - to stop the on-going challenges with receiving what municipal governments are owed during the transition period.

The Municipal Request

- We are asking the Committee to ensure that the legislation presents a fair and balanced approach for municipal governments.
- A fair and balanced approach would be achieved through changes to section 11, the establishment of a Municipal Advisory Body and other specific amendments to the WDTA and the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy, 2015*.
- We have provided the Committee with a list of 13 draft Bill 151 amendments. We hope this wording will be used in clause-by-clause review and amendments to the Bill during the Committee process.

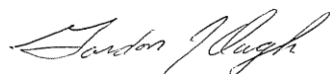
The specific proposed amendments can be found at; <http://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-PDFs/Reports/2016/APPENDIXProposedAmendmentsToBill151.aspx>

Staff will continue monitor the Bill's progress and will present periodic updates to Committee as appropriate.

Recommendation:

That the report titled "Bill 151, Waste-Free Ontario Act Update" be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon J. Ough, P.Eng.
County Engineer

From: bapoconnor bapoconnor [bapoconnor@sympatico.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 9:35 PM

To: Don McKay

Subject: Request to Extend Deadline for Residents to Drop-off at Transfer Stations Debris Caused by March 24 Ice Storm

Hello Don,

In follow-up to our phone conversation this evening, I am requesting that the Solid Waste Services Committee be asked at their next meeting to consider extending the deadline till the end of May for residents to be able to drop-off tree damage material free of charge at our county waste transfer stations. My family and I live on regional road 16 (Demascus Rd.) just north of hwy 109 and we were very badly hit by the March 24 ice storm sustaining significant damage to dozens of trees and a loss of hydro for over 24 hours. Ever since we have been diligently working to clean up the worst of this mess, retaining on-site what can be used for fire wood and the like, but also hauling trailer loads of damage material to the transfer stations at Riverstown and Bellwoods. To date we have taken about 12 loads to the stations, but there is still much more that has to be dealt with. With the on and off weather we have had since March 24 and the fact other family matters that have to be attended to as well, it hasn't been possible to devote our full time to the cleanup including accessing the transfer stations for drop-off.

During our trips to the stations, we have learned a few things that I think are relevant to this situation and our request:

- Staff at both locations and also a crew that did some tree damage clean-up at our frontage on Road 16 have each told us that the material being brought to the stations will all be useful and that in fact more will be needed. They explained the plan is to grind up all if it for wood chips to use as cover in display area and access routes at the upcoming International Plowing Match.
- Whenever we have taken debris to the stations, there has been a number of others dropping off similar material while we were on site. As recent as last Saturday, May 30 at Bellwoods which was the latest deadline for free drop-off, there was a lineup of vehicles out to the road bringing in material in both the morning and afternoon and at least a quarter of those in the lineup had storm damage waste bringing brought.

I sincerely hope that the Solid Waste Services Committee will understand our plight and be able to find a way to extend the opportunity to support residents in their efforts to do the cleanup that is necessary in the aftermath of this latest damaging storm.

Respectfully submitted and thank you.

Brian O'Connor

8432 Regional Rd #16, Wellington North