

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, April 9, 2010				Report Date	Tuesday, April 6, 2010			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Disposal Site Options Report 09/04/10/207									

SUBJECT: Considerations for extending the life of our disposal sites, increasing recycling and increasing the portion of Stewardship Ontario funding we will receive from our recycling program efforts.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council hold on making any major decisions until it is determined whether or not we are eligible for funding for a Continuous Improvement Fund program review from Stewardship Ontario. Should we be successful, they will have someone assist us in completing a full review of our recycling program and recommend steps we can take to increase participation. I have included some background information on what other municipalities are doing.

WHEREAS Council would like to review options for improvements to our recycling program;

AND WHEREAS an application for funding and management of a formal recycling program review has just been submitted to the Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council review the information provided to develop an understanding of the issues but take no action until we hear from the CIF.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: I have determined why Driftwood Park has not historically paid tipping fees for our municipality. Apparently, some years back when Roger Arbic worked at Driftwood he had an issue with the province (the park) paying to place garbage into provincially owned landfill. He lobbied the powers that be and was told that if he could get the Council to agree, he could run with it. I guess he did and he did. Driftwood was exempt from paying tipping fees.

There are however; no legal reasons why we cannot charge them. Whether we own the land or not, we are responsible for maintaining and monitoring the site and for finding alternatives once the site we have has reached capacity. That is expensive. Being one of the major users of the disposal site during the summer months, Driftwood should begin paying tipping fees for 2010. It would be interesting to see if there is some mechanism for charging them for previous years but I believe that is not likely the case as it was the belief of this Council that we could not charge them and did not. We will look into it.

Waste Diversion Ontario has implemented a number of questions that have to be answered "yes" in order to receive full funding through our recycling program. Currently we are not able to do that. I have included the list of questions and the percentages that we stand to lose/gain by implementing the best practises.

OPTIONS/DISCUSSION: We are not "reinventing the wheel" as is commonly said in municipal administration. If we are considering it, there is a good chance that someone

somewhere else has already done it. Learn from their mistakes and accomplishments. There are a large number of options to be considered. Here are a few.

- Implementation of Tipping Fees for Commercial Operators
- Bag Tags; a certain number free, a charge per bag after.
- Reduce garbage collection to bi- weekly and increase recyclable collection to weekly.
- Deterrents for those who litter. When it is located, embarrass the guilty party: post it in the paper and/or newsletter; return it to them; send a letter advising that we are aware of the issue; fine them.
- Can implement fines for leaving garbage at the gate.
- Consequences might include refusal to provide curbside services for that individual.
- Usage of Clear Plastic Bags for Garbage – if a large volume of recyclable materials, they are left at the curb or fined. Bag tag or tipping fees can increase if the garbage is full of recyclables or decreased if “clean”.
- Don’t recycle glass as it costs more to transport than its worth. Calvin Township collects glass in a separate area and then uses it to cover waste.
- Purchase a used compactor, with a vehicle that no longer works, permanently locate it at the Stonecliffe site. Use it to fill and compact waste for a week or two, or until it’s full and only then, unload it to a cell and cover it. Will reduce mess, and the need for weekly cover.
- Can collect and compost organics on a concrete base. Would require equipment to windrow and turn material. Could recoup costs by selling compose material?

Although too large to print for each of you, a valuable discussion paper can be viewed at

http://www.muniscope.ca/_files/file.php?fileid=filekciMAbQPYC&filename=file_user_pay_systems.pdf.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS/BUDGET IMPACT: The decisions made in respect of user pay, fines and tipping fees will significantly affect total annual costs of administering waste disposal sites and a recycling program. Costs of alternate disposal methods will only increase in the future.

POLICY IMPACT: None

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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