

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, December 7, 2012				Report Date	Tuesday, November-20-12			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Reduced Winter Disposal Site Hours - Report #07/12/12/1203									

Subject: Request to consider reducing disposal site hours during the winter months.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the following resolution reducing the hours of the disposal sites for the winter months of January through March.

WHEREAS there have been calls for Council to reconsider the disposal site hours during the winter months.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to authorize reduced Disposal Site hours at both sites for the months of January to and including March annually by closing the Bissett site on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. and closing the Stonecliffe site on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. instead of 4:15 p.m.

Background/Executive Summary: Bill has canvassed users concerning reduced hours and has found some people are strongly opposed, some are ambivalent and some agree with the suggestion.

It is staff opinion that closing completely on Tuesday and Thursday presents access challenges to residents for both recycling and waste. Having the site open is more than simply an issue of volume but an issue of convenience for usual users. If any change is made, reduced hours should be considered.

Other considerations include reduced hours and employee benefits eligibility. Fewer than 21 hours would require a discontinuation of the benefits for the reduced period and then reinstatement once normal hours are resumed.

A further consideration is signage; we are legislated to post accurate signage. Signage is costly, changes would have to be agreed to and set for the long term to warrant changing permanent signage. Notices could be provided on the website, through email and via newsletters and posters but signs would need to be changed.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: Savings realized by reducing disposal site hours to only Saturdays would be minimal at approximately \$1,600. The reduced hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays would be approximately \$800 for a three month period.

Policy Impact: Changes current hours.

Others Consulted/Resources/References: Noella Lebreton, Treasurer; Bill Donnelly, Municipal Maintenance Worker, members of the public.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,
Municipal Clerk

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