

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Tuesday, June 12, 2018				Report Date	Tuesday, June 5, 2018			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE - Waste Management									
Report #12/06/18 - 1202									

Subject: Waste Management By-Law and Process Review

RECOMMENDATION:

For discussion/direction. That this resolution be adopted by Council to amend the current by-law.

WHEREAS the Waste Management By-Law was passed in 2012 and requires regular review;

AND WHEREAS concerns with some practises have been raised by staff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby agree to:

1. Eliminate the fee for the acceptance of white goods at the municipal disposal sites unless they require processing prior to being removed by the scrap metal processor;
2. Eliminate the fee for the acceptance of contaminated soil suitable for cover at the sites unless the site has to be opened to accommodate the contractor's schedule;
3. Other

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution becomes effective immediately.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Waste Management By-Law has been presented for review by Council. It is time that the by-law be updated/reviewed with respect to:

- use of clear bags,
 - Implement to increase the amount of materials being recycled. Clear bags allow for our collector to refuse bags of garbage which contain too much recyclable materials.
- increased cost per bag over 52/208 free,
 - The fact that some commercial operators receive 208 free bag tags a year while residents only receive 52 has been questioned by ratepayers.
 - Further, when the by-law was passed, the municipality was to review the cost of \$1/tag for extra bags, the original plan was to increase it to \$2 the second year of the program to help encourage increased recycling. This issue has not been reconsidered since that time.

- amending the fee schedule to eliminate the fee for white goods as they are sold for scrap metal;
 - Staff have brought this issue up at employee meetings – questioning why we are charging people to dispose of white goods while we collect payment for scrap metal. This is a legitimate concern and it is recommended that the fee be waived unless the item (fridge/stove) require processing to remove Freon/contaminants.

- amending the fee schedule to eliminate the fee for contaminated fill suitable for cover as we ultimately profit from this; (except if the site has to be opened specifically to receive it)
 - Again, we are charging to accept a material and then make use of it. It doesn't seem fair to staff, unless there are extenuating circumstances, such as if the municipality is required to pay for extra processing or open the site at a time not normally opened to accept the material due to the contractor's schedule. We like to accommodate but not on the municipality's dime.

- increasing recycling
 - Staff routinely take steps to attempt to advertise to increase recycling. In the 2018 budget, we have provided for some type of advertising program which will re-inforce recycling in the minds of our residents.

- the process of enforcing non-compliance
 - Again, this issue is on-going, with the already approved changes through the by-law enforcement policy; enforcement of the waste disposal by-law, when needed should be easier.

Staff have been asked about the process which resulted in this by-law including members of the committee. The fact that campground operators receive 208 bags tags per year while residents receive only 52; when they pay the same tax rate and residential property owners. It has been questioned that perhaps residents don't understand that they are paying for the waste being generated by campgrounds.

This was a misconception explained to many during the stakeholder consultation meetings; only two of the visible businesses in HCM pay "commercial" taxes. This is normal and as per the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation rules and regulations as set by the province. The issue is that a number of people believe that because a business is in business, it must pay commercial taxes. This is simply not true.

Options/Discussion:

Various – staff have expressed specifically the issues that we have recommendations for at this point. The other issues have been presented for council discussion and debate – to provide direction to staff.

Others Consulted:

Councillor Rose

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk	
Melinda Reith, Municipal Clerk	<i>Melinda Reith</i>