



Memo

To: Members of Council
From: Mayor Letham
Date: September 26th, 2017
Subject: Seasonal Residential Clean-Up Waste Drop Off

Background

The issue of offering residents options for household and leaf and yard waste has been discussed for several years. The City of Kawartha Lakes offers a full range of services that are available to residents all year round. This includes curb side pick-up year round for household garbage, curbside leaf and yard pick up 3 times per year, various landfill programs and drop off options throughout the year.

This memo is asking Council to consider implementing no charge household waste and leaf and yard drop off 2 times a year at City landfill sites. For 2 weeks around the May long weekend and 2 weeks around the Thanksgiving long weekend, residents would be allowed to drop off unlimited household waste and leaf and yard waste at our landfill sites during regular operating hours.

This should match up nicely with the direction the municipality is going with cleaning up our city while maximizing our landfill capacity. Clear bags would still be required with the same parameters for acceptance, however during these 4 weeks in total, there would be no charge for that waste drop off. The City would continue to charge for black bags and/or mixed waste dropped off as per the by-law.

I believe this enhancement to residential waste service would encourage residents to clean up their yards and neighborhoods and would help keep our community cleaner. Seasonal residents and cottage associations would also be accommodated during typical spring and fall "clean-up" times.

This is waste already in our community and the belief is, better in our landfill sites than in yards, ditches, cottage roads and parks.

As with everything, there would be a cost to this. It is estimated that lost revenues from landfill fees for those 4 weeks could be in the neighborhood of \$ 100,000.

It is a way of asking our residents to help clean up the community and the city pitching in by offering this no charge option. I believe the positive upside would more than make up for the loss in revenue.

A decision on this is required today as the waste calendar for 2018 goes into production shortly and if Council is to proceed with this, it should be included in the literature. I would also suggest it be done as a 1 year pilot project to judge the results before a long term policy is put in place.

Recommendation to Council

RESOLVED THAT the Memo “**Seasonal Residential Clean Up Waste Drop Off**”, dated September 26th, 2017, be received;

THAT Staff implement for the 2018 season a 1 year pilot project to exempt all City of Kawartha Lakes residents from tipping fees identified within by-law 2015-123, as amended, related to bringing compliant clear bag residential waste and compliant leaf and yard residential waste to City Landfills for a period of 2 weeks in spring and 2 weeks in fall;

THAT Staff report back to Council by the end of July, 2018 on the results of the Spring 2018 pilot project;

THAT all other current programs regarding waste drop off, leaf and yard material drop off, remain in place;

THAT the necessary by-laws for the above recommendations be forwarded to Council for adoption; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any documents and agreements required by the approval of this decision.

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