



Council Report

Report Number:	WM2022-009
Meeting Date:	July 19, 2022
Title:	WM2022-009, Curbside Leaf and Yard Eligible Locations Pilot Results
Description:	Pilot results and recommendations for future collection events
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Recommendation(s):

That Report **WM2022-009, Curbside Leaf and Yard Eligible Locations Pilot Results**, be received; and

That By-law 2016-144 (A By-law for Collection and Management of Waste and Recyclables within the City of Kawartha Lakes) be amended to include curbside leaf and yard collection at high density multi-residential locations and trailer parks along with regular leaf and yard collection events beginning in 2023.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of March 23, 2021 Council adopted the following resolution:

CR2021-167

Moved By Councillor Richardson

Seconded By Councillor Yeo

That Report WM2021-007, **Eligibility Review for Curbside Leaf and Yard Collection**, be received;

That Council approve the Option 2, within Report WM2021-007, for a two-year pilot program to assess the feasibility of including high density multi-residential locations and Trailer Parks within the regular curbside collection of leaf and yard waste program that currently includes low density residential and mobile home parks only; and

That Staff report back to Council in Q3, 2022 on the results of the curbside collection pilot study with recommended options and associated costs.

Carried

This report addresses that direction.

The City's current By-Law 2016-144 (A By-law for Collection and Management of Waste and Recyclables within the City of Kawartha Lakes) hereinafter referred to as the "By-Law", states in section 3.06 b (a); Curbside collection for leaf and yard waste shall be provided to low density residential buildings and mobile home parks only. Mobile home parks are defined as year round residential communities. The By-Law excludes high density multi-residential as well as industrial, commercial, institutional, trailer park and resort locations from curbside leaf and yard collection.

For further clarity, the high density multi-residential classification includes lands zoned to permit an apartment building, condominium complex, townhouse complex, co-operative housing complex, accessory dwelling units, or other similar residential complex containing three (3) or more residential dwelling units.

Beginning in the spring of 2021 Miller Waste provided leaf and yard waste collection to the high density multi-residential locations and trailer parks as part of the pilot program. There are approximately 313 high density multi-residential locations and 26 trailer parks within the City that were included in the pilot program. Participation in the pilot program was relatively low. The average number of trailer parks who set out leaf and yard waste per collection event was only 2. However, the trailer parks that did

participate set out a large number of bags with the average number of bags per event being 70 bags. Multi-residential locations were not counted separately as they were collected along regular pre-existing collection routes. Overall there were no major issues operationally and timing wise to collect leaf and yard waste from these locations during the pilot program.

Rationale:

If we amend the By-law to include leaf and yard collection at the high density multi-residential locations and trailer parks this will have an annual budget implication of approximately \$9,000 to collect these locations at each leaf and yard collection event (there are three events per year). Since this is a relatively low annual budget increase, it helps divert waste from landfill , and there were no major operational issues to collect from these locations during the pilot program, staff are recommending to amend the waste by-law and Miller contract to include these locations beginning in 2023.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose not to amend the by-law to collect leaf and yard waste from high density multi-residential locations and trailer parks however this is not staff's recommendation due to the benefits of the program for increased waste diversion and low relative cost to include these locations.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

The allowance of high density multi-residential locations and trailer parks to participate in the curbside leaf and yard collection aligns with the Strategic Priority of A Healthy Environment. This program promotes increased diversion of materials from landfill and enhances the City's composting program. These initiatives are part of the City's Integrated Waste Management Strategy.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

Collecting leaf and yard waste from high density multi-residential locations and trailer parks will cost approximately \$9,000 per year.

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