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DRAFT **WASTE MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN**

Changes to garbage and recycling programs are being considered!

A Waste Management Consultant was hired to review the various garbage and recycling programs of the Township of Malahide and the Municipalities of Bayham and Central Elgin. The purpose was to determine ways to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the waste programs.

The Consultant has recommended several changes to the programs to further capitalize on funding opportunities and service procurement; and based on feedback received from the public consultation, the Consultant is also recommending some service level enhancements.

For the full report, please visit to the municipal website at www.malahide.ca.

Why make changes?

The goal of the partner municipalities is to maximize their garbage and recycling programs to make them as efficient as possible. There is an opportunity for the municipalities to work together to enhance services and reduce costs. In addition, municipalities must continue to improve on their waste and recycling performance in order to continue to be eligible for provincial funding.

The right thing to do!

By expanding our recycling programs and reducing the amount of garbage that we sent to landfills, we are doing our part to managing our natural resources and becoming good environmental stewards.

When will the changes come into effect?

First, each partner municipality must formally adopt a Waste Management Master Plan. Once a Master Plan has been adopted, the various initiatives will be implemented based on a schedule which takes into consideration the costs, provincial mandates, tender opportunities, and funding opportunities. The Consultant has recommended 2014 and 2016 as milestone years.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

I thought that garbage collection and disposal services were included in my taxes. Will I now have to buy bag tags?

The Consultant is recommending that the Township of Malahide and the Municipality of Bayham implement a bag tag system, similar to that of the Municipality of Central Elgin. The Consultant is recommending that Malahide and Bayham provide an annual allotment of bag tags to residential properties. The annual allotment would gradually be reduced in order to harmonize service levels across the municipalities ultimately matching the bag limit in the Municipality of Central Elgin (currently 95 per year or approximately 1.8 bags per week).

Other jurisdictions have found that lowering bag limits encourages the removal of recyclable material from the garbage stream.

Why Bag Tags?

Bag tags allow residents more flexibility than a bag limit by-law. A household would be able to use its annual supply of bag tags as they see fit as opposed to being confined to a fixed weekly bag limit.

Many households only put out one or two bags of garbage a week but on some occasions need to put out more. The bag tag system allows people to save tags and use them during those periods when they need to put out more garbage. Whereas, a weekly bag limit does not recognize the household's previous weeks set out.

Will there be an increase in illegal dumping?

Municipalities that have implemented a bag tag program typically do not see an increase in illegal dumping of garbage.

LEAF AND YARD WASTE

Why expand leaf and yard waste collection only to urban areas?

Urban households typically have less options and space for dealing with leaf and yard waste. Some leaf and yard waste is currently ending up in the garbage stream and going to landfill. Fall leaf collection can help remove this waste from going to landfill, thus reducing tipping fees and extending the life of the landfill.

Can I drop off my leaves and yard waste?

The Consultant is recommending that the municipalities hold annual leaf and yard waste drop-off depots. This provides all residents with a cost effective opportunity to divert leaf and

yard wastes. Some yard waste is currently ending up in the garbage stream and going to landfill. This increases tipping fees and reduces the life of the landfill.

RECYCLING

How much will the current blue box program change?

The Consultant is recommending that the municipalities harmonize and expand the types of recyclable materials that can be put into the blue box. There currently is a market for recyclable material and the municipalities should take advantage of this revenue stream. By maximizing the amount of material that can be placed in a blue box it increases the efficiency of the program.

Where will the recycled material go?

The Consultant is recommending that the municipalities deliver blue box recyclables to the new City of London Regional Materials Recovery Facility which, depending on market values, shares the profit with the municipalities. The new facility in London is able to accept many additional types of recyclable materials than what is currently being collected.

I already recycle a lot and my blue box is full. I have no room to store more recyclable material.

The Consultant is recommending that the municipalities distribute additional blue boxes to single family households, as well as, implement weekly collection of the blue box. The Province is currently proving funding to municipalities to purchase new larger blue boxes to municipalities who wish to expand their recycling program.

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