

Type of Decision							
Meeting Date	Tuesday, September 11, 2018			Report Date	Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018		
Council Decision Required	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Priority	High	x	Low
Complies with Current Policy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	Creates New Policy	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Aligns with Strategic Plan	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Priority in Asset Management Plan	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Follows Procedure By-law	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Follows Procurement By-Law	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aligns with Zoning By-Law	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aligns with previous Council precedent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
As per Provincial Legislation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Provincial Act or Regulation			
Direction	x	Information Only		Type of Meeting	X	Open	Closed
<b>REPORT TITLE - Waste Management By-Law Review</b>							
Report #11/09/2018 - 1103							

**Subject: Review of some sections of the Waste Management By-Law deferred from June.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the following recommendation.

Resolution #1

**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

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**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution becomes effective immediately.

## BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Below in italics is from the June report prepared for council. Added are letters received from two of our local campground operators in response to this report.

Staff respectfully request that Council approve the above two options...number 3 may be left blank with the remaining issues to be discussed after a new council is elected however; we feel that it is in everyone's best interest to not have to pay for materials that the municipality is selling as scrap. Something that was overlooked when the original by-law was adopted.

Staff have implemented the change in respect to white goods more than a year ago as it was deemed unfair and are looking to council for formal amendment to the by-law.

Fees for contaminated fill able to be used for cover are still being charged. Often they are paid for by an insurance company.

*"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.*

***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."***

### **Options/Discussion:**

#### **1. Option 1 – Pass the resolution as is – leaving #3 blank.**

##### **a. Pros**

- i. Makes the by-law fairer for current users – in not requiring a payment for materials that the municipality then benefits from.

##### **b. Cons**

- i. None really.
2. Other options are considerable – staff are looking for direction from council on how to proceed. Are we to provide reports on usage or is Council happy with the by-law as it is. It is staff understanding that this question was a result of conversation with council members and ratepayers.

### **Financial Considerations – Budget Impact:**

Fees charged average \$150 - \$250 per year for white goods.

As for the contaminated fill brought to the site and then used as cover – the fees generated amount to an average of about \$250 per year.

Revenues are minimal – good will considerably more valuable.

### **Others Consulted:**

Bill Donnelly, Waste Disposal Attendant, Crystal Fischer, Office Manager, Ratepayers through Councillor Rose.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

*Melinda Reith*