



Village of Haines Junction
Report to Council

August 14, 2024

Council Decision
 Council Direction
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RE: Tipping Fees

Recommendation

1. That a fee structure for the provision of waste management services be set that is based on the principle of cost recovery.
2. That a Waste Management Cost Recovery and Sorting Requirements Bylaw be passed that describes how the costs of waste management are determined, how the tipping fees will be set, and how materials are to be sorted to be accepted at the landfill.
3. That tipping fees be set by Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw #343-19 and subsequent Bylaw Amendments.

Background

The Village of Haines Junction has signed an Interim Regional Waste Management Agreement that is facilitating the transition of the Haines Junction landfill to a Regional Waste Management Facility. The Agreement provides funding for the municipality to ensure all residents within each regional boundary have access to a Regional Waste Management Facility. Under this agreement, the Village Haines Junction has agreed to develop a waste management bylaw that establishes sorting requirements and tipping fees. In addition, the agreement requires that all residential users of the Haines Junction landfill be charged the same tipping fees, noting some variation from one municipality to the other is expected due to individual operating practices.

Current Status

Progress made to date towards regionalization:

- Landfill hours of operation were changed last fall to ensure a staff person can be on site when the landfill is open.
- A redesign of the front of the landfill has been initiated. The new front-of-house design will include a staffed gatehouse, an updated septic system, a new recycling centre and free store
- A Waste Management Cost Recovery and Sorting Requirements Bylaw has been drafted that describes the process for calculating tipping fees, which is proposed to be recalculated annually during budget season. This bylaw is included in tonight's Council Package for 1st and 2nd Reading.
- An Amendment to the Consolidated Municipal Fees Bylaw #343-19 has been drafted that proposes tipping fees for FY 2025 based on the process outlined in the above-mentioned bylaw. This bylaw is also included in tonight's Council Package for 1st and 2nd Reading.

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