



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Dave Charron, Manager of Infrastructure & Development
Date: 2026-04-23
Subject: Spring Cleaning Program at Landfill 2026

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council received the report regarding Spring Cleaning Program at the Landfill from D. Charron, Manager of Infrastructure and Development, And

That Council approves the recommendations to implement three (3) annual half-price landfill days to be held May 6, 7, and 8.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council direction on implementing an annual program to offer residents reduced landfill tipping fees (50% of standard rates) on May 6, 7, and 8 each year to support community clean-up efforts and improve waste management outcomes.

Background:

Municipal waste management services currently include regular landfill access and curbside collection in accordance with established service levels.

In past year the municipality implemented incentive-based programs, such as reduced or free landfill days, to encourage proper disposal of accumulated waste and to reduce illegal dumping.

With the current situation in the municipal landfill capacity the proposed initiative would establish three (3) half-price landfill days, scheduled for May 6, 7, and 8, aligning with peak seasonal clean-up activities.

Benefits of the Program

- Encourages residents to **clean up properties and dispose of accumulated waste.**
- Promotes **community beautification and improved property standards.**
- May reduce **illegal dumping and associated enforcement concerns.**
- Provides a **visible and positive service enhancement** to residents.

Operational Considerations

- Anticipated **high participation and increased waste volumes** during the designated days.
- Potential impacts to landfill operations, including:
 - Increased **traffic and site congestion**
 - Additional **staffing requirements**
 - Need for **traffic control and site management measures**
- Concentrated disposal activity may contribute to **accelerated landfill usage**, which could impact long-term capacity planning.

Financial Implications:

The implementation of annual free landfill days may result in:

- **Reduced fee revenue** during the designated days
- Potential **increased operating costs**, including staffing and site management.
- Long-term considerations related to **landfill capacity and lifecycle management**.

These impacts can be monitored and evaluated annually, and adjustments to the program can be made as required.

Policies/Legislation:

none

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

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 Manager, Infrastructure and Development

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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