



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services

Date: 2020-09-24

Subject: Landfill Fees

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services; And

That West Elgin Council approves the re-instatement of landfill disposal fees, effective Friday October 2, in accordance with the 2020 municipal Fees and Charges By-law.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to make Council aware of the need to re-instate tipping fees at the West Elgin municipal landfill.

Background:

During the spring of 2020, West Elgin Council moved in favor of temporarily elimination landfill tipping fees for regular household garbage. COVID-19 restrictions were in place and many families were using the time at home to clean. This also worked well operationally, as the landfill attendant was not required to handle cash and be in close physical contact with landfill patrons. The number of people attending the landfill jumped significantly and many took advantage of the situation to dispose of items that would normally have cost to get rid of. Fees did remain in place for units containing refrigerant and commercial loads.

Summer is now over and cooler weather is setting in. We all know now that COVID-19 will be with us for quite some time, and many safety precautions have been put in place for staff and attendees of the landfill. The municipality began curbside collection for all ratepayers on August 3, and judging by attendance numbers, many people are using the service over their weekly trip to the landfill (which is great). Surrounding municipalities that offered free tipping fees during the early stages of the pandemic have returned to normal, most recently Dutton-Dunwich on September 23.

For these reasons, staff feel it is a good time to return to normal operating procedure and resume collecting landfill fees as per the 2020 Fees and Charges By-law.

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

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