



AGENDA

WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Immediately Following the Asset Management Committee Meeting

Council Chambers

Municipal Office

7 Third Avenue

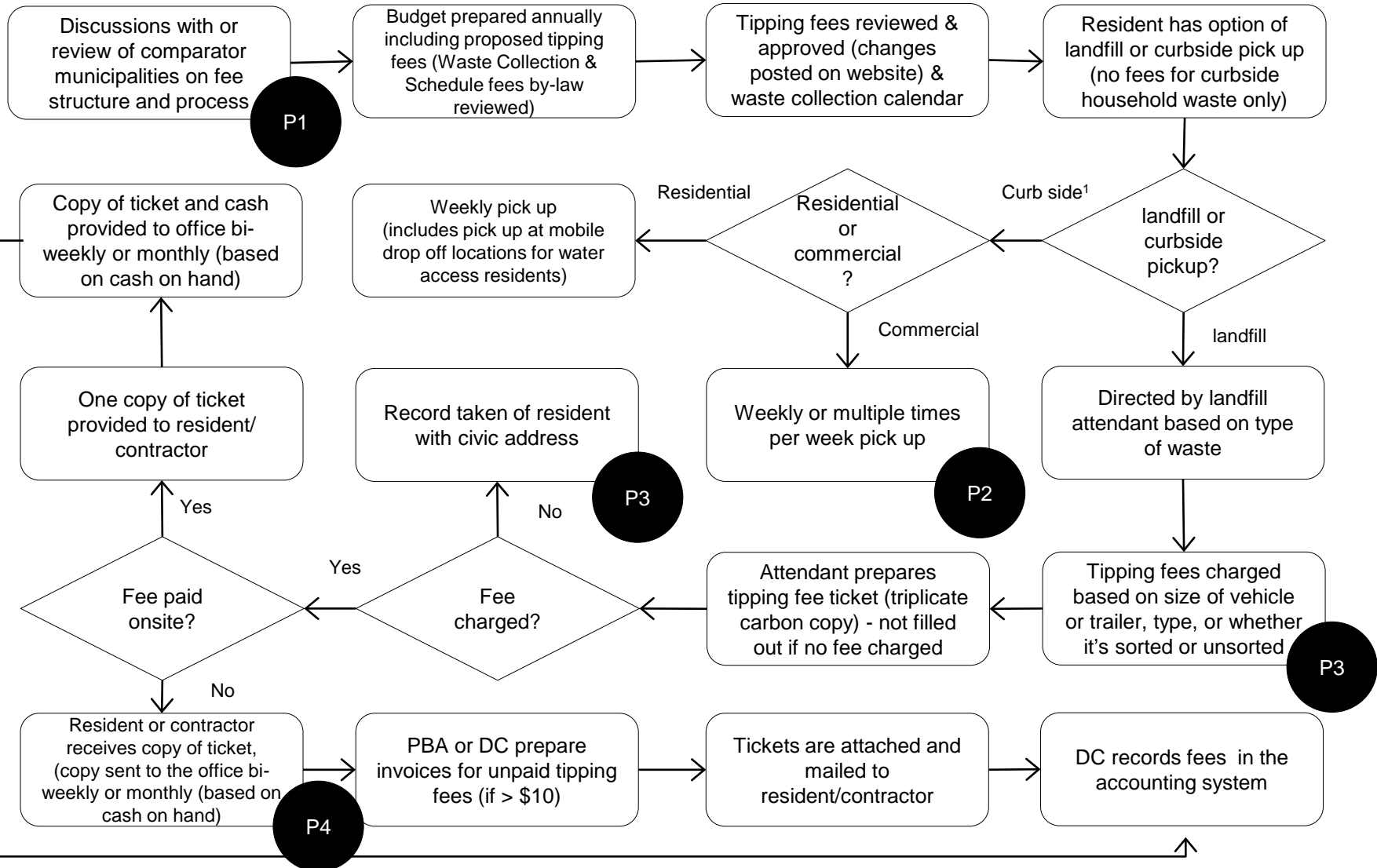
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Open Meeting/Call to order

1. Additions / Amendments to the Agenda
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business
 - Landfill Site Identification User Cards
 - Efficiencies – Waste Collection
 - Expense Summary – Recycling Program
 - Request to accept waste from Clancy Twp.
 - Waste Collection Truck
6. Adjournment

Tipping Fees - Landfill



¹ Everything that is picked up curbside, it goes to the landfill. Residents are not charged additional amounts for curbside pick up. Waste is not separated upon arrival at the landfill into items such as steel, aluminum and recyclable. As a result, should residents want to recycle items should not be disposed of via the curbside.

Potential Courses of Action

Issue	Potential Course of Action
<p>P1</p> <p>Currently tipping fees are significantly lower when compared to similar sized municipalities. Tipping fees are used as an “incentive for good behavior” rather than a cost recovery mechanism. Assessments have been completed against comparator municipalities and presented to Council to ensure all parties are aware of the lower than normal fees which are in place.</p>	<p>The Township should increase tipping fees gradually over the next 3 - 5 years to be more in line with comparative municipalities. This will enable the Township to recover more of the costs to operate the landfill and allow for the reallocation of operating funds used to currently fund the landfill to other costs or projects.</p> <p>In addition, the Township should complete a landfill / waste management long term plan. This plan would project the financial results for an extended period (typically a 15-25 year period). The plan would include various assumptions with respect to tipping fees and costs and would provide additional support for decisions relating to the tipping fees, service delivery, exempt items and landfill drop offs.</p>
<p>P2</p> <p>Commercial curbside pick up is sometimes conducted multiple times per week. This can be costly to the Township as fuel, maintenance and employee salaries and benefits would increase with the multiple pick ups per week.</p>	<p>The Township should adjust curbside pick up to once per week and requiring any excess separated waste be brought to the landfill site where fees would be charged for the drop offs completed.</p>
<p>P3</p> <p>There are a number of items that are exempt from tipping fees such as small truck and trailer loads, appliances, and vessels if the ownership is presented. As tipping fees are not charged, the cost of processing these items is therefore absorbed by the Town’s operations budget.</p>	<p>The Township should amend the Waste Collection and Schedule Fee by-laws to remove the noted tipping fee exemptions and implement reasonable tipping fee rates in relation to the specified exempt items.</p>
<p>P4</p> <p>Residential drop offs at the landfill site have the option to be invoiced rather than pay on site. Given that the practice is not to prepare invoices for tipping fees that are less than \$10, this can result in significant uncollected tipping fees over time.</p>	<p>The Township should require for all residential drop offs at the landfill site tipping fees be charged and collected on site. This is considered best practice and is in line with the process other municipalities follow.</p> <p>This would result on only commercial drop offs required to be invoiced subsequent to the drop off, reducing the number of invoices required to be processed.</p>

Service Based Opportunities

Nature of the Opportunity	Opportunity	Rationale	Anticipated Benefit
Service Level Adjustment/Operating Efficiency/Revenue Generation	Explore the re-development of the Township's approach to solid waste management	<p>Currently, the Township provides a level of service which may be considered to exceed those of similarly sized municipalities. The Township does not have a bag limit for curbside collection which is not considered to be a municipal common/best practice. Through the use of its own resources, the Township provides curbside garbage collection throughout the entire Township, which results in non-contiguous routes with a limited number of households. The Township also dedicates resources to provide seasonal residents with Sunday waste collection at access points.</p> <p>Beyond the lack of a bag limit for residential waste collection, the Township provides for the collection of commercial waste – a service that is typically not provided for by a municipality but instead the private sector.</p> <p>For the purposes of the Township, Council may want to consider the following and consider its implementation on an incremental basis to allow for greater public education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a bag limit for residential household waste; • Discontinue the practice of dedicating resources to provide a time for households to bring waste to Township staff; • Discontinue commercial waste collection; • The Township may also want to review the user fees charged for the acceptance of waste at the landfill site to ensure that the fees reflect current and future operational and capital needs as well as are reflective of neighbouring communities; and • Undertake a landfill/waste management long term plan. 	Potential operating costs cannot be reasonably determined