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CHANGES TO VICTORIA COUNTY SOLID WASTE BYLAW

New Tips fees to be charged beginning August 30

Changes to weekly residential bag limits

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Baddeck, N.S. – Beginning next month, businesses will be charged a tip fee when bringing waste to Victoria County waste facilities. The tipping fees for businesses begins August 30, 2021.

“We are one of the last municipalities in the province to introduce tip fees and it recognizes a shift in thinking about waste. These are regulated facilities, with federal and provincial regulations that the municipality must follow. We know this has an impact on our commercial customers, but it is time we move to this user-pay model like most other municipalities have,” said Warden Bruce Morrison.

On Cape Breton Island, all municipalities charge commercial tip fees. In CBRM, where they were recently increased, they range from \$36 per tonne for impacted soil to \$96 for unsorted waste & recyclables. Inverness and Richmond both charge similar commercial tip fees. Richmond also charges fees on residential loads over 400 kilograms.

“As our solid waste facilities become more regulated and legislated, we are more cognizant of using the space we have more wisely,” said Morrison.

The changes to the Victoria County Solid Waste bylaw was passed by council on May 31, 2021.

Deputy Warden Larry Dauphinee said solid waste is one of the largest costs to the municipality.

“Our sites were seeing an increase in business customers from other municipalities. So, in addition to our own costs to truck waste to Guysborough, we were paying for others too. We simply can not afford to continue that way – for the municipality and for our taxpayers,” Deputy Warden Dauphinee said.

It costs the municipality about \$83 per tonne to truck waste to the second-generation landfill in Guysborough. This year, Solid Waste operations in Victoria County will cost the municipality \$2.5 million, about 18.5% of the \$13.5 million budget.

For the time being, the Victoria County solid waste facilities in Baddeck and those in Dingwall and New Haven will charge the fee differently. In Baddeck, businesses are charged by the weight of the load brought to the facility and North of Smokey businesses will be charged by volume. Both methods are accepted industry standards.

“Until a new location for a combined landfill and recycling depot is built North of Smokey, the North of Smokey businesses will be charged by the load, as there isn’t a scale currently at our waste facilities there,” said Robert Dauphinee, Victoria County Director of Public Works.

In Baddeck, the new fees are \$85 per tonne for sorted business waste, recyclables, cardboard, and construction & demolition materials; \$75 per tonne for organics, \$45 per tonne for metals/appliances and \$40 per tonne for leaf and landscape waste. At the Dingwall & New Haven facilities, fees are charged based on volume: \$25 for a half ton truck or car with a trailer; \$35 for a ¾ ton truck, \$50 for a 1-ton truck, \$100 for a tandem truck and \$200 for a tractor trailer.

In other changes, residents will see a change in the number of bags they can leave each week for curbside collection.

Beginning August 1, weekly limits are 4 clear bags (garbage), 4 blue bags (recyclables), 4 green bags (compost) and no more than two bundles of corrugated cardboard per week.

“We’re working to encourage reduce & reuse as well as recycling. The hope is people will start diverting more from the landfill,” Public Works Director Robert Dauphinee said.

Other changes to the solid waste bylaw include no longer accepting tree stumps, rocks & soil and limiting branches to those less than an inch in circumference and introducing new residential recycling programs for used oil, antifreeze, and lubricants.

For a complete list of changes, please visit www.victoriacounty.com/changes-at-our-facilities.