



WASTE MANAGEMENT NEWS IN HEAD, CLARA AND MARIA

As mentioned previously in HCM's April Newsletter, we are undergoing some significant changes to our waste management systems. In order to improve our costs, operations and overall landfill span, Council has voted in favour of contracting with Beaumen Waste Management Systems Ltd. for our recycling and garbage processing.

Garbage

Bill will continue with his regular curbside garbage collection.

Front end bins have been purchased and delivered to our disposal sites. They will house our garbage that is picked up from curbside collection and our two streams of recycling, until the bins are at capacity and ready for processing. Beauman will then collect the garbage from the bins at each landfill site, compact the material, and dump it into one landfill cell at the last site. This reduces the frequency and cost associated with applying landfill cover and assists with maintaining MOE compliance.

Recycling

Beginning July 4th 2016, Bill will collect our recycling in Head, Clara and Maria. Recycling will still be picked up on Monday in Mackey and should still be set out before 8:00 am to ensure pick-up. Bill will collect the recycling and bring it to the appropriate disposal site, where it will be put into its allocated bins.

HCM's dual stream recycling program requires that our recycling be separated by fibres (paper and cardboard) from Commingled (cans, plastic and glass). After completing the garbage compaction and dump, Beauman will pick up the recycling from the bins on a reverse run and transfer it to their facility where it will be processed.

We would like to take this time to thank Andre Bergeron, from B.A.G Recycling, for his years of dedication and service in collecting our recycling.

Even though these are significant changes to our waste management operations, we are trying to make it as similar to our previous process for our residents. Your collection days or times will not change. The level of service that you currently receive will remain the same or improve.

Even though we are trying our best to keep the system similar, there will be a few minor changes which are as follows:

- With the new bin system, you can bring your own recycling to the landfill site during operating hours and dump your loose recycling into the bins instead of using bags (if you prefer to do so). You cannot however, put loose recycling out for curbside collection, it must be in clear plastic bags.
- Beauman does not accept Styrofoam as recycling, so it is to be landfilled.
- We are only accepting bulky material (couches, mattresses etc.) at Bissett Creek disposal site.
- The recycling container located at the Township Hall will no longer be available to store recycling. Please put recycling out for curbside collection or deliver it to the disposal site during operating hours.

One of the biggest contributing factors that will make this program a success is proper recycling sorting. It is very important that fibre materials are properly sorted from commingled material.

Bill will be collecting the material in the same clear recycling bags that are being used now, but he will have to open them at the site and dump them into the proper bins. Beauman can only collect loose recycling. Having the materials sorted properly when they are put out at the curb for pick up, will save Bill a lot of time (**and stress**) and in turn will save us money.

We have to make sure that we follow Beauman's sorting guidelines. If recycling materials are not sorted properly, a refusal sticker will be put on the bag with the refusal reason, and proper sorting will have to take place before the material can be picked up. Cooperation from everyone will create a successful program. It costs us money to landfill material.

Let's work together to keep it out.

Please see the recycling sorting guide on the back. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 613-586-2526. (CF) June 2, 2016