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2010 WASTE MANAGEMENT USER FEES

The Environmental Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated October 29, 2009, from the Commissioner of Environmental Services.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve the 2010 user fees for waste management services as set out in Schedules 1 through 3 in *Attachment 1* of this report.
2. The Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary by-law amendments.
3. The Clerk forward this report to the Clerks of all the local municipalities as notification of the 2010 Schedule of user fees.

2. PURPOSE

This report recommends updating the user fees for waste management services (*see Attachment 1*) for 2010.

3. BACKGROUND

York Region charges user fees for residential, commercial and municipal customers at its transfer stations and the McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre.

The 2009 fee by-law introduced changes to the fee structures for existing facilities and the start up of new facilities, including the McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre located in the City of Vaughan.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

York Region received waste materials from residential and small business users at the Georgina Transfer Station and at the Vaughan Community Environmental Centre in 2009. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle Site in Vaughan also receives municipal compostable leaf and yard waste and forest product waste from contractors in the designated area. Four sites in Vaughan, Markham, Georgina and East Gwillimbury receive Household Hazardous Wastes from residential users only.

York Region residents also have access to the Miller composting site on Bloomington Road through an agreement with Miller Waste. Miller accepts loads of compostable leaf and yard waste under one cubic yard (approximately 100 kg) at no charge and larger loads on a weight basis. Miller sets the prices at this site through agreement with York Region, however, these charges do not form part of the York Region Waste User Fees By-law.

York Region 2010 Waste Management User Fees will remain the same as the 2009 User Fees

Attachment 1 includes proposed 2010 fee schedules for the Georgina Transfer Station, the Asian Long-Horned Beetle site, the Vaughan Community Environmental Centre and East Gwillimbury Household Hazardous Waste Centre. The fee structure remains the same as 2009 and reflects normalized pricing for all York Region operations so that a resident using the Georgina Transfer Station pays the same fee as a resident using the Vaughan Community Environmental Centre. The fee structure remains unchanged from 2009 and reflects recent lower contract prices as well as the absence of any consumer price index increase as forecasted in the 2010 requested budget.

Blue Box Materials received at no cost to encourage diversion

York Region receives blue box material from all sources at no charge to encourage diversion. The revenue from the sale of blue box materials currently covers the cost of processing.

Household Hazardous Wastes and Scrap Metal Managed at no cost to residents

The Region receives small quantities of hazardous household chemicals at four locations at no charge to divert these materials from the waste stream and to encourage responsible disposal of these materials to ensure protection of the environment.

Revenue from scrap metal offsets the cost of metal handling. Transfer stations will accept clean uncontaminated scrap metal at no cost without an administrative fee.

New Ontario Tire Stewardship Program Reduces User Fees to better serve residential users

The new Ontario Tire Stewardship Program provides the Region with the opportunity to receive free haulage of tires from a registered Ontario Tire Stewardship hauler. The Region will also receive collector payments of \$0.88 per tire for off-rim passenger, light truck and small off road tires, and \$3.05 per tire for medium truck and large off-road tires (representing about 85 percent of incoming tires). The current registered Ontario Tire Stewardship hauler provides free pick up of all tires collected at the Region's Georgina

Transfer Station and the McCleary Court CEC. This new program has enabled the Region to waive the user fees for tire drop off at these facilities.

York Region does not receive collector payments for tires received from commercial users. In addition, Ontario Tire Stewardship, the Industry Funding Organization managing the program, prefers that all commercial generators of used tires participate as collectors in the program. York Region staff have been encouraging commercial users, through the facility operating contractors, to register as collectors to receive free pick up and collector payments through the program.

York Region's participation in this program demonstrates the Region's ongoing commitment to diversion initiatives.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

User fees account for 5% of the total funding in the 2010 Solid Waste Operating Budget. The proposed user fees for 2010 are noted in Schedules 1 through 3 shown in *Attachment 1*. It is estimated that \$2.6 million will be raised through the user fees identified in this report for 2010, compared to 2009 forecasted revenue of \$1.9 million. The increase in revenue is primarily due to the costs recovered from a full year of operations at the Community Environmental Center in Vaughan.

Table 1 compares waste management user fees in York Region with surrounding municipalities. All surrounding municipalities listed in Table 1 have not increased their fees since staff last reported this comparison to Council in December 2007 (Report No. 10, Clause No. 2 to Solid Waste Management Committee). The Region of Peel is the only exception where they implemented a \$2 flat rate for residual waste loads under 25kg.

Table 1
Comparison of Fees with Other Municipalities

	York Region (2009 & proposed 2010)	Toronto	Simcoe County	Peel	Durham
Minimum Charge per visit	\$7.00	\$10	\$5	\$2	\$5
Residual Waste (per tonne)	\$95	\$100	\$155	\$80	\$120
Blue Box Materials (per tonne)	No charge	\$75 (first 20 kg free)	No charge	No charge	\$120

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

York Region provides free disposal to area municipalities for all waste material collected in their residential programs and produced by their municipal operations. York Region is continuing to work with area municipalities in joint pursuit of aggressive waste reduction programs to eliminate recyclable and reusable materials from waste streams.

7. CONCLUSION

York Region's continued participation in the Ontario Stewardship programs such as the Used Tire Stewardship Program, allows Regional staff to offer recycling services at no cost to the resident. York Region's participation in this program demonstrates the Region's ongoing commitment to diversion initiatives and environmental protection.

With the exception of elimination of used tire fees, the fee structure remains unchanged from 2009 which reflects competitive pricing and inflationary consumer price index increase as forecasted in the 2010 requested budget.

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The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report).

2010 User Fee Schedules

Schedule 1

User Fees at the Waste Transfer Station in Georgina
Existing in 2009 and Recommended for 2010

Material	Sources			
	Delivered By Residents		Industrial, Commercial And Institutional	
	Existing 2009	Recommended 2010	Existing 2009	Recommended 2010
Residual Waste	\$95.00 per tonne \$7.00 per load minimum	\$95.00 per tonne \$7.00 per load minimum	\$100.00 per tonne \$25.00 per load minimum	\$100.00 per tonne \$25.00 per load minimum
Compostable Leaf and Yard Waste	No charge	No charge	\$90.00 per tonne \$25.00 per load minimum	\$90.00 per tonne \$25.00 per load minimum
Residential Tires:				
- car and light truck (off rim)	\$3.50 each	No Charge*	\$4.00 each	N/A**
- heavy truck (off rim)	\$25.00 each	No Charge*	\$25.00 each	N/A**
- heavy truck (on rim)	\$30.00 each	No Charge*	\$30.00 each	N/A**
- farm tractor (off rim)	\$350.00 per tonne	No Charge*	\$350.00 per tonne	N/A**
- farm tractor drained (on rim)	\$400.00 per tonne	No Charge*	\$400.00 per tonne	N/A**
* Residential generated tires effective September 1, 2009 accepted at no cost, limit 4 tires per visit.				
**ICI generated tires effective September 1, 2009 referred back to Tire Installer.				
Recyclable "Blue Box" Materials	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Scrap Metal	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Large Metal Appliances potentially containing CFCs	\$20 per unit	\$20 per unit	\$20 per unit	\$20 per unit
Large Metal Appliance with CFCs removed and with an approved CFC removal sticker	No charge	No charge	\$10 per unit	\$10 per unit
Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste	No charge	No charge	Not accepted	Not accepted

Schedule 2

User Fees at the McCleary Court Community Environmental Centre in Vaughan
Existing in 2009 and Recommended for 2010

Sources				
Material	Delivered By Residents User Fee per Load		Industrial, Commercial And Institutional User Fee per Load	
	Recommended 2009	Recommended 2010	Recommended 2009	Recommended 2010
Residual Waste:				
- car or minivan	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
- car or minivan + small utility trailer	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
- car or minivan + large utility trailer	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
- pick up truck	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
- 12 foot or 14 foot cube van	\$89.00	\$89.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
Loads larger than 14 foot cube van must use the Georgina Transfer Station				
Compostable Leaf and Yard Waste	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Residential Tires:				
- car and light truck (off rim)	\$3.50 each*	No Charge*	\$4.00 each	N/A**
- heavy truck (off rim)	\$25.00 each*	No Charge*	\$25.00 each	N/A**
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Large Metal Appliances potentially containing CFCs	\$20.00 each	\$20.00 each	\$20.00 each	\$20.00 each
Large Metal Appliance with CFCs removed and with an approved CFC removal sticker	No charge	No charge	\$10.00 each	\$10.00 each
Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste	No charge	No charge	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Schedule 3

Asian Long-Horned Beetle Yard Waste User Fees for Commercial Users
Existing in 2009 and Recommended for 2010

Vehicle Type	User Fee Per Load	
	Existing 2009	Recommended 2010
Pick up Truck	\$25.00	\$25.00
1 Tonne Truck	\$72.00	\$72.00
1 Tonne Van	\$72.00	\$72.00
Single Axle with Box	\$90.00	\$90.00
Cube Van	\$110.00	\$110.00
Landscape Trailers	\$110.00	\$110.00
Single Axle Dump Truck	\$160.00	\$160.00
Double Axle Dump Truck	\$220.00	\$220.00
Tri-Axle or 40 Cubic Yard Bin	\$450.00	\$450.00
50 Cubic Yard Bin	\$500.00	\$500.00

Note: Customers also have the option of providing a ticket from a certified weigh scale and paying on a weight basis (\$100.00 per tonne)

Schedule 4

Household Hazardous Waste & Recycling Depot – East Gwillimbury
Existing in 2009 and Recommended for 2010

Material	User Fee	
	Existing 2009	Recommended 2010
Large Metal Appliances potentially containing CFCs	\$20 per unit	\$20 per unit
Large Metal Appliance with CFCs removed and with an approved CFC removal sticker	No charge	No charge
Cardboard	No charge	No charge

Note: residential customers only