



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Waste Management Steering Committee

From: W. H. Jackson, Director of Utility Services

Meeting Date: June 22, 2015

Subject: Report WMC15-007
Increase in Tipping Fee for Drywall Received at the
County/City Waste Management Facility

Purpose

A report to recommend an increase in the tipping fee for drywall at the Peterborough County/City Waste Management Facility.

Recommendations

That the Waste Management Committee approve the recommendations as outlined in Report WMC15-007 dated June 22, 2015, of the Director of Utility Services as follows:

- a) That conditional approval be given to increase the tipping fee for drywall received at the Peterborough County/City Waste Management Facility from \$45/tonne to \$90/tonne effective January 1, 2016; and
- b) That notification of the increase in the fee charged for drywall be advertised indicating that the Waste Management Committee will consider this matter for a final time at its meeting of September 14, 2015.

Budget and Financial Implications

The Peterborough County/City Waste Management Facility (the “Landfill”) will receive an estimated 600 tonnes of drywall 2016. The increase in the tipping fee will add an estimated \$27,000 to the Landfill revenue stream assuming that the increase in the tipping fee does not redirect haulers of drywall to other venues.

Background

The Landfill presently receives, among other recyclable waste streams, construction & demolition (C & D) and drywall materials. The cost to transport and process these two streams are similar but the tipping fee charged for each is significantly different. The C & D material tipping fee is \$90/tonne while the drywall material tipping fee is \$45/tonne. Over the last two years, an average of 3,700 tonnes of C & D material and 600 tonnes of drywall was received at the Landfill.

There is no obvious reason why the difference in tipping fees. One possibility is that the reduced tipping fee for drywall was an incentive to entice people to separate the drywall from other construction/demolition material. Regardless, staff believe it is now time to bring the drywall tipping fee in line with that of C & D.

To ensure all users are aware of this proposal and that they have an opportunity to express their opinions, it is proposed that Committee only approve this increase in the tipping fee in principle and that the change be advertised indicating that anybody who wishes to speak to Committee about the change can do so at the regularly scheduled meeting of September 14, 2015.

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