



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 Consolidated Fees

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report Number PW2023-02-8, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works;
AND FURTHER approves the changes to the consolidated fees as presented;
AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law to come forward.

Background:

Township staff have reviewed a number of fees for services provided by the Township in comparison to other local municipalities. Costs associated with operating the Huron Landfill continue to rise since our rates were last adjusted in 2020.

Discussion:

The following fee changes are proposed:

Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Bag Tags	\$2.50	\$2.50
Domestic Sorted Waste (per tonne)	\$105.00	\$110.00
Construction Materials (per tonne)	\$105.00	\$110.00
Concrete and brick (per tonne)	\$105.00	\$110.00

Tree Stumps (per tonne)	\$105.00	\$110.00
Minimum Charge	\$25.00 (per load)	\$10.00 (per load, maximum 90 kg)
Unsorted Waste (per tonne)	\$210.00	\$220.00
Appliances (untagged, per unit)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Mattress Disposal (per unit)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Box Spring Disposal (per unit)	\$20.00	\$25.00
Blue Boxes (New or Replacement)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Green Cone Digestors (per unit)	\$54.60 plus HST	\$54.60 plus HST
After Hours Charge	\$100.00 base fee plus \$50.00 per hour	\$150.00 base fee plus \$50.00 per hour

Township staff have compared our current landfill fees with six municipalities in our area and it became apparent that some of our fees are due for an increase.

The average tipping fee is \$110.12/tonne, with \$95 being the lowest and \$130 the highest. Bag tags are either \$2.00 or \$2.50, so staff recommend leaving our current fee as is.

Although the minimum charge fee has been in place for many years, Township staff are unsure when the last time this fee was used. Typically small loads of household waste are either charged by the bag or staff will charge by the weight, with the amount charge often being less than the minimum charge amount.

After consulting with other local municipalities, we have learned that it is common to have a maximum weight that is linked to a minimum charge, with \$10.00 being the most common minimum charge in our area. By adding a maximum weight, it will be clear to both staff and customers that loads that weigh 90 kg or less will be charged at \$10.00. Customers with bagged garbage will still be able to pay by the bag, however.

The only other municipality in our area that accepts untagged appliances (refrigerants not removed) is Kincardine, which charges \$26.00 per appliance.

When reviewing our mattress and box spring disposal fee, Township staff compared our current fee with other municipalities as well as our cost to operate the program. Although our current fee of \$20 per unit is consistent with other municipalities, our average cost to recycle a mattress was \$24.90 in 2022, so staff recommend increasing the mattress disposal fee to cover our cost to operate this program.

Our goal is to sell blue boxes and green cone digesters at cost in order to encourage residents to participate in these programs. In fact, we are able to offer green cone digesters at a significant discount as a result of the subsidy provided by NWMO. Therefore, staff recommend maintaining the current fees for these units.

Financial Impacts:

The recommended fee increases will ensure the sustainability of Landfill services in the future.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having amenities and services nearby and being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer