

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: June 28, 2023
To: Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee
From: Taylor Crinklaw, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services
Report #: ITS23-018
Attachments: Email Correspondence

Title: Stratford Landfill Public Input Invited June 2023

Objective: To consider comments received regarding the operation of the Landfill site.

Background: As a requirement of Environmental Compliance Approval Number A150101 for the Stratford Landfill Site, the public must be invited to make comments, either verbal or written, about the operation of the Landfill Site on a semi-annual basis.

Analysis: Notice was placed in the Beacon Herald Town Crier and Marketplace from **May 14 through June 8, 2023**, inclusive, inviting citizens to provide comments on the operation of the landfill site or request to appear as a delegation at the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting on June 28, 2023.

Three (3) responses were received, two (2) by telephone and one (1) via email.

The first response asked why there is currently no compost available. There is currently no compost material available to the public as Staff are preparing the compost pile. Material will be made available to the public in Spring 2024 following the required testing.

The second response asked if something could be done about the traffic backup that occurs on Romeo Street for landfill drop offs. The feedback also suggested that there be an alternate way to drop off yard waste at the landfill in spring and fall.

There was also a request for more household hazardous waste days or household hazardous waste drop off options to be located at the landfill. It was also suggested that household hazardous waste days could have specific days for Stratford resident drop-off and Stratford area residents drop off. The City has made several adjustments to promote traffic flow through the landfill. One example which has reduced the queue on Romeo, is the move away from cash transactions, which took more time and handling than card payments. The City also promotes residents to use curbside

collection for yard waste to reduce the amount of resident drop-off at the landfill. All drop-offs at the landfill will continue to check-in at the scale house to ensure proper disposal or recycling of items. The household hazardous waste days will resume as event days at the Rotary complex for 2023, however, the City is always reflecting on ways to enhance and improve the program for residents.

The staff note that the email received suggested that the grass on the berm surrounding the landfill be cut. The landfill berms are not cut to allow the area to naturalize.

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

As a result of the public engagement there are no implications at this time.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

Any change in service levels at the Stratford Landfill site would have a financial impact to be determined by staff and brought to a future meeting for consideration.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Developing our Resources

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Culture and Community

Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities, and promoting a culture of sustainable living.

Zero Waste

Reducing consumption, reusing, and recycling to achieve zero waste and zero pollution.

Zero Carbon Energy

Making buildings and manufacturing energy efficient and supplying all energy with renewables.

Staff Recommendation: THAT Council consider any comments received;

AND THAT the report on the Stratford Landfill Public Input June 2023, be received for information.

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Recommended by: Joan Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer