

February 20, 2020

Report To: Travis Rob, P.Eng., Manager of Operations & Facilities

From: Craig Miller, P.Eng., Environmental Superintendent

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to Waste Management By-Law 10/04

By-Law 10/04, commonly referred to as the “Waste Management By-Law” deals with waste collection and recycling within the Town of Fort Frances.

I have recently observed a few issues with the Town’s residential recycling program and materials collected at the Landfill and I am putting forward a total of three (3) amendments to the by-law. These amendments are detailed below and attached to this report and highlighted in yellow.

1) Section 10 – Addition of Subsections 10.4 through 10.7

Over the years, residents of Fort Frances have embraced recycling. Unfortunately, as a result, some residents are choosing to use large containers for their recycling that are intended for use with trucks that have lifting devices used to dump the containers. In Fort Frances, our garbage and recycle contractor has no such trucks.

These containers, when filled with recyclable materials, can weigh in excess of 40 lbs (18.14 kg) and present a health and safety hazard to our contractor.

Accordingly, the amendments proposed would specify the type of container that can be used (Type A) and they specify a maximum weight of 40 lbs, which aligns with the container type and weight specified for garbage collection. Further, there is no limit to the number of containers that can be put out for recycling as we do not want to discourage recycling.

2) Schedule “C”

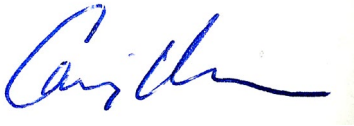
Schedule “C” has been updated to reflect the materials that are accepted by our recycling contractor.

3) Schedule “B”

Schedule “B” has been updated to reflect items that are no longer accepted at the landfill. These include tires (producers are now required to recycle tires) and dry-cell batteries (they can be recycled at Public Works or other depots in town).

It is my recommendation that the Town of Fort Frances amend By-Law 10/04 with the changes attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Craig Miller", is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Craig Miller, P.Eng.
Environmental Superintendent

Bylaw 10/04 – Waste Management By-Law

Existing Recycle Section:

10.0 RECYCLING ACTIVITIES

10.1 As outlined in Schedule “C”, recycling products for the following items shall be accepted for recycling and collected at curbside.

10.2 No person shall deposit or cause to deposit any garbage, waste or rubbish into or about any recycling blue box, bin, depot or depots.

10.3 Available at the Public Works Office (900 Wright Avenue) are Blue Recycling Boxes and Backyard Composters at a cost outlined in Schedule “G” attached and forming part of this by-law.

Proposed Recycle Section:

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10.4 Any number of proper type “A” containers (and/or equivalent sized or smaller containers) containing products for recycling placed at a pick-up point at the designated time will be picked up by the garbage collector. No individual container shall weigh more than 40 pounds (18.14 kilograms).

10.5 Any individual container exceeding 40 pounds (18.14 kilograms) shall become the responsibility of the property owner or agent to properly transport and dispose of at the designated public recycling facilities operated by the Town.

10.6 The determination of compliance with the provisions of Subsection 10.3 shall be at the sole unfettered discretion of the Town’s Garbage and Recycle Collection Contractor of Fort Frances engaged in the collection, transportation and disposition of municipal recycling and such determination shall be final.

10.7 The property owner or agent shall be responsible to remove and dispose of, in an approved manner, any accumulation of scattered materials put out for recycling that may result from tipped-over or damaged containers.

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES
BY-LAW NO. 10/04
SCHEDULE "C"

RECYCLING PRODUCTS

The following items shall be accepted as recycling products:

Paper Products:

- a. Paper Bags
- b. Newsprint
- c. Inserts / Flyers
- d. Office Paper
- e. Magazines / Catalogues (in small quantities)
- f. Corrugated Cardboard (cut to 16" x 20" max)
- g. Gift Wrap
- h. Greeting Cards
- i. Hot and Cold Beverage Cups

Metal Products:

- a. Clean aluminum / steel beverage cans
- b. Clean metal food cans

Plastic:

- ~~a. #1 and #2 plastic only~~
- a. #1 through #7 plastic with caps and lids removed

Tetrapak and Gable Top Cartons:

- a. Juice boxes and cartons
- b. Soup boxes
- c. Milk cartons

Not accepted: plastic bags, Styrofoam, non-paper gift wrap, cardboard boxes with wax coating, foil lined boxes or bags, paper towels or other tissue based products, used motor oil containers, bioplastic or compostable plastic, liquid absorbing pads, plastic wrap or shrink, plastic blister packs, ceramic plant pots, plastics that are not containers (ie, toys, laundry baskets, plastic cutlery), mirrors, window glass or broken glass.

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SCHEDULE "B"

PROHIBITED WASTE MATERIALS

The following items shall be prohibited for disposal within the landfill area of the Municipal Waste Disposal Sites:

1. Derelict Vehicles
2. Loose Asbestos Fibres
3. Household Hazardous Waste
4. Liquid Industrial Waste
5. Gaseous Waste
6. Solid Fuel, whether or not it is waste, that is derived in whole or in part from the waste included in items 1,2,3,4 & 5
7. Tires
8. Dry-cell batteries (such as "AA", "AAA", "C", Lithium Ion, etc.)