

March 6, 2017

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations & Facilities

**RE: Potential Service Reduction – Elimination of annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in favour of a by-annual event.**

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At the Special Meeting of Council on February 21, 2017 Council was presented with a number of service cut opportunities which could be utilized to save the corporation operational costs in consideration of the implications of the tax reassessment throughout the Town. One of the presented options was the elimination of the annual Household Hazardous and Special Waste Day event held in the middle of September. Council requested some more information on this event and implications on cancelling the event.

One question raised at the meeting was what quantity of material has historically been collected. The below table summarizes the collected materials and costs over the last 5 years. The table also outlines the average of the collected materials and costs over this period.

Historical MHSW Day Event Data		
Year	Quantity Collected (kg)	Cost to Town
2012	7914	(\$450.00)
2013	11026	\$ 9,267.76
2014	11452	\$ 1,459.80
2015	14479	\$ 787.31
2016	11148	\$ 4,872.00
Average	11203.8	\$ 3,187.37

As can be seen in 2016 there was a reduction of 3331kg of material collected as compared to 2015 which accounts for a 23% reduction. Further the cost to host the event in 2016 was \$4084.69 more than that in 2015 which accounts for an 84% increase. The funding for these events come from a combination of Stewardship Ontario and Product Care Association. The intent of these organizations is to collect fees from the producers of these products sufficient to cover the costs to collect and recycle the products in accordance with applicable regulations where the collection events would be a no cost operation for the Municipalities. Different products net different funding which is why there is so much variability in the cost figures as the funding is also variable depending on materials collected. Given the location of Fort Frances the costs to host an event of this type are typically higher than a larger centre closer to the recycling facility, so the likely hood of this event becoming a zero cost service is not high.

The Town of Fort Frances has, since 2009, partnered with neighbouring municipalities to produce and distribute a group tender document in an effort of securing the collection and recycle of these materials at a lower price. The number of municipalities that participate in the group tender has been dwindling in the past years and in 2016 only Fort Frances and Dryden hosted an event where those two

municipalities tendered together. In speaking with the representative in Dryden, they plan to host another event in 2017 and would be looking to put a tender together with Fort Frances again should we choose to have an event. Moving forward there will still be the ability to tender with Dryden and the possibility to engage other area municipalities to become part of the tendering process should Fort Frances stay on an annual event schedule.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis Rob', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Travis Rob, EIT  
Manager of Operations & Facilities

<b>Council Approval of this report is not required as it is presented for information</b>
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