

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

1:30 P.M.

**VIA
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AGENDA ITEMS

Roll Call

Moment of Silent Reflection:

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (Previously Distributed)
 - **Council Meeting – April 7, 2020**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** (Motion Required)

3. **Discussion Paper – Solid Waste Service-Related Update:**
Francis Campbell, Manager of Solid Waste (See page 3)

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Discussion Paper

TO: *Mayor and Council*

April 21, 2020

RE: “Solid Waste Service-Related Update”

This Discussion Paper is provided to communicate current service-related updates in response to operational challenges the COVID19 pandemic has presented. In particular, the update will focus on the spring clean-up and Solid Waste Management options given the growing number of requests for supports and clarity on municipal programming.

The following were listed as those issues which required clarity as we adjust the method in which we continue to offer services during these unprecedented times:

1. Heavy Garbage Clean-Up vs. “Call to Haul” options
2. Scheduled residential access to Spar Road and waste drop-off sites
3. Communications plan for what curbside waste collection includes
4. Yard waste/green bin/fire ban, etc. management and implications
5. Community/citizen-based Spring clean-ups
6. Illegal dumping concerns, public education and enforcement
7. Go-forward implications for Parks & Grounds, Trashformers, Public Works street side repairs

Currently, Solid Waste has implemented the following changes as of March 24th, 2020:

- Access to solid waste sites is restricted to commercial customers with a tipping fee account
- Allowance at the curb for extra bags for residential customers

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Going forward, the following adjustments are suggested which should address the above listed issues:

1. Heavy Garbage Clean-Ups vs “Call to Haul” option

Heavy Garbage collection is normally carried out at the beginning of May each year. Messaging has gone out that it has been postponed/delayed.

2. Scheduling residential access to SPAR Road site and waste drop-off sites.

Solid Waste/PW will be adjusting the manner in which services are delivered in the next few weeks. As part of these adjustments, we are proposing that starting on Tuesday April 28th the Solid Waste site at SPAR Road be re-opened to the public. In order to allow this to occur, we will provide staff with proper PPE and will limit the amount of vehicles on the site at any given time. This could result in some traffic issues, but this is a concern that we have experienced in the past and are equipped to manage.

3. Communications plan for what curbside waste collection includes

With the re-opening of the site to residents, it is important that we return to our curbside regulations which is a 5 bag limit with one black bag if required.

4. Yard waste/green bin/fire ban, etc. management and implications

The seasonal Leaf & Yard waste sites are scheduled to open the week of May 10th. These operations will need to be evaluated to ensure they can be operated while maintaining current social distancing requirements. This could involve controlling the number of vehicles at each site at any given time.

5. Community/citizen-based Spring clean-ups

These events usually occur early May of each year. Under the current measures being put forth by the Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia, it would be appropriate to reschedule the events for such a time when these activities can be undertaken.

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6. Illegal dumping concerns, public education and enforcement

Solid Waste continues to utilize a CBRPS officer to investigate dumping concerns and to assist with enforcement. Credit to the public these issues have not increased during the past month as compared to last year's numbers. We will continue to log and investigate all complaints. It is important that all solid waste-related complaints/comments/concerns be referred to our Solid Waste hotline.

7. Go-forward implications for Parks & Grounds, Trashformers, Public Works street side repairs

Parks and Grounds maintenance, as well as Public Works-related services, will continue at normal service levels with adjustments and scheduling based on available resources. Trashformers is a program that is delivered by an outside agency under a partnership between CBRM and ACAP. If we were to proceed this year with this program, it would be based on further discussions over project delivery with the current operational restrictions.

Staff is available for questions related to the update.

Respectfully submitted:

Francis Campbell,
Manager of Solid Waste

