



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

	Q) Is there a way to allow residents in areas A, B, C and H to have free tipping at Fisher Road Recycling until the service rolls out?
	A) Fisher Road Recycling is a private business. We would have to work out the details of how this would work, for example, who would qualify for the free service. Everyone, or only some? We would need to draw up an agreement with Fisher Road Recycling. All this work would take time to finalize. Please keep in mind that staff is currently working to complete the draft curbside bylaw and the implementation plan.
	Q) How much time has staff spent working on the utility fee questions?
	A) It is hard to estimate, but a significant amount to date.
	Q) Can we offer a free garbage tipping system using tickets at Peerless Road Recycling Centre to help residents in area H for the first five months - until the program starts?
	A) We could consider creating a ticket system, but it would take some time to figure out the details. Also, any garbage accepted at the CVRD facilities is paid for by Function 520, which is a regional function. This means that all regional residents would help pay for this new service.
	Q) What about residents who already bought their garbage tickets with PAN Disposal for January to June? How will you manage the fact that they have already paid?
	A) It would also have to be considered.
	Q) Will residents who move to the area be pro-rated if they move in the middle of the year?

	A) If you buy a house in the middle of the year, you would pay for remaining service costs as part of purchasing the house.
	Q) When you calculated the cost of tip rates, did you consider the asset depreciation costs for the months that area H won't have garbage service, and if so, was it significant?
	A) No, we have not considered the value of the asset depreciation and cannot say if it is significant or not.
	Comment from a Director: You can argue that the current customers have been helping to reduce the cost of implementing the service as they have been investing in it for a long time.
	Q) Why are we borrowing so much money? Had we known how much it would cost, we may not have borrowed.
	A) We knew that we needed to borrow money from the start of the program planning, as we did not have the reserves to buy the required assets. This is why staff went to the Board in 2023 to ask for approval to borrow money to purchase the required assets.
	Q) Where is the curbside collected organics going to be processed?
	A) Organic waste material will be processed at the facility that has a contract with the CVRD for this work. At this time, it is Fisher Road Recycling, but we are not sure who it will be when we go out to market again.
	Q) When will you go out to market?
	A) I don't remember when the current contract expires, but it won't be too long from now.