

AGENDA
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
OPERATIONS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday June 21, 2018

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of minutes of the last meeting
4. Disclosure of Interest
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
6. Delegations
7. Correspondence
8. New and Unfinished Business
 - 8.1. Waste Management Changes
 - 8.2. Upcoming road construction
 - 8.3. Pitch In Recap
9. Question Period for the Public/ Press
10. Date of next meeting
11. Adjournment

Committee	Operations and Waste Management Committee
Report No.	OP- 18-003
Date	June 21, 2018
Title	New Waste Regulations

1.0 REPORT

Recently Recycling Industries worldwide have made changes to the standards and types of recyclables now accepted. These changes have been immediately put into place and are affecting the operations of the Transfer Stations.

Attached are the following items:

- Pictures of rejected loads of plastics
- New signage for Transfer Stations
- Resident Letter

Pictures of recent loads of Plastic Recyclables that were brought into the material recovery sorting facility that were rejected and therefore treated as household waste are attached to provide clear examples of problematic items. Circled products are not considered recyclable. In some cases, they may have the recycling symbol on them, but because they do not have a sufficient volume of that particular recyclable item, the material recovery sorting facility puts them in the garbage stream.

We have ordered new signage for the Transfer Stations to include these changes and we are expecting them to be installed next week. A new sign stating that recyclables must be cleaned as well will be placed at each Transfer Station

The attached letter, new poster and copy of new signage will be sent to every resident in the township.

We will be updating the safety rail system at the Maynard Transfer Station to protect our residents and provide a secure location to install new signage.

If residents attend the Transfer Station with recyclables that are not clean they must be rejected. The resident will be asked to bring it back home and clean it before returning it to the transfer station. The allowable contamination of 0.5% is very minimal. Having recyclables that are not cleaned will cause the entire load of recyclables to be rejected and treated as waste and a potential to be charged an additional \$200/ton.

Respectfully Submitted



Michel Riberdy
Public Works Manager











Dear Resident,

Augusta Township needs your support to ensure years of recycling efforts continue to benefit the municipality and avoid additional waste management costs.

At the end of May, waste operators in Ontario, including our contractor, Fast Eddie's Auto Recycling, received a letter from Waste Management Inc. notifying them that recycling industries world-wide were experiencing high levels of contamination which is trash in recycling. In 2017, China began to limit the quantity of material it accepts for recycling and in 2018, added specific contamination limits set at 0.5% and created new policies that ban 24 types of materials and include strict quality standards (visit www.recycleoftenrecycleright.com for more information).

Recycling companies across Ontario have made changes to the contamination level that is allowed in recyclables. Now glass, plastic and can recyclables must be emptied and rinsed prior to being placed into recycling. If the extremely limited 0.5% contamination level is allowed, the entire load of recyclables may be rejected and treated as household waste and the Township may be charged an additional penalty of \$200/ton.

To help the Township and all residents avoid these extra costs, all recyclables including glass, cans and plastic **need to be cleaned and sorted at home**. If recyclables are not clean when they arrive at the Transfer Station, they **must** be refused to avoid contaminating whole recycling bins. The Township cannot divert the refused recycling to the household waste stream, because this is bad for the environment, will defeat several years of recycling efforts, increase waste tipping fee costs, reduce recycling revenues and reduce provincial recycling incentives to the Township.

Please join us in adapting to these challenges by ensuring your recycling loads are free of contaminants and following the recycling do's and don'ts. Being able to continue to recycle encourages us to look after our environment and planet and since we are only given one, it is important that we do so.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you for helping recycle and keeping our waste management costs low.

Sincerely,

Mike Riberdy
Public Works Manager, 613-925-4231 ext. 101



Recyclables must be **REFUSED**, if not properly cleaned

Effective Immediately recycling industries world-wide require all plastics, cans and glass to be clean and free of contaminants.

Make sure your recyclables are:



Empty.



Clean.



Recycle.