

SUBJECT: August update from the SDG Regional Waste Management Working Group

BACKGROUND:

Staff participated in the Regional Waste Management Working Group (RWMWG) meeting on May 1st, 2023, at the County Administration Building. The City of Cornwall and all local municipalities were in attendance. The meeting covered several important topics related to waste management in the SDG region. The key points discussed during the meeting are outlined below:

Discussion on Communications Strategy for the Blue Box Transition:

A large portion of the meeting focused on the strategies that the RWMWG wanted to employ as our region approaches the transition to producer responsibility at the end of 2024. The United Counties Communications Coordinator (Todd Lihou) was in attendance to provide some insight and suggestions, with the intention to return at our next meeting in order to present a draft communications plan, with the anticipated roll-out of in summer 2024. SDG will be leading the communications strategy, with support from local municipalities.

Utilizing Datacall Information for Blue box Service Cost

SDG completed a summary of annual costs for blue box services based on information submitted through datacall and providing the group with a detailed spreadsheet and overall costs per household. A summary of costs submitted through datacall are as follows:

2022 Blue Box Costs (by Municipality)

Summary of Costs	South Glengarry	North Glengarry	South Stormont	North Stormont	South Dundas	North Dundas
No. of Households	\$ 5,848	\$ 4,836	\$ 5,856	\$ 2,735	\$ 6,016	\$ 6,295
Gross Costs	\$ 864,460	\$ 798,422	\$ 524,790	\$ 299,263	\$ 564,343	\$ 457,534
Revenue	\$ 266,846	\$ 213,948	\$ 151,330	\$ 67,923	\$ 87,520	\$ -
Net Cost	\$ 597,613	\$ 584,474	\$ 373,460	\$ 231,340	\$ 476,823	\$ 457,534
Net Cost/ Household	\$ 102	\$ 121	\$ 64	\$ 85	\$ 79	\$ 73

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

North Glengarry is leading an initiative for a more regional approach to household hazardous waste, with the intention to ensure that HHW reimbursement is both fair and consistent. All local municipalities and City of Cornwall are being asked to provide their current costs associated with their respective HHW programs, with the intention to begin discussions with the *Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority* (RPRA) in November.

Local Updates on Waste Management Activities:

Each municipality provided updates on their respective waste management activities, including ongoing projects and initiatives.

The City of Cornwall reported on several major initiatives currently underway, including their *Waste Management Master Plan*, a small business exemption for HHW and a report on the feasibility of waste incineration.

North Dundas noted that they are working with neighbouring municipalities to assist them through the use of 'loaner' trucks due to some mechanical challenges issues that have recently occurred. Some discussion occurred on the relatively short life-span of waste management vehicles due to the type of use they are subject to, current lead times for the delivery of new vehicles and the need to ensure that these units are replaced within a reasonable timeframe.

South Dundas indicated that they are waiting for confirmation from their consultant on the remaining capacity / life of their existing landfill; however it appeared that they will soon need to look for alternative waste disposal solutions.

Regional Waste Disposal Contract

Following the meeting, there were some discussions between several RMMWG members of exploring the possibility of entering into a regional waste disposal contract with the Moose Creek Waste Disposal Facility. This potential contract would be open to any municipal partners who are currently utilizing this resource or exploring the possibility of this facility in the short to medium term. SDG has created a draft scope of work and, with the support of South Stormont, will be working with Ross Gellately (retired, on contract with South Stormont) to further research the feasibility of a joint contract with willing municipal partners. SDG has committed to pay 50% of Ross' costs with the participating municipalities splitting the remaining 50%. There will be further discussions on this project at the next meeting.

COMMENTS / OBSERVATIONS:

As experienced during previous meetings, The Regional Waste Management Group is a great opportunity for local waste management staff to work together for the benefit of their residents and the region. Members also greatly appreciate the participation of the City of Cornwall within this group.