

Ward 1 &3 Pointe au Baril

Waste Communication – April 2009

Last December, we wrote to advise you of changes to the waste management system in Pointe au Baril, given that the marinas would no longer be accepting waste. A plan is now well underway to provide new bins with compaction capability and more timely removal for the summer of 2009. Also, additional staff will be provided at peak periods (Sunday evenings and Monday mornings) to expedite the transfer of waste from your boats to the dock. The township will be monitoring the operation closely in order to streamline future operations as need be.

Recently, the township has been advised by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment that several of our current practices may have to change throughout the township. Specifically, this would include the need to have all transfer sites manned when open. Obviously, this would have a significant impact on costs and/or level of service – i.e. limited hours when waste could be left. It would also drastically affect the township's ability to maintain unmanned sites throughout the shoulder seasons. The Township will likely have to declare the manned bin transfer sites as only operational in the summer months. Limited service will also be provided in the shoulder seasons. The township will be working with the Ministry of the Environment to suggest practical solutions given the nature of our township.

As was also noted in the December 2008 newsletter, council has asked staff to seek an alternate location for the current transfer site at the Pointe au Baril dock, given concerns raised regarding the appropriateness of this site throughout the Pointe au Baril Strategic Planning exercise. Based on an earlier study of possible alternate sites, council has identified one possible alternative location, on the main channel adjacent to Payne's Marina, for further study. Discussion has been initiated with the MNR regarding the use of this Crown land site. Extensive environmental and engineering studies will also be required and public input will be sought before a final decision is made.

As the summer approaches, please watch for further updates and be prepared for the changes. The Township will also establish a file on our web site in which detailed information can be found. Please look for the "Waste Management" folder under the "News" page.

2009 Waste Newsletter

SKERRYVORE TRANSFER STATION

IMPORTANT CHANGES: (EFFECTIVE JUNE 2, 2009) PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

There are a number of important changes happening to how the township manages garbage. Please read the following information carefully.

Under the direction of the Ministry of Environment, the Township will be altering all transfer sites over a relatively short period of time to manned sites in order to meet ministry regulations and legislation. Obviously, this will have a significant impact on costs and/or level of service – i.e. limited hours when waste could be left. However, no changes are proposed for the Skerryvore transfer station at this time.

The Township will issue new cards to all ratepayers and these will be required to be shown at manned sites. For 2009, that will impact Site 9 and the Pointe au Baril wharf transfer station in your area.

Bear fencing has been installed and access to the site is now through a man gate.

ENFORCEMENT:

The Township will be increasing enforcement measures through the use of a By-law Enforcement Officer. As well, the Township is in the process of having Part 1 tickets approved by the Province and charges will be laid for those individuals who contravene the By-law.

NEW CONTAINERS:

In an effort to reduce contamination and transportation costs the Township is purchasing and phasing in new compaction bins in 2009 & 2010. The new containers will be colour coded with GREEN bins for household garbage, BLUE bins for plastics and tins, and the GREY bins for fibre. As well the Township has purchased a roll-off truck which will now transport the recycling containers to Bracebridge thus eliminating the need for using Muskoka Containerized Services for pick-up and disposal. Hopefully this will eliminate over flow of bins on Holiday weekends.

WASTE DIVERSION:

In order to increase the Townships waste diversion rate, all household and recycling waste will be required to be disposed of in clear bags or in your blue box. Ratepayers can obtain clear bags at most grocery and hardware stores in Pointe au Baril and Parry Sound. The objective of the Township by moving to clear bags is to ensure the prevention of contamination from occurring in the various waste streams by allowing staff to easily monitor and ensure the correct placement of waste.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW):

Please ensure that any HHW is taken to the MacFarlane depot site in Parry Sound located on MacFarlane Street.

ELECTRONIC WASTE:

In 2009, the Township will be initiating a new waste diversion in conjunction with the Province that will deal with “electronic waste”. The first phase of this program will deal with the collection of computers, computer monitors, and televisions at township waste disposal sites. The Township program will run from May to October and a designated structure will be placed at Site 9 Landfill site.

RE-USE MATERIAL

As well, the Township is looking at the establishment of Re-Use Centres at each location to potentially further increase the waste diversion stream. Please read material at waste site indicating permitted items.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION AS THE TOWNSHIP MOVES FORWARD IN DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

SKERRYVORE TRANSFER STATION

2009 SITE HOURS:

SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION			SPRING & FALL HOURS OF OPERATION			WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION		
(JUNE 2ND – SEPTEMBER 7 th)			Spring (April 2 nd – June 1 st) Fall (Sept 8 th – Oct 31 st)			(Nov 1 st – April 1 st)		
SKERRYVORE	SITE 9		SKERRYVORE	SITE 9		SKERRYVORE		
Site Currently not Manned No Change	Sunday 9 am – 5 pm Monday 9 am – 5 pm Tuesday Closed Wednesday 9 am – 5 pm Thursday Closed Friday 9 am – 5 pm Saturday 9 am – 5 pm		Site Currently not Manned No Change	Monday 9 am - 5 pm Wednesday 9 am – 5 pm Friday 9 am – 5 pm Saturday 9 am – 5 pm		Site Currently not Manned No Change		
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****Holiday Mondays – Skerryvore Transfer Site Currently not Manned****

MacFarlane Household Hazardous Waste Depot : April 13 to October 18

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Sunday 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

FREE LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL DAYS:

Monday May 25 th	Set out night before at roadside
Monday August 17 th	Set out night before at roadside

WASTE DISPOSAL:

Common Items	Green Bin	Blue Bin	Grey Bin	Non Recyclable
Kitchen Waste	X			No drinking glasses, ceramics or china, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, pottery, pots & pans, pyrex and cosmetic containers.
Pop cans & bottles		X		
Newspaper & magazines			X	
Milk Jugs - Plastic		X		No toys, CD's, plastic barrels, vinyl siding, vinyl shower curtains, blister packs, food stretch wrap, toothpaste tubes, plastic cutlery, garden furniture, or any item that does not have 1 to 7 on bottom.
Milk Carton			X	
Cardboard Box – empty			X	
Margarine container		X		No aerosol cans (HHW), coat hangers, kitchen utensils, paper backed foil or foil laminates (e.g. gift wrap, potato chip bags), bubble wrap, waxed or foil-coated paper, straws.
Egg Carton - cardboard			X	
Bread Bags		X		
Potato Chip Bags	X			No blue or pink Styrofoam, insulation, packing Styrofoam, Styrofoam peanuts or beads.
Ketchup Bottle		X		
Plastic Patio Furniture	X			
Light Bulbs	X			No tissues, paper towel, frozen juice cans unless metal ends removed, waxed corrugated boxes or soiled pizza boxes.
Phone Book			X	
Bleach Bottle – empty		X		
Cat/Dog Food Bags			X	
Cat/Dog Food Tins		X		
Window Coverings	X			
Kleenex Box			X	
Pizza Boxes – clean			X	