

Motion – April 28, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council

Background:

A Declaration of Emergency was made by Mayor Gary McNamara on March 22, 2020 pursuant to the authority granted under subsection 4(1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, following the Declaration of COVID-19 being a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

Both the Federal and Provincial Governments have announced enhanced measures to protect Ontarians from COVID-19, including travel restrictions, closing the border, closing schools, daycares, public places and non-essential workplaces, placing limits on social gathering to 5 or fewer people, and urging people to implement physical distancing, staying at home and limiting errands.

Many residents are keeping busy and using this time of social distancing to do their spring cleaning, clean out their closets and for home repairs/improvements. Residents staying at home may also have other additional waste.

The Town's Refuse Collection By-law currently requires that refuse collected in the urban areas (north of County Rd 42 and Checker Flag Subdivision as depicted in the 2020 EWSWA Calendar and By-law No. 2017-05) of the Town be placed for collection in a hard sided container. Residents that have additional waste may not have a sufficient number of hard sided containers for their additional waste.

Authority was given in the Delegation of Authority By-law No. 2020-33 for the Chief Administrative Officer, during an Emergency, to identify and determine municipal services that are essential and non-essential and to modify services or service levels for non-essential services. Refuse collection was deemed an essential service in report CAO-2020-01 entitled "Business Continuity – Essential Services." Any modification to services or service levels for essential services are subject to approval by Council.

Hard-sided containers continue to be required by by-law, however, during the current circumstance, it is recommended that consideration be given to permitting residents to place their additional waste in up to two (2) garbage bags until the end of May 2020.

Resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Rick Tonial

Seconded by:

Whereas a Declaration of Emergency was made by Mayor Gary McNamara on March 22, 2020, pursuant to the authority granted under subsection 4(1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 due to the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 pandemic;

And Whereas both the Federal and Provincial Governments have announced enhanced measures to protect Ontarians from COVID-19, including travel restrictions and closures of borders, schools,

daycares, public places and non-essential workplaces, and encouraged people to stay home as much as possible,

And Whereas residents while observing orders and public health recommendations to stay home may have additional waste and an insufficient number of hard sided containers for their additional waste;

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That effective April 28, 2020 to May 28, 2020, residents be permitted to place up to two extra garbage bags (not in hard-sided containers) with their garbage on their scheduled collection day;

And that each bag shall:

- Be strong enough to securely hold its contents
- Weigh no more than 22.7 kilograms (50 pounds)
- Be closed or tied at the top
- Be placed next to your garbage pails (not on top of the pail)
- Not contain sharp objects, paint, batteries or any other household chemical waste;

And further that this temporary approval for two extra garbage bags per household, per collection, be reviewed and authorization be given to the Chief Administrative Officer to extend this provision during the time of Provincial Orders related to COVID-19;

And furthermore that any financial impact be reported through the updates provided to Council on COVID-19 and the quarterly budget variance reporting.