**COUNCIL REPORT**

**Department:** Protective Services

**Date:** July 15, 2025

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**Recommendation:** That the Council of the Township of Billings receives this report and Waste Management Operational Policy for information purposes, AND THAT staff is directed to prepare and amended the Waste Management Bylaw incorporating suggested amendments that will be presented for consideration

**Background:**1) At a special meeting of Council surrounding waste management that was held on May 22, 2025, Council reviewed a proposed Waste Management By-law intended to repeal and replace By-law 2013-45 and By-law 2014-13. The new by-law is designed to update and enhance waste management procedures and services within the Township of Billings, addressing modern needs, service expectations and environmental goals.

2) Recognizing the impact of this by-law on residents and businesses, Council approved a 30-day public consultation period, during which feedback was encouraged.

3) The public consultation process consisted of the following:

a) Consultation period from June 1 to June 30, 2025

b) Access to the draft copy of the draft by-law were available at:

- Hard copies at the Township Office

- digital copies available at [www.billingstwp.ca](http://www.billingstwp.ca)

c) Feed back methods included:

- Written submissions were delivered to the Township Office.

- email submissions were directed to bylaw@billingstwp.ca

d) The submission requirements included the following:

- the submitter’s name

- the submitters contact information

- comments regarding the by-law.

**Discussion:**

Of the 32 responses that were received, the summary of the public responses based on percentages of responses included;

1. **Bag Tag**
* Provide annual free bag tags with different allocations for residential and commercial users. i.e. 52 for residential users and 104 for commercial users.
* Lowering the cost of bag tags to $2.00 per bag.
* Have an allowable limit of bags of waste before having a bag tag requirement.
1. **Demographic Considerations**
2. Suggestions for alternative programs or reduced fees for:

 - seniors

- seasonal residents

- commercial resorts

- tenants

1. **Landfill Access and Fees**
* Reducing suggested fees or maintaining current tipping fees.
* Extending landfill hours.
* Enforcing current landfill rules.
* Additional staffing during peak months.
1. **Waste Diversion and Environmental Goals**
* Develop a composting program.
* Accepting glass recycling.
* Setting measurable waste reduction goals.
* Non-Residents disposing of waste
* Transition to a tote-based system
* Implementing European waste management techniques
* Track end of use for recyclable materials.
1. **Public Education & Communication**
* Provide education regarding recycling and disposal of waste.
* Provide education regarding composting.
* Additional bag tag sales locations.
1. **Public Safety**
* Roadside dumping of waste.
* Excess burning of waste.
1. **General By-law Feedback**
* 1 suggestion of a major rewrite of the by-law
* Suggested specific provisional amendments.
* Concerns regarding service for taxes levied.
* Lack of curb side pick-up of waste.
* 3 respondents expressed agreement with fees and bylaw direction.

**Financial Impacts:**

There will be financial impact to implement the program, taking into consideration additional costs in staffing, bag tags, containers, etc.

**Alignment to Strategic Plan:**

This report aligns with the following strategic plan provisions:

- Protect and enhance our natural assets

- Ensure that current and future township assets are managed to be sustainable to meet our long-term needs

**Alignment to the CEEP:**

This report aligns with the following CEEP provisions:

- Reduce overall consumption by promoting circular economy concepts and increase waste diversion through recycling rate increases and home composting program.

- Reducing leachate and methane gas coming from the landfill helps ensure long-term access to safe drinking water sources in the community.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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