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TO/DEST.	Co-ordinator Planning and Environment Committee
FROM/EXP.	Environment and Transportation Commissioner
SUBJECT/OBJET	RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING INQUIRY NO. P & E 21 APPLIANCE WASTE FEE

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning and Environment Committee receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND

At the Planning and Environment Committee meeting on 10 September 1996, Councillor Beamish requested that staff review the \$15.00 fee for disposing of appliances at the Trail Road Landfill Site, to find out if it is still applicable.

SUMMARY

The Trail Road Landfill Site charges a \$15.00 fee for the disposal of small loads (less than 500 kg). Appliances which are brought to the landfill site usually fall into this category. In the case of refrigeration-type equipment, the Freon or CFC must be removed before the appliance can be accepted at the landfill site.

The recycling of scrap metal is tendered annually and the recently closed request for quotations is for a revenue of \$29.50 per metric tonne. The quotations fluctuate from year to year depending on the metal commodity markets. This price suggests that the metal markets will be good over the next year. Prior to last year, the Region paid to have metals, including appliances, removed from the Trail Road Landfill site.

The small load fee also supports the waste management programs by encouraging waste diversion. In addition, it recovers administration and operational costs of providing the small load service that allows homeowners and small contractors disposal service during regular business hours.

Not all services provided at Trail Road operate on a straight cost-recovery basis. Similar to retail operations, loss leaders are balanced against revenue generators.

In a normal situation where the appliance owner wants a disposal service, it can be cheaper and more convenient to have the appliance taken away by a private sector appliance recycling company or a charity. These companies try to repair and reuse the appliances or the parts before the appliances are sent for metal recycling. Some appliance retailers will remove the old appliance when the new appliance is delivered to the home. This is the kind of product stewardship that should be encouraged and the disposal fee acts as an incentive.

CONCLUSION

The \$15.00 disposal fee for appliances is consistent with the Region's commitment to waste diversion. It is an incentive for appliance owners to seek the private sector reuse and recycling services and is not necessarily a reflection of the actual cost of the specific service.

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