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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
 Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **SNOW DISPOSAL SITE ENTRY FEE 1996/97 SEASON**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee recommend Council approve:

- 1. The foregoing of the capital surcharge portion of the tipping fee (\$0.44/m³) for snow hauled from City of Ottawa streets to the expanded part of the Bayview Snow Disposal Facility for the 1996/97 winter season;**
- 2. Subject to Recommendation No. 1, the snow disposal site tipping fee for the 1996/97 winter season be set at \$1.50 per cubic metre (\$1.50/m³).**

BACKGROUND

A tipping fee is paid by all private snow haulers and all public bodies using Regional snow disposal sites, except the Region and the City of Ottawa. The Region and the City of Ottawa share the net operating costs based on the proportion of snow hauled from roadways under their respective jurisdictions.

The capital surcharge component of the tipping fee is paid by all parties, public and private, and is deposited into a reserve fund.

The snow disposal site tipping fee of \$1.50/m³ is comprised of:

- \$1.06/m³ operating costs.
- \$0.44/m³ capital surcharge to pay for snow disposal facility development costs.

The operational component of the tipping fee is reviewed each year based on the past winter's experience and adjustments are proposed as appropriate. The proposed \$1.06/m³ operational component of the tipping fee is unchanged from last year.

The proposed \$0.44/m³ capital surcharge portion of the tipping fee is based on the findings of the Strategic Planning Study for Snow Disposal Inside the Greenbelt, which was approved by Regional Council on 22 November 1995, and also is unchanged from last year. The surcharge is designed to fully recover all of the Region's capital costs in providing snow disposal services. It does not include property acquisition costs.

Five RMOC owned sites (Clyde, Industrial, Hunt Club, Michael and Conroy) and one site (Bayview) owned by both the City of Ottawa and the Region are available for Regional use within the Greenbelt. As part of the department's Strategic Plan, Regional Council approved (22 November 1995) the purchase of the remainder of the Bayview site as it becomes available.

DISCUSSION

The City of Ottawa is proposing to further expand the capacity of the Bayview Snow Disposal Facility by demolishing an existing garage building on its old yard property. The estimated cost of the expansion is \$185,000 however, the larger site could generate an estimated annual saving of \$150,000 in truck hauling costs.

Snow disposal facility capital costs are normally incurred by the Region with recoveries via the capital surcharge on the tipping fee. In this case, since Ottawa is front-ending the site expansion cost, Ottawa has requested that the capital surcharge be waived for the 1996/97 winter season for snow hauled from City of Ottawa streets to the expanded portion of the Bayview Snow Disposal Facility.

Upon approval of the recommendations in this report the Department will proceed to advertise the tipping fee rate, provide the information to trucking companies, print site entry tickets and commence ticket sales for this coming winter. Actual truck ticket prices are based on truck size as is shown in Annex A.

CONSULTATION

The City of Ottawa staff are proposing the building demolition and expansion of the site and have asked for a reduction in their portion of the tipping fee. Regional staff are supportive of this solution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This partnership represents good business practice for both the Region and the City of Ottawa. The reduction in revenue of \$0.44/m³ will be offset by the truck hauling cost savings.

Approved by
M. J. E. Sheflin, P.Eng.

Attach (1)

ANNEX APROPOSED SNOW DISPOSAL SITE ENTRY FEE TICKET PRICES -1996/97 WINTER SEASONUnit Fee - \$1.50/m³

	ESTIMATED AVERAGE TRUCK CAPACITY	TICKET PRICE
SINGLE AXLE TRUCK	9 m ³	\$13.50
TANDEM	15 m ³	\$22.50
TRI-AXLE	18 m ³	\$27.00
SEMI-TRAILER/ COMBINATIONS	32 m ³	\$48.00