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TO/DEST.                 Co-ordinator  
                              Planning and Environment Committee

FROM/EXP.               Director, Solid Waste Division  
                              Environment and Transportation Department

SUBJECT/OBJET           **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW 44-96**  
                              **FOR THE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL**  
                              **OF SOLID WASTE**

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### DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

**That Planning and Environment Committee recommend Council approve that By-law 44 of 1996 (as amended by By-law 57 of 1997) be further amended as outlined in Annex "A" to this report to reflect changes in collection operations in accordance with contracts CE-8012 and CE-8013, and that Part 5.6 of the Regional Regulatory Code be repealed.**

### BACKGROUND

Regional Council, at its meeting of 27 May 1998, approved a report entitled, "*Solid Waste Collection Contract Development - Levels of Service*". That report set out changes to current waste and recycling programs designed to increase efficiency and customer convenience while containing collection costs. Subsequently, at the meeting of 23 September 1998, Council approved Contracts CE-8012 and CE-8013 for the collection of solid waste. The new contracts will take effect on 01 June 1999.

### DISCUSSION

#### Amendments to Reflect CE-8012 and CE-8013

The primary change, due to the new collection contracts, is the alternating weekly recycling collection for curbside customers (CE-8012) and the two-stream recycling collection for apartment customers (CE-8013). These changes resulted in a requirement to amend the waste collection by-law. Other minor changes to the by-law relate to the collection of bulky goods,

(now collected within 24 hours of the regularly scheduled time), and to the banning of tires from collection (residents can participate in the *Take It Back!* program).

#### Other By-law Amendments

Other amendments included deleting redundant portions of the By-law and to further clarify current provisions of the By-law. These amendments are administrative in nature and will have no effect on policies and programs currently in place.

It is recommended that Part 5.6 of the Regional Regulatory Code be repealed as the originating By-law 44 of 1996 has consistently been used for enforcement purposes since its passage in 1996. Furthermore, set fines have been approved by the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in order to enforce By-law 44 of 1996 by way of ticketing.

#### CONSULTATION

The Department conducted consultation in the form of telephone and written surveys as part of the development of Contracts CE-8012 and CE-8013. Other amendments are administrative in nature and will have no effect on policies and programs currently in place.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to these by-law changes. Enforcement of these provisions of the By-law will be part of regular by-law enforcement operations.

#### CONCLUSION

Amendments to the current By-law are required to reflect the changes in waste and recycling collection as per new Contracts CE-8012 and CE-8013. These contracts will come into effect on 01 June 1999. The necessary by-law amendments are attached as Annex A.

*Approved by*  
*P. McNally, P.Eng.*

KW/mm

Attach. (1)

**Amendments to By-law 44 of 1996 as amended by By-law 57 of 1997****1. Definitions**

- 1.1. Delete the definitions of Area Municipality, Set Out and Waste Limit as they are no longer required due to other amendments.
- 1.2. Include the following definition for the purposes of Contract CE-8012:  
  
*“Alternating Weekly Collection” means where the blue box is collected on one week and the black box is collected on the next or alternating week”.*
- 1.3. Revise the definition of Approved Container to refer to the section of the By-law that contains the details of the types of containers to be used rather than summarising the details in the definition.
- 1.4. Revise the definition of Industrial, Commercial, Institutional or Trade Waste to include waste originating from industrial parks and business parks except for Residential Dwellings and Small Commercial Establishments located within those parks.

**2. Levels of Service**

- 2.1. Revise section 6 for levels of service for Residential Dwellings with 6 units or under and for small commercial establishments by deleting the references to Appendix C and B, respectively, because the waste limits are now set out in section 13 and change once per week collection for recyclable materials to Alternating Weekly Collection.
- 2.2. Revise section 6 relating to level of service for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings 7 Units and Above by clarifying that the Commissioner may designate Multi-Unit Residential Buildings that are to use front end loading containers. Amend the reference to subsection 42 of the schedule to Section 42 of the By-law.
- 2.3. Add a new subsection to section 6 for the purposes of Contract CE-8012:  
  
*Where the Corporation provides for the collection of Bulky Items, then collection may take place on the regular collection day, or on the day proceeding the regular collection day (within 24 hours of the regular collection day).*
- 2.4. As a result of deleting the Waste Limit definition, revise Section 13, which provides for waste limits, to incorporate the provisions of section 7 allowing placement out of unlimited Recyclable Material and Leaf and Yard Waste for Residential Dwellings and delete Section 7.

- 2.5. Revise Section 13 which provides for the waste limits in order to allow for the more lenient packaging requirements incorporated in Contract CE-8012 by amending the limits for Small Commercial Establishments as follows:

*For Small Commercial Establishments - five (5) approved containers of Residential Waste and Recyclable Materials to a maximum of thirty (30) set-outs. A set out shall be either a curbside blue box or a curbside black box or one corrugated cardboard box with other flattened corrugated cardboard boxes folded and tightly placed inside or a loose pile of flattened corrugated cardboard not exceeding thirty (30) centimetres in height .*

### **3. Approved Containers**

- 3.1. Revise the definition of recycling container to include the black box and to increase the size of the plastic wheeled cart from 120 litre or 240 litre to 240 litre or 360 litre and allow for the use of 4 cubic yard front end loading containers. (section 15)

### **4. Preparation of Waste**

- 4.1. With the introduction of the black box, it is necessary to revise section 27 which describes source separation of recyclable materials from Residential Waste to identify the items from the current list which are now to be placed in the black box as follows:

Newspapers  
 Corrugated Cardboard  
 Boxboard  
 Telephone Books  
 Magazines/Catalogues  
 Fine Paper  
 Advertising Mail  
 Egg Cartons (paper)  
 Paper Cores  
 Kraft/Paper Bags  
 Books  
 Other Clean Paper Packaging  
 any other Recyclable Material as determined by the Corporation (applies to both blue and black box)

- 4.2. New specifications for packaging of Recyclable Materials which are clearer and address the black box requirements are to replace those set out in section 28:

*Materials put out for Recyclable Material collection shall be packaged as follows:*

*(i) All glass, metal, gable top cartons, aseptic drinking boxes, rigid plastic containers, and plastic bags (placed in an empty plastic bag and securely tied), shall be placed inside a blue box recycling container.*

*(ii) All newspapers, boxboard (flattened), telephone books, magazines and catalogues, fine paper and corrugated cardboard (flattened) shall be placed inside a black box recycling container.*

*(iii) All corrugated cardboard that is too large to fit inside the black box must be flattened and put out beside or under the black box.*

- 4.3. Include a new provision requiring owners and building owners to ensure that there is no contamination in recycled materials, as follows:

*Owners and Building Owners shall remove contamination from the recycling containers on collection day, including, ceramics, pottery, crockery, plate glass, mirrors, dishware, drinking glasses, light bulbs or florescent tubes, metal pots, metal utensils, plastic toys, plastic dishes, caulking tubes, frozen dinner boxes, paper ice cream cartons and like materials.*

- 4.4. Delete Section 31 which provides that a Building Owner is to separate recyclable waste in accordance with program guidelines and replace with:

*All Building Owners shall package Recyclable Materials as follows:*

*(i) All glass, metal, gable top cartons, aseptic drinking boxes, rigid plastic containers and plastic bags (placed in an empty plastic bag and securely tied) shall be placed inside a plastic wheeled recycling container designated for those materials.*

*(ii) Cardboard, newspapers, boxboard, books, telephone books, magazines and catalogues, fine paper shall be placed inside a front end loading recycling container or plastic wheeled recycling cart designated for those materials.*

- 4.5. Add a new section requiring sawdust, floor sweepings, contents of vacuums and the like shall be placed in a sealed non-returnable plastic bag.

## 5. **Materials Prohibited**

- 5.1. Clarify the prohibition against faeces of any dog, cat or fowl to provide that such material is permitted provided that it is packaged as prescribed in the By-law. (section 39) The approved container for disposal of such material shall be a rigid container or non-returnable plastic bag. (section 37)

- 5.2. Delete the prohibition relating to the failure to put out waste in conformity with the By-law as this section repeats existing By-law requirements. (section 39)

- 5.3. In order to clarify the prohibition provisions and to reflect current practices, amend the prohibition against putting out for collection soil, earth, stone, boulders, trees and tree stumps to include tree trunks, firewood and tree cuttings over 10 centimetres in diameter. (section 39)

- 5.4. Add the following materials to the materials prohibited for being put out for collection (section 39):

*Tires:* These items fall within the Take-It-Back Program

The following items are added to reflect current practices:

*Railway Ties*

*Automobile Parts*

*Contents of Grease Traps*

*Restaurant Wet Waste*

## **6. Location of Items to be Collected**

- 6.1. Revise section 42 to provide that collection from locations on private property is limited to front end loading containers.
- 6.2. Specify that for Multi-Unit Residential Buildings there shall be no extra charge for the collection of Recyclable Material. (section 43)
- 6.3. Revise the collection times for Sparks Street Mall from Elgin to Bank from between the times 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM to between the times 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM. (section 45)
- 6.4. Building Owners who fail to remove uncollected waste from the collection location may be required to pay the cost of its removal by the Region. Include all persons (Owners) in this requirement. (section 55)

## **7. APPENDICES**

- 7.1. Appendix “B” entitled *Bag Limits for Commercial Establishments by Municipality* and Appendix “C” entitled *Levels of Service for Residential Dwellings* are no longer required as a result of the amendments pertaining to levels of service.

## **8. REGIONAL REGULATORY CODE**

- 8.1. Repeal Part 5.6 of the Regional Regulatory Code in its entirety.