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RECYCLABLE MARKET CONDITIONS UPDATE

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The downturn in market conditions which has caused a price drop for corrugated cardboard and paper continues. Material quality and separation of materials have become much more important in the marketing of corrugated cardboard and paper. Local private recycling facilities are indicating that as of June 30, 2009 there will no longer be a market for corrugated cardboard mixed with other paper. With this in mind, the Municipality will be amending its municipal bylaw to require the separation of recyclable cardboard and paper at industrial, commercial (includes apartment buildings greater than six units) and institutional (ICI) properties effective July 1, 2009.

The planned amendment to the bylaw will not affect properties where separation of cardboard and paper is already in place (e.g. container marked "Cardboard Only" separate from paper). This amendment will maximize the quality and value of cardboard and paper when markets are down and after they recover.

ICI collection service providers are responding to these changes. This will mean that there will be a requirement for more source-separation of materials (e.g. separate bins for corrugated cardboard and paper materials) and that there may be an increase in cost to collect and process these recyclable materials. Over the next few months, there is an opportunity for property owners and managers to work with their collector to assess how best to institute the necessary changes such as separate containers and collection of corrugated cardboard separate from paper.

Further updates will be provided as more information is available.

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