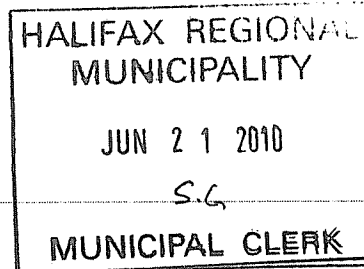


**Clerks Office - Solid Waste Resource Committee**

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**From:** Wade MacDonald  
**To:**  
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**Subject:** Solid Waste Resource Committee

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Good Morning,

I'm writing to make a suggestion to the Solid Waste Resource Committee with respect to a change of HRM policy.

I recently contacted the HRM to inquire whether blue or black bins are acceptable for use to recycle paper (newspaper, magazines, etc.) I was informed that, no, bins are not allowed.

I'd like to suggest that HRM revise this policy. In the case of my family, we receive a daily newspaper and we used to use grocery bags to hold them for recycling. These days we don't bring home many plastic grocery bags, since we've switched to the cloth, reusable bags for our grocery shopping.

Blue/black bins would be a convenient and practical solution, and perhaps better for the environment since a bin would last considerably longer than a plastic grocery bag. Some municipalities like Ottawa have a blue/black bin program - the blue box is similar to HRM's blue bag program, and the black box is for paper and cardboard. I believe it is an idea worth considering by HRM.

To be clear: I'm not suggesting that HRM provide new bins to residents at this time. However, if residents wish to purchase their own bin I suggest that this should be permitted. HRM could set guidelines in terms of colour, size and weight for specific recycling use.

Thank you for forwarding this suggestion to the committee. If this is not the proper process to submit a suggestion, please advise.

Regards,

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