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Item No. 11.1.3
Halifax Regional Council
April 13, 2010

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: March 26, 2010

SUBJECT: **Amendment to Administrative Order Number 16:**
Fees for the Use of Solid Waste Management Facilities

ORIGIN

The proposed 2010/11 Operating Budget identifies an increase in commercial tipping fees for Refuse received at the Otter Lake Waste Processing and Disposal facility and for Organics delivered to the two Compost Plants. In order to provide reasonable notice of the proposed changes in fees, this fee increase has been brought forward to Council at an early date prior to the full Budget process.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

Administrative Order Number 16 be amended to provide for an increase in fees for disposal of commercial materials received at its waste management facilities, effective June 1, 2010, from \$115/tonne to \$125/tonne for refuse, and from \$70/tonne to \$75/tonne for compostable organics, by adopting the amended Administrative Order Number 16 attached.

BACKGROUND

The Tipping Fees for use of the HRM Solid Waste Management Facilities are provided for in By-Law S-600, the Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-Law, and set specifically through Administrative Order Number 16, respecting Fees for the Use of Solid Waste Management Facilities.

DISCUSSION

In developing the 2010/11 Operating Budget estimates for the HRM Waste Resources Management System, the requirement for additional revenues to support the operation of the various components of the system was identified. The higher fees reflect increases in operating costs for the system, and provide an incentive for commercial, industrial and institutional waste generators to divert their wastes to recycling, composting and other alternatives.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

These tipping fee increases are an essential element in managing the municipal costs of the solid waste resource system. The funds generated (estimated at \$765,000 for June 1st) are revenues that were not included in the 2010/11 Fiscal Framework and would help balance the 2010/11 Operating Budget to support the operation of the HRM Waste Resources Management System.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

Council can approve the changes in tipping fees as recommended in the report. Alternately, Council could reject the tipping fee increase and fund increased costs for the solid waste resource system from other sources such as property tax revenue. This is not recommended.


ATTACHMENTS

Administrative Order Number 16 (as amended).

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Administrative Order Number 16
Respecting Fees For The Use of Solid Waste Management Facilities

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality as a policy pursuant to Section 49(1) (b) of the *Municipal Government Act* as follows:

1. The fees for the use of solid waste management facilities pursuant to By-Law S-600, the Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal By-Law are:

- (a) Haulers and persons who transport waste acceptable for disposal at the front end processing facility, and residuals disposal facility, other than materials requiring special handling or disposal techniques (as detailed in Section 17 of By-Law S-600) shall pay:

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Fee</u>
More than 100 kg (220 lb)	\$12.50 per 100 kg
Less than 100 kg (220 lb)	\$5.00 user fee

- (b) Where the weigh scales used at the front end processing facility, and/or residuals disposal facility become inoperative, haulers and persons who transport wastes shall pay:

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Fee</u>
More than 0.5 cu. m (0.65 cu. yd.)	\$21.30 per cu. m
Less than 0.5 cu. m (0.65 cu. yd.)	\$5.00 user fee

- (c) Haulers and persons who transport wastes acceptable for disposal at the source-separated composting facilities other than materials requiring special handling or disposal techniques shall pay: \$7.50 per 100 kg

- (d) Where the weigh scales used at the source-separated composting facilities become inoperative, haulers and persons who transport wastes shall pay: \$12.75 per cu. m

- (e) Haulers and persons who transport wastes acceptable for disposal at the materials recovery facility shall not pay a fee.

- (f) Haulers and persons who transport waste acceptable for disposal at the front end processing facility, and residuals disposal facility who pay cash and who have load weights more than 100 kg shall pay a cash deposit as follows upon entering the facility:

<u>Gross Weight of Vehicle</u>	<u>Cash Deposit Amount</u>
Up to 1250 kg	\$20.00
1251 kg to 1500 kg	\$35.00
1501 kg to 3000 kg	\$75.00
3001 kg to 5000 kg	\$125.00
5001 kg to 7000 kg	\$180.00
7001 kg to 9000 kg	\$235.00
9001 kg to 12000 kg	\$285.00
12001 kg to 15000 kg	\$340.00
Over 15000 kg	\$390.00

2. Administrative Order 16 adopted by Regional Council the 30th day of March, 1999 as amended is hereby repealed.
3. This Administrative Order shall come into effect the 1st day of June, 2010.

Done and passed in Council this ____ day of _____, **2010.**

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

Effective _____, 2010

Amendment No. 1

Notice of Motion:

Approved:

Effective

Clause (a), (b) and (f) of Section 1 amended

Amendment No. 2

Notice of Motion:

Approved:

Effective:

Administrative Order No.16, as approved by Council _____ and amended on _____, is repealed and replaced by a new Administrative Order, retaining the same number, as approved by Council on _____.