



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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To: Mayor Zebian and West Hants Council

Submitted by: Paul Wheadon Councillor District 4

Date: July 21, 2026

Subject: Addition Of Forest Lakes development to Curbside Collection Pilot Program

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

MGA , Section 65A (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if (a) the expenditure is included in the municipality's operating budget or is otherwise authorized by the municipality;

West Hants Solid Waste Management By-Law
Section 7

- 1) The Municipality, its servants, agents or independent contractors shall provide collection services to eligible premises within the Municipality located on highways plowed by the Department of Transportation or the Municipality, in accordance with a schedule approved by the Municipality from time to time, and to such other premises on any private roads as may be expressly designated for inclusion in general municipal collection by the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Council direct staff to add Forest Lake Development in Ardoise, Hants County to the newly adapted Curbside Waste Collection Pilot Program. This will be specific to Eagle View Drive and associated roads within the development for a period of 1 year. Commencing September 1, 2026 until August 31, 2027 for an amount of up to \$4000.00 to be funded through operating reserves.

BACKGROUND

Forest Lakes Country Club at present has no curb-side collection for waste, compost, and recyclables. Currently they have 2 dumpsters (1 for garbage, 1 for recycles) they also have a corral for the compost bins, this system has been a problem for the residents here. There is constant illegal dumping by outside residents. The Compost bins are often turned upside down by bears, coyotes, and other wildlife. This makes for a safety hazard to residents and a real eye sore as you enter this otherwise beautiful, pristine development.

Recently, the wildlife activity and illegal dumping has gotten worse. The residents have been forced to padlock the lids closed on the dumpsters to prevent outside residents from illegally dumping. That has caused these litterers to simply throw their garbage beside the dumpsters. Car parts, tires and other assorted items are often deposited beside these dumpsters, making the situation worse.

Recently, as councillor for the district, I have received 13 e mails from residents requesting curbside collection for these and other reasons. I have also met with president of the homeowner's association.

The residents have completed a petition asking for curb-side collection

The residents have completed the Curb-side collection policy survey

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DISCUSSION

Many council meetings have had the topic of Private Road Curb-side collection on the agenda.

This is a problem that has a relatively cost-effective solution.

Curb-side collection on private roads is possible for the Forest Lake Development. Eagle View Drive and associated roads are built to a high standard and would be accessible to the normal truck for transport.

These services can be provided for the same price as the Vaughan Development.

Responsible sorting and curb-side pick up is much better for the longevity of the land-fill.

GFL and Municipal Staff recommend Curb-side pick-up as preferred method of collection.

NEXT STEPS

At the will of council. If accepted, then staff will be able to add Forest Lakes to the Curb-Side pick up for the Area schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated would be the same as the per pick up at Destination Way in Vaughan. Approximately \$ 4000.00 per annum.

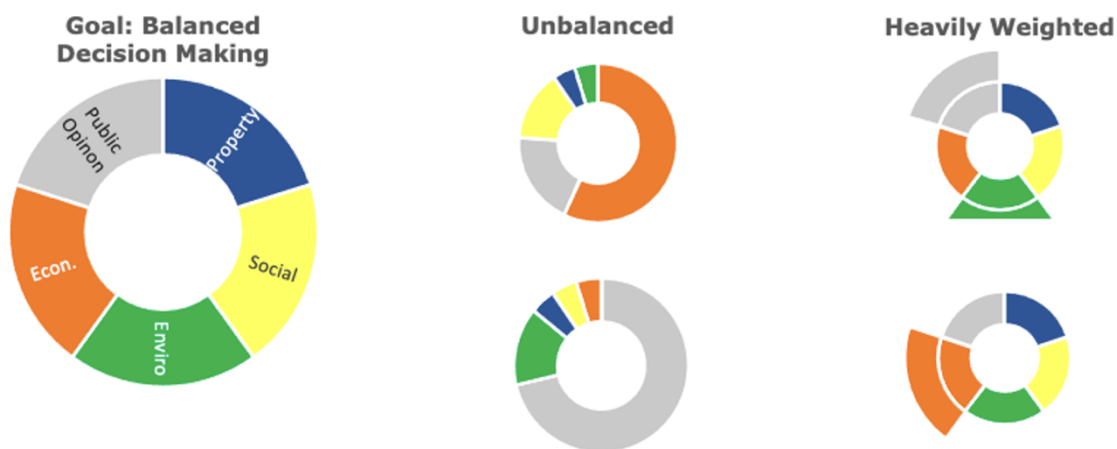
ALTERNATIVES

Council can keep pick-up status-quo and choose not to add Forest Lakes to the pilot program.

ATTACHMENTS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C “Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole” as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



Report Prepared by: _____

Report Reviewed by: _____

Report Approved by: _____

PETITION

FOR: CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF WASTE, RECYCLING AND GREEN BINS

WHERE: FOREST LAKES DEVELOPMENT

FROM: HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS

The residents of Forest Lakes, located in Ardoise NS, within the Municipality of West Hants, Hants County are hereby formally requesting the Municipality to include our development in its collection routes.

This development generates significant tax revenue while receiving minimal municipal services.

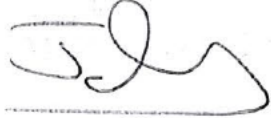
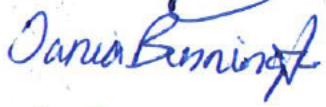
The current collection system is inadequate and has been for the entire lifespan of the development. For years now we have dealt with illegal dumping of garbage and improper sorting from outside sources; problems with wildlife upending green bins and tearing open bags only to leave this unwanted and unnecessary mess to be cleaned up by the residents; the accumulated detritus only increases with every week and is an environmental issue as this waste is left to blow in the wind depositing in the roadside ditches and surrounding green spaces.

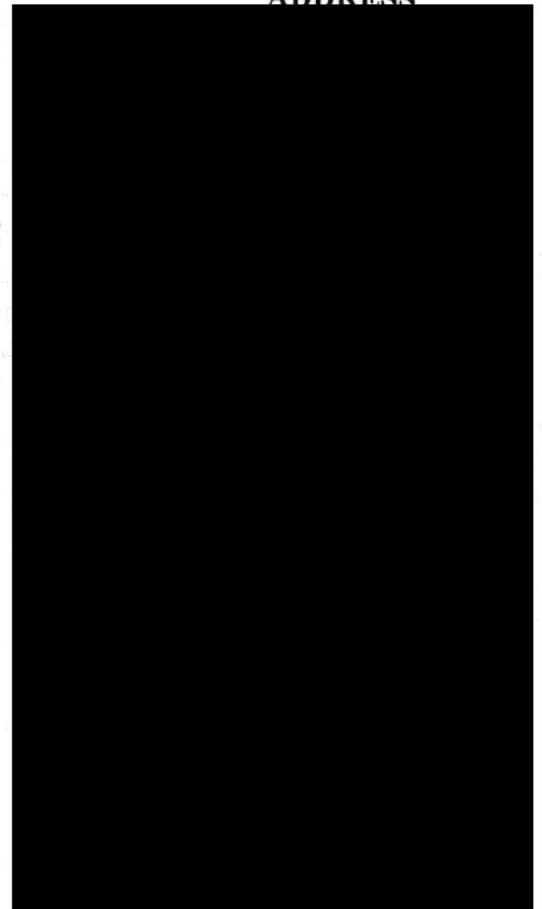
We, the undersigned, are formally requesting curbside collection of garbage, recycling and compost.

NAME

SIGNATURE

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| 1) John Lannon |  |
| 2) Alma Terrett |  |
| 3) K King |  |
| 4) Tania Binnington |  |
| 5) Alan Power |  |
| 6) MARGIE KENNEDY |  |
| 7) Rebecca Costello |  |
| 8) MICHAEL COCHRANE |  |



- 9) Nanaylee Heathcote  Curtis 
- 10) Steve Burgess  
- 11) Michael P. Hume 
- 12) DAVID SIKAL 
- 13) Pauline James 
- 14) Shawn Beaton 
- 15) Heba Alghamdi 
- 16) Mike Venasse 
- 17) 
- 18) Dylan Lay 
- 19) Jeff Keeping 
- 20) DAVID LIGHT 
- 21) LEONARD ADAMS 

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