



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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To: Mayor Zebian and Members of Council

Submitted by: Kayla Leary-Pinch, District 7 Councillor

Date: December 9, 2025

Subject: Private Roads Waste Collection – Policy Adoption, MPS Integration, and Consideration of Curbside Collection for Cozy Crescent and Destination Way

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act, Section 65(q), authorizing municipalities to collect, remove, manage, and dispose of solid waste and to expend funds for municipal purposes.

The Municipality's existing Solid Waste Collection Bylaw already incorporates and enables the application of a Private Roads Collection Policy. As such, **no Bylaw amendments are required** to adopt or operationalize the Private Roads Collection Policy.

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

After consideration of the information presented in this report, Council recommends:

1. **Adoption of the Private Roads Collection Policy**
2. **Direction for staff to incorporate the Private Roads Collection Policy into the Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS)** through the ongoing Plan Review.
3. **Request an information report** on existing private roads currently eligible for curbside collection under Municipal Specifications, including but not limited to:
 - *identification of eligible private roads;*
 - *costing implications if GFL provides service using existing equipment, with no new fleet purchases.*
 - **Consider the request for curbside collection for Cozy Crescent and Destination Way** based on the information, safety impacts, resident concerns, policy alignment, and operational analysis outlined in this report.

BACKGROUND

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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Cozy Crescent and Destination Way are privately maintained roads located in Vaughan within the West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM). Unlike other private developments in the region that utilize common waste collection areas (e.g., dumpsters or shared organic bins), these roads **do not have any centralized waste collection facilities**.

Residents must physically transport large compost and waste bins to the end of the private road. This practice has raised documented concerns:

- **Accessibility barriers** for seniors and persons with disabilities who cannot transport heavy bins.
- **Increased littering and waste overflow** due to wildlife tearing open unprotected bags left roadside.
- **Safety hazards**, as waste is scattered across a busy roadway that residents must cross to clean up.

Residents have repeatedly expressed frustration and submitted formal concerns beginning in 2023.

The developer notes that Cozy Crescent and Destination Way were constructed to a **higher standard than typical private roads**, exceeding minimum safety requirements. The developer constructed the roads to these standards and believed this would qualify them for curbside collection. GFL Environmental has also confirmed that their vehicles can safely access and service the roads for curbside pickup.

History of Council Direction

- **March 28, 2023:** Council directed staff to prepare a report on waste collection for Destination Way, Cozy Crescent, and Moonshadow Run.
- **November 2024:** Public Works reported that of **146 private roads in WHRM**, only **21 meet criteria** for potential curbside collection.
- Servicing all eligible private roads would increase the municipal waste contract (valued at \$1.35 million in 2025) by **\$246,330–\$340,770 annually**.
- Council acknowledged growing resident interest but confirmed that **service levels for private roads not meeting WHRM standards would remain unchanged**.

WHRM's **Area Rate Policy** outlines criteria for establishing area rates; however, concerns were identified regarding:

- financial burden on a small number of households;
- legal and operational uncertainty;
- equity between private and public roads.

DISCUSSION

The Solid Waste Collection Bylaw already integrates the Private Roads Collection Policy, making Bylaw amendments unnecessary.

Adopting the Policy and directing staff to embed it within the MPS provides clarity, consistency, and policy alignment for future private road waste collection decisions across WHRM.

The specific situation on Cozy Crescent and Destination Way illustrates the broader policy issues:

- These roads lack waste collection facilities, resulting in **ongoing health and safety concerns**, scattered waste, wildlife interference, and hazardous cleanup conditions.
- Seniors, individuals with disabilities, and residents without larger vehicles face disproportionate challenges.

Residents are understandably frustrated.

NEXT STEPS

1. Staff prepare the information report on eligible private roads and costing implications.
2. Council adopts the Private Roads Collection Policy.
3. Staff incorporate the Policy into the MPS through the ongoing Plan Review.

Council may approve a pilot project on Cozy Crescent and Destination Way. The data can be used to inform future discussions especially around budget for curbside collection on private roads that meet the municipal specifications

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Costs for pick-up on Cozy Crescent and Destination Way as outlined
- Using existing GFL equipment (no new fleet) will reduce cost pressures and provide more accurate operational projections.
- Expanding service may create precedents for other private roads constructed to higher standards.
- Consideration must be given to:
 - equity in service delivery;
 - legal implications and responsibility for road maintenance;
 - operational safety;
 - long-term sustainability of expanding curbside service.
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ALTERNATIVES

Option 1: Status Quo (No Change)

No curbside service to Cozy Crescent or Destination Way.

- **Pros:** No additional costs; aligns with current policy.
- **Cons:** Continued safety issues and resident dissatisfaction.

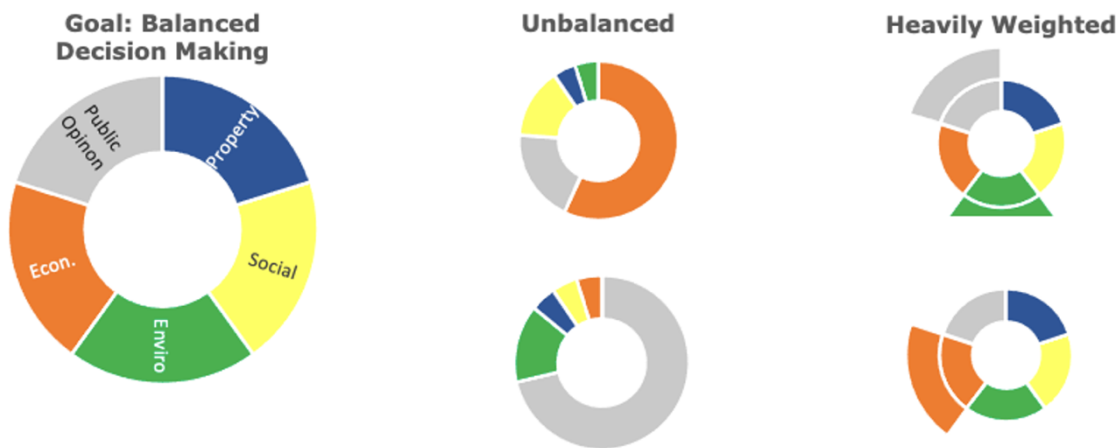
ATTACHMENTS

None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

This is a reoccurring discussion for Council. Staff await Council's position on this matter.

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.



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