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**Date:** July 8, 2019  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
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**RE:** Garbage Collection in Spinks Gravel Industrial Park  
**Report No.:** MS 2019- 31

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## **AIM**

To provide Council with information related to garbage collection services within the Spinks Gravel Industrial Park Development.

## **BACKGROUND**

On March 22, 2019 we received a complaint from a business on Spinks Drive that Windsor Disposal Services (WDS) had not collected their roadside garbage in approximately two weeks. After several conversations with WDS, the owner discovered that his property was flagged for the following reasons:

- Health and Safety concerns expressed by WDS drivers due to dusty residue coming from the bags when compressed in the truck.
- Placement of roadside garbage exceeding the 5-bag limit.

Upon further review of the incident, it was discovered that WDS had been mistakenly providing residential pickup in this area for over 15 years. As such, the Operations Manager for WDS sent the following correspondence to Kingsville's route supervisor:

WDS does not service industrial properties under the waste collection contract with the Town of Kingsville. It has come to my attention that a WDS residential truck enters the industrial park on Spinks Drive to collect a 'few' bags from companies that do not have private waste collection services. This has caused confusion among other companies that believe the Town of Kingsville, through WDS, is supplying free waste collection to companies in this area. This is not the case. Please instruct all drivers on the Kingsville routes to stay out of this industrial park at all times - effective immediately.

Since services were terminated, the Municipal Services Department has received complaints from two other businesses in the area. This prompted the following Motion of Council:

358-2019

Moved By Councillor Larry Patterson  
Seconded By Councillor Laura Lucier

That Administration provide a report to provide Council with an update and possible resolutions with respect to the status of the garbage pick-up at the Settingrington Industrial Park because, while garbage has been picked up in that area for over 15 years, a decision has been made to not pick up garbage in that area.

## **DISCUSSION**

In 2000, the Town entered into a Service Agreement with WDS for the collection of garbage, rubbish, refuse, and yard waste (Appendix A). Since that time, the Town has entered into several extension agreements with the most recent terminating on December 31, 2020.

The original contract used a starting base of 6,550 residential garbage pick-up units and 80 commercial pick-up units. The inclusion of these commercial properties was to account for limited space for waste bins in downtown Kingsville. Each year the contract is reconciled to account for residential growth and inflation. As of March 1, the contract includes 8,493 residential properties and 80 commercial businesses.

The contract is supported by *By-Law 25-2001, A By-law to establish, maintain and operate a waste management system in the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville* (Appendix B). General provision 1 states that:

The Town shall operate a system for the collection, removal and disposal of collectible garbage or waste, household trash and yard waste, including all new single family residential units (including six multi-residential units or less) but excluding:

- a) All new multi-unit apartments (over six multi-residential units or more);
- b) All new commercial and industrial development;
- c) All new greenhouse development.

The type, quantity, and hazard level of waste generated by commercial businesses is relatively unknown to the municipality and our contractor. Therefore, it becomes the sole responsibility of the property owner to ensure it is safely stored, maintained, and removed from the property. All new site plan approvals contain a garbage provision that outlines the owner's responsibility to manage on-site waste.

## **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Effectively manage corporate resources and maximize performance in day-to-day operations.

## FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Town currently pays the following for residential garbage collection:

	Number of Properties	Unit Rate	Total (Including HST burden)
Residential	8493	\$ 57.81	\$ 499,621.58
Commercial	80	\$ 206.21	\$ 16,787.14
			<b>\$ 516,408.72</b>

Based on the 30 properties in Spinks Gravel Industrial Park, and the commercial rate for pickup, it would cost an additional \$6,298.23 to continue garbage collection in this area.

The Municipal Services Department and WDS have concerns that this may set precedent, with all commercial businesses expecting the same service. This could lead to the collection of an additional 339 fully occupied properties, zoned commercial (CT) or Industrial (IT), resulting in a net increase of 14% or \$71,135.52 to the sanitation budget.

It should be noted that it is not common practice for municipalities to collect commercial waste and WDS has expressed reluctance in providing this service at our current downtown rate.

## CONSULTATIONS

Municipal Services Department  
Planning Department  
Windsor Disposal Services

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this report for information and that garbage collection in Spinks Gravel Industrial Park continues to be the responsibility of commercial property owners in accordance with By-law 25-2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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