



Report to Council

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Subject: Amendment to Landfill Tipping Fees

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Approval: Pierre Leroux, Chief Administrative officer

In agreement with the recommendation based on the contents of this report.

Recommendation

That Council approve the proposed amendments to Schedule “A” – Waste management By-Law No. 126-2025.

Financial Considerations

n/a

Context

n/a

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Schedule “A” – Fees Adjustments

The fees currently established in Schedule “A” are outdated and no longer reflect the actual costs incurred by The Nation Municipality in delivering waste management services. The proposed modifications aim to better align user fees with the true cost of service, while maintaining fairness and operational efficiency.

A summary of the proposed changes is provided in the table below.

Table 1

Item / Service	Unit of Measure	Previous Fee	New Fee
General Waste – All chargeable loads	Per cubic foot (ft ³)	\$0.85 per ft ³	Remains.
Minimum charge	Per load	\$2.00 per load	\$20.00 per load
Administration fee when invoice not paid on site	Per invoice	\$4.00 per invoice	\$10.00 per invoice
Appliances containing CFC or HCFC gases (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers, etc.)	Per appliance	\$20.00 per unit	\$30.00 per unit
Mattresses (any size)	Per mattress	\$20.00 per unit	\$40.00 per unit
Wooden box springs	Per box spring	\$8.00 per unit	Remove from Table - Treated as general waste

Handling fee for large appliances (when assistance is required from attendant)	Per appliance handled	\$5.00 per appliance	Remove from Table
Access to waste disposal sites outside normal hours of operation	Flat fee	\$50.00	\$100.00

Rationale for Proposed Changes

Minimum Charge

The current minimum charge of \$2.00 has remained unchanged for many years and is no longer representative of the cost of service. It is proposed to increase the minimum charge to \$20.00. In practice, most transactions already exceed this amount, as a typical small load (approximately 3 ft x 3 ft x 3 ft) is currently valued at \$22.95. This adjustment is expected to impact less of 5% of users. It will also help reduce very small transactions, which can slow down operations during peak periods, particularly in the summer months, thereby improving overall efficiency at the landfill sites.

Administration Fee

The administration fee is proposed to increase from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per invoice. This change reflects the actual administrative costs associated with processing invoices. It is also intended to encourage residents to pay on-site using debit, thereby reducing administrative workload and paper processing. Residents can avoid this fee by paying directly at the landfill.

Appliances Containing CFC or HCFC Gases

The current fee of \$20.00 per unit is proposed to increase to \$30.00 per unit. This adjustment reflects the actual cost charged to the Municipality by third-party contractors for the proper handling and disposal of these appliances.

Mattresses

The current fee of \$20.00 per unit is proposed to increase to \$40.00. This change aligns with the actual disposal and handling costs incurred by the Municipality.

Wooden Box Springs

It is proposed to remove this category from Table 1. Wooden box springs will instead be treated as general waste and charged at the applicable rate of \$0.85 per cubic foot, simplifying the fee structure.

Handling Fee for Large Items

The existing \$5.00 handling fee for large items is proposed to be removed. This fee has rarely been applied in practice. Staff will continue to assist residents with larger items as needed, without additional charges.

Access Outside Normal Operating Hours

The flat fee for access to waste disposal sites outside regular operating hours is proposed to increase from \$50.00 to \$100.00. This service is infrequently used, as most residents utilize standard operating hours. The adjustment reflects the additional staffing and operational costs associated with accommodating after-hours access.

Overall, the proposed adjustments ensure that fees are fair, consistent, and reflective of actual service costs. These changes will support the long-term sustainability of the Municipality's waste management operations while continuing to provide efficient and accessible services to residents.

Relevance to strategic priorities

n/a

Communication Plan

n/a

Other Option/Options to the Recommendation

n/a

Attachments

Proposed By-Law 80-2026