



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

Administrative Consolidation  
of  
**Solid Waste Collection and  
Disposal Bylaw**

(being Bylaw No. 07/043 of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, as amended by Bylaw No. 20/029. consolidated and printed under the authority of the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo)

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Chief Legislative Officer

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### **BYLAW NO. 07/043**

#### **BEING A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE**

**WHEREAS** the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-26, as amended, and other provincial statutes authorize a municipality to establish and maintain a system for the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is committed to the responsible reduction and management of municipal solid waste;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council wishes to establish a bylaw outlining a scale of charges and fees for the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste, and for compelling the payment of the charges so fixed, and for imposing penalties for failure to take appropriate action in an approved manner;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo may revise all appendices referred to in this bylaw and annexed hereto, upon Council resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo duly assembled hereby enacts as follows:

#### **PART I - TITLE, OTHER BYLAWS, AND APPENDICES**

1. This bylaw may be cited as the “Solid Waste Bylaw”, and may be referred to herein as “this bylaw”.
2. The rates, charges and fees associated with the collection and disposal of solid waste throughout the Municipality shall be as provided in the Utility Rates Bylaw of the Municipality.
3. All appendices referred to in this bylaw and annexed hereto form part of this bylaw.

#### **PART II - DEFINITIONS**

4. For the purposes of this bylaw, the following terms shall have the meaning hereinafter ascribed:
  - (a) “additional waste tag” means a tag that residents must purchase to obtain collection services for any waste receptacle exceeding the four waste receptacles per residential premises per collection day limit as set out within this bylaw;

- (b) “animal waste” means all organic and inorganic waste material generated by an animal, or which has directly or indirectly come into contact with an animal or the bodily fluids of an animal including, but not limited to, feces, blood and urine;
- (c) “ashes” means the residue and cinders from the combustion of any substances but does not include such residue as may accumulate as a result of building operations;
- (d) “bio-medical waste” means any waste that is generated from human or animal health care facilities, including home care, medical research and teaching establishments, clinical testing or research laboratories, facilities involved in the production or testing of vaccines, or funeral homes, and which contains or may contain pathogenic agents that may cause illness or disease in humans exposed to such waste;
- (e) “building waste” includes all refuse produced while constructing, altering, repairing or demolishing any structure, including, but not limited to, brick, concrete, dry wall, wooden materials, and all earth, vegetation and rock displaced during such construction, alteration or demolition;
- (f) “bylaw officer” means a member of the RCMP, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer appointed by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, or any other person designated as an officer of the Municipality for the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this bylaw;
- (g) “CAO” means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, or his designate;
- (h) “collection day” means the date for collection of waste from a residential premises as set out in the municipal collection schedule established by the CAO from time to time;
- (i) “collection point” means:
  - (i) in respect to a dwelling unit, other than a dwelling unit located in a mobile home park, the point where the occupant places the waste receptacles in accordance with this bylaw, in order for the waste to be collected on collection day; or
  - (ii) in respect to a mobile home park, the point or points designated by the CAO within or adjacent to the mobile home park for the placement of waste receptacles in accordance with this bylaw for collection on the collection day;
- (j) “collector” means:
  - (i) an employee of the Municipality who is employed for the purpose of collecting waste, or;
  - (ii) a person who has entered into a contract with the Municipality for the

collection of waste within the Municipality for and on behalf of the Municipality or any employee or agent of that person;

- (k) “commercial waste collection” means the collection of any waste that is generated on any parcel of land where commercial or industrial activity is conducted.
- (l) “commercial vehicle” means any vehicle that is owned or utilized by a commercial enterprise for the conductance of commercial operations.
- (m) “compost facility” means a waste management facility where organic wastes are decomposed through a controlled bio-oxidation process that results in a stable humus-like material, but does not include a residential composter;
- (n) “condominium” means a building divided into individually owned units as described in the *Condominium Property Act*, R.S.A. 2000 c. C-22, and amendments thereto;
- (o) “Council” means the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo;
- (p) “disposal” means disposition or intended disposition by discharging, dumping, throwing away, dropping or abandoning, and “dispose” shall have a comparable meaning;
- (q) “disposal site” means a sanitary landfill, transfer site, community drop area, or recycling depot which has the appropriate classification, approved by Alberta Environmental Protection under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, for the disposal or storage of waste;
- (r) “dwelling unit” means any building or place occupied or used as an abode, residence, or place of living by not more than four families, and shall include side by side condominium units having individual collection points, while excluding stacked condominiums. This definition shall not include any apartment house, hotel, licensed rooming house, licensed boarding house, tourist cabins or any room or suite of rooms in any building containing trade premises;
- (s) “hazardous waste” shall have the meaning set out in the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, Waste Control Regulation, AR 192/96, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time;
- (t) “mobile home park” means a property upon which there are located three or more mobile homes used for living accommodation, as defined in the *Mobile Home Site Tenancies Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-20, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time;
- (u) “mobile waste bin” means a large container used for the receipt of commercial waste, designed to be serviced by front, rear, or side-loading waste collection vehicles, including but not limited to, containers commonly referred to as dumpsters.

- (v) “Municipality” means the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo;
- (w) “number of collection points” means the monthly average number of collection points, as calculated by the CAO for the twelve month period prior to the month in which the most recent budget was approved by the Council. For purposes of calculating the number of collection points, the CAO shall utilize the most recent data available for municipal utility hook-ups as well as data available for the number of collection points serving multiple housing properties and, in the case of mobile home parks, it shall include the total number of mobile home sites as defined in the *Alberta Mobile Home Site Tenancies Act*;
- (x) “occupant” means a person in actual or constructive possession of any residential premises, or other premises, including the registered owner of the premises, or any person who occupies the premises under a lease or license, or with the permission of the registered owner, or any or all of them;
- (y) “person” means any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind, and may include the heirs, executors or legal representatives of a person;
- (z) “private development area” means any commercial development lots, parcel, or subsections of land which are contained within the legal property boundaries, which may be within or outside of municipal jurisdiction.
- (aa) “recycling bin” means a special bin provided by the Municipality or its contractor for the collection of specified recyclable materials as directed by the CAO;
- (bb) “recyclable container” means a bio-degradable or photo-degradable clear plastic bag used as a container for grass clippings or other acceptable yard waste for collection for composting by the Municipality;
- (cc) “recycling depot” means any designated portion of a premises, lot, or parcel of land that has been allocated for the collection of recyclable materials in conjunction with the municipal recycling program. Each depot will be comprised of a number of recycling bins which are to be used for collection and transportation of all recyclable materials;
- (dd) “recyclable material” means any substance or mixture of substances that may be recycled through the Municipality’s recycling program, as established by the CAO from time to time and set out in Schedule “B” of this Bylaw;
- (ee) “residential premises” means single detached dwellings, semi-detached dwellings, duplexes and townhouses, but excluding apartment buildings exceeding four units, condominium complexes, trailer parks and apartment hotels.
- (ff) “residential vehicle” means any non-commercial vehicle that is owned or utilized by a resident for the transferring of waste.

- (gg) “sanitary landfill site” means a landfill facility with the appropriate classification, approved by Alberta Environmental Protection under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* for the disposal and/or storage of municipal solid waste;
- (hh) “scale attendant” means:
- (i) an employee of the Municipality who is employed for the purpose of operating the scales at a sanitary landfill site; or
  - (ii) a person who has entered into a contract with the Municipality for the operation of the scales at a sanitary landfill site for and on behalf of the Municipality, or any employee or agent of that person designated to perform that function;
- (ii) “unacceptable waste” means those items listed in Section 24 of this Bylaw, and such other waste materials as may be determined by the CAO or his designate as unacceptable for inclusion in the Municipality’s waste collection and disposal programs from time to time, with the exception that it shall not include liquid material;
- (jj) “violation ticket” means a written notice, in a form approved by the CAO, issued by a Bylaw Officer pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, RSA 2000, c.P-34, as amended, to advise that person a violation of this bylaw has occurred and that, by payment of a specified amount to the Municipality within a set time period, that person will avoid prosecution for the offence.
- (kk) “waste” has the same meaning as set out in Section 168(k) of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, RSA 2000, c.E-12, as amended or repealed and replaced from time to time, with the exception that it shall not include liquid materials, which are to be considered prohibited waste for any municipal disposal sites;
- (ll) “waste receptacle” means:
- (i) a watertight container of rust resistant construction, of circular design, having a smooth rim, rigid fixed handles, and a watertight cover that complies with the following specifications:
    - A. the container measures between 40cm and 50 cm (16” and 20”) in diameter at the top and tapered to a smaller diameter at the bottom;
    - B. the container measures between 50 cm and 80 cm (20” and 32”) in height;
    - C. the container has a total capacity of between 60 and 110 liters; and
    - D. the gross weight of the container is not more than 20.5 kg (45 lb);

- (ii) a disposable, weather-proof, garbage bag, securely sealed, having maximum dimensions of 80 centimeters in height and 50 centimeters in width, a maximum weight of 20.5 kilograms (45 pounds), and is of sufficient strength to retain all of its contents when lifted; or
  - (iii) such other containers as may be approved by the CAO in writing, from time to time.
- (mm) “weight delivered” means the difference, measured in kilograms, between the weight at the weigh scale prior to proceeding to the disposal area, less the weight at the weigh scale prior to departing the sanitary landfill site. Where the weigh scale becomes inoperative, the “weight delivered” shall be seventy-five (75) percent of the difference between the registered gross and tare weights of the delivery vehicle. For purposes of conversion, one pound shall be considered as equaling 0.4536 kilograms;
- (nn) “yard waste” means refuse that is clean organic matter and which will decompose biologically, normally generated as a result of gardening or horticultural pursuits and includes grass, tree and shrub cuttings and clippings (0.6m in length or less), free of non-organic contaminants and liquids.
5. Where specific definitions have not been provided for terms used in this bylaw, the definitions used in the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and Regulations thereunder shall apply and, in the absence of any definition in the said Act and Regulations, the ordinary meaning of the term shall apply. In all instances, the final interpretation and intent of definitions shall be made by the CAO.

### **PART III - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND AUTHORITY**

6. The Chief Administrative Officer of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and duties under this Bylaw, including:
- (a) entering into contracts for waste collection services with commercial contractors for the collection and disposal of waste;
  - (b) determining service levels, the capacity to store waste and whether mobile waste bin or curb side collection service is provided;
  - (c) determining the most suitable site for waste receptacles or mobile waste bins;
  - (d) determining the appropriate classification for a building, property or residential premises; and
  - (e) determining the operating practices and materials to be accepted at disposal sites.
7. The Chief Administrative Officer shall:
- (a) supervise the storage, collection, removal and disposal of waste in all areas of the

Municipality where collection service or disposal operations has been directed by a resolution of Council;

- (b) direct the days and times that collection shall be made from all areas where collection service is provided and the routing of collection vehicles for optimum efficiency;
- (c) establish the collection points and type of collection service to be provided;
- (d) decide on the quantities, limits and classes of waste that will be removed from any premises or accepted by the Municipality for disposal;
- (e) supervise the disposal sites and equipment used for the collection, storage, processing, and disposal of waste collected or disposed of by the Municipality;
- (f) maintain accurate performance and financial records pertaining to all activities regulated under the terms of this bylaw;
- (g) provide appropriate signage at disposal sites and any other public areas deemed necessary by the CAO stating the provisions of the Municipality's Nuisance Property Bylaw, and the applicable fines pertaining thereto. The signs may also state any other rules relating to the use of the public facility as the CAO may deem appropriate.

#### **PART IV - MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 8. The Municipality may provide for a residential waste collection service for residential premises within the Municipality.
- 9. The Municipality will not be responsible for the provision of waste collection services to private development areas which have not been developed in accordance with pertinent municipal engineering standards and specifications.
- 10. Prior to initiating municipal waste collection services to private development areas, there shall be a service agreement developed between the property owner or property manager and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.
- 11. The Municipality may provide disposal sites in such numbers and at such locations as, in the opinion of the CAO are reasonably required for the efficient handling and disposal of all acceptable waste generated within the boundaries of the Municipality.
- 12. The Municipality may establish and operate such recycling and compost facilities, services and programs as may be required in the reasonable opinion of the CAO for the optimum reduction of waste generated within the boundaries of the Municipality, in accordance with this bylaw.
- 13. The Municipality may establish and provide for public education and assistance programs to improve the awareness of the residents of the Municipality with regard to the cost and



impact associated with the disposal of waste, and to provide the residents with information with respect to alternative methods of waste reduction and disposal.

**PART V - OCCUPANT RESPONSIBILITIES**

14. An occupant of a residential premises from which waste is to be collected shall:
- (a) place or locate waste receptacles for collection day in such a manner that they will not overturn or be likely to overturn;
  - (b) thoroughly drain all waste and wrap it in paper and securely sealed parcel before depositing in the waste receptacle;
  - (c) extinguish all ashes for collection day and put them in a separate waste receptacle securely sealed so as to prevent spillage;
  - (d) the use of regulation waste receptacles as specified in Sec 4 (II), may be disregarded in the following cases:
    - (i) discarded clothing and fabric are securely tied and placed beside the waste receptacles for collection day;
    - (ii) clippings from lawns are securely wrapped and in recyclable containers, plastic bags or any similar container approved by the CAO;
    - (iii) clippings from shrubs and trees, commonly called brush, are to be completely and securely tied in bundles not exceeding 0.6 meters in length (24") and placed beside the waste receptacles for collection day;
15. The occupant shall:
- (a) keep and maintain all waste receptacles on his/her premises in a safe and sanitary condition;
  - (b) place and keep all waste receptacles within the rear portion of the residential premises, or within the side yards, if screened from the view of public occupying adjacent streets or other premises;
  - (c) on collection day, place the waste receptacles as close as possible to the traveled portion of the adjacent street, but shall not place the waste receptacles:
    - (i) further than one (1) meter from the traveled portion of the street;
    - (ii) on any portion of the adjacent public sidewalk;
    - (iii) in any location where a waste receptacle is likely to interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or

- (iv) in any manner which does not provide the collector with direct and unobstructed access to the waste receptacles.
  - (d) where a collection point is located in a rear lane, place the waste receptacles as close to the traveled portion of the lane as possible so as to:
    - (i) provide the collector with direct and unobstructed access to the waste receptacles, without requiring the collector to enter into any fenced or gated area, and;
    - (ii) prevent any interference by the waste receptacles with vehicular or pedestrian traffic within the lane.
  - (e) provide sufficient approved waste receptacles to contain all the waste from those premises during the period between collection days.
  - (f) ensure that all waste placed at a collection point of a residential premises is in an acceptable “waste receptacle” as defined in this bylaw; unsecured waste or waste which is not within an approved waste receptacles or as specified in section 14.D.
  - (g) ensure that all waste is placed at the appropriate collection point between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 7:30 a.m. on the designated collection day for the residential area in which they reside, and that waste receptacles are returned to their normal storage location within 12 hours after being emptied.
16. Neither the Municipality, nor any employee or contractor of the Municipality, shall be responsible for any material or item accidentally disposed of if, on a collection day, that material or item was within three (3) meters of a designated collection point and not otherwise marked with a label clearly visible to the collector, indicating that the material or item does not form a part of the waste to be collected.
17. Waste receptacles shall not be filled to a greater height than within five (5) centimetres of the top of the waste receptacles or with waste of such a weight that the combined weight of the waste receptacle and its contents exceeds 20.5 kilograms (45 pounds)
18. The number of waste receptacles to be set out for collection day shall not exceed four (4) per residential premises per collection day, unless the additional waste receptacles are accompanied by one additional waste tag per additional waste receptacle.
19. All hypodermic needles shall be packaged in a sealed plastic container designed for disposal. Containers must be returned to an approved acceptance facility for final disposal. Waste receptacles containing such materials will be issued a contravention tag and refused refuse collection services.
20. All sawdust, central vacuum dust, and other powdered waste materials shall be double bagged and packaged in securely sealed bags of sufficient strength to securely hold all of its contents when lifted and handled

21. An occupant shall not set out for collection day, any:
- (a) discarded furniture, appliances, automobile parts including tires, or other household equipment;
  - (b) trees, tree limbs, whole shrubs or bushes, portions of hedges;
  - (c) fences, gates or other permanent or semi-permanent fixtures on the premises;
  - (d) building materials and/or building waste;
  - (e) other discarded household chattels, materials or equipment which has an overall length of more than 0.6 meters (2 feet) in any dimension, or an overall weight of more than 20.5 kg. (45 lb.);
  - (f) animal waste as defined under Section 4(b);
  - (g) liquid wastes of any kind;
  - (h) used oil or filters;
  - (i) ashes which are not properly extinguished and packaged, or which may be hot or likely to cause a fire;
  - (j) highly combustible or explosive material, such as powder, ammunition, dynamite, motion picture films, paints, batteries or quicklime;
  - (k) hazardous waste as defined under Section 4(s);
  - (l) waste receptacles in excess of the designated limit as set out in Section 5.05;
  - (m) waste that is uncontained or contained in an unapproved receptacle which has not itself been placed into an appropriate waste receptacle before being set out at the designated collection point;
  - (n) any other waste where the waste receptacle or waste material does not meet the provisions of this bylaw or, if the waste receptacle is in a dilapidated, unsafe or unsanitary condition.
22. The occupant of a residential premises shall promptly clean up any waste material scattered by wind, birds, animals or any other means.
23. The occupant of a residential premises may separate and prepare all recyclable materials, and may deposit them in the appropriate recycling bins provided by the Municipality in approved locations. The preparation of materials for recycling includes, but shall not be limited to:
- (a) separating paper products into the appropriate categories of paper as designated by the CAO from time to time;

- (b) flattening of all corrugated cardboard so as to minimize its volume; and
  - (c) triple rinsing of all metal, glass and plastic containers to eliminate the source of odors and the attraction of rodents and insects;
24. The occupant of a residential premises shall not allow waste to accumulate on or within the premises unless it is stored in an approved waste receptacle, and has been arranged for collection.
25. The owner of a residential premises shall pay the collection fee for waste collection and disposal services as specified in the Municipality's Utility Rates Bylaw. **(BL 20/029)**
26. The occupant of any residential premises shall safely store all household hazardous wastes generated therein or brought thereto, and shall only dispose of stored household hazardous wastes either by delivering them to a location established by the Municipality during a scheduled "Toxic Round-up" or by disposing of them at a waste management facility approved by the Province of Alberta for the handling and disposal of household hazardous wastes.
27. The occupant of a residential premises shall be responsible for making his/her own arrangements for the transportation and disposal of all wastes generated therein or brought thereto that are not acceptable wastes for collection under the provisions of this bylaw.
28. The occupant of a residential premises shall not tie or secure the lid onto a waste receptacle that is intended to be collected from a designated collection point. Modified or altered waste receptacles shall be considered in violation of this Bylaw, and will be refused refuse collection services.

#### **PART VI - COMMERCIAL WASTE RESPONSIBILITIES**

29. The Municipality is not required to provide any commercial waste collection services of any kind under any circumstances.
30. The owner or occupant of a commercial enterprise generating commercial waste shall:
- (a) remove and dispose of commercial waste at an approved disposal site, at their own expense, and on a regular basis;
  - (b) ensure that waste does not accumulate on or within the premises occupied by the commercial enterprise, unless the waste is stored in waste receptacles or mobile waste bins suitable for such purposes, fitted with covers suitable to prevent waste from spilling or being blown from the waste receptacles or mobile waste bins, and to prevent animals from gaining access to the waste;
  - (c) store waste only within waste receptacles or mobile waste bins located on the premises of the commercial enterprise;

- (d) ensure that all waste receptacles or mobile waste bins are kept in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition;
- (e) ensure a sufficient number of mobile waste bins or waste receptacles is provided to securely store all waste generated within the premises occupied by the commercial enterprise.
- (f) ensure that the area surrounding waste receptacles or mobile waste bins are maintained in a clean, tidy, and orderly condition and that any waste spilled or blown off of the premises is immediately retrieved and placed in an appropriate receptacle; and
- (g) where waste receptacles or mobile waste bins are stored in a location visible from adjacent streets or other premises, the waste receptacles should be placed in an enclosed structure. The enclosed structure should be designed to screen the waste receptacles from view, prevent any refuse from blowing onto neighboring properties, while permitting direct and safe access for the private waste collection vehicles.

#### **PART VII - WASTE REDUCTION PROVISIONS AND SERVICES**

- 31. The Municipality may establish or facilitate the establishment of a recycling depot or depots at approved locations and at all sanitary landfill sites and disposal sites at the discretion of the CAO.
- 32. Any person using a recycling depot shall ensure that all acceptable recycling materials delivered by the person to the recycling depot are placed into the appropriate recycling bins and shall immediately clean up any waste, whether recyclable or non-recyclable, which may be released, spilled, dropped or deposited by that person at any location within the recycling depot other than in a designated bin.
- 33. The Municipality may establish or facilitate the establishment of composting facilities at convenient locations, and may make provision for the acceptance of clean organic yard waste at all disposal facilities. Composting materials may be transferred from designated collection points to a composting facility at the discretion of the CAO.
- 34. The CAO shall ensure that all composting facilities established by the Municipality are properly registered with Alberta Environmental Protection under the provisions of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and Regulations thereunder.
- 35. Compost produced as the product of the Municipality's composting program shall be tested to confirm compliance with the standards established in the most recent edition of "Guidelines for Compost Quality" as published by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, and the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and Regulations
- 36. Proceeds from the sale of compost, if any, may be used to assist in the funding of the composting program.

**PART VIII - RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**

37. The Municipality shall collect, remove and dispose of all acceptable waste from a residential premises set out for collection in accordance with the provisions of Part V of this bylaw in those areas of the Municipality designated to receive collection services as established by the CAO from time to time. Waste collection will occur on a weekly basis, or on such other basis as may be established from time to time
38. The Municipality shall not be responsible for the collection of any waste other than from a residential premises, or for the collection of any waste set out in a manner that does not conform with the provisions of Part V of this bylaw.
39. Where waste is placed in a receptacle other than a waste receptacle, the collectors may consider such container as waste and may remove it with the waste.
40. No collection will be made from the inside of any residence.
41. No collection will be made where there is a threat of harassment of or interference with a collector by dogs or other animals running at large.
42. The collectors employed by or under contract to the Municipality shall have the right to enter onto any residential premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw.
43. No persons, other than those authorized under the provisions of this bylaw, shall interfere with or disturb the contents of a waste receptacle after the same has been placed for collection.
44. Collectors shall not accept for collection any waste materials of the type and nature described in Section (24) of this bylaw.
45. Collectors may, at their discretion, have the right to refuse to remove any waste where the receptacle or waste material does not meet the provisions as required by this bylaw or, if the receptacle is in a dilapidated, unsafe or unsanitary condition.
46. Collectors shall not be responsible for the cleanup of waste spilled by the owner or resulting from the waste being stored in insecure waste receptacles.
47. The Municipality will not replace any waste receptacle damaged during collection if, in the CAO's opinion, the waste receptacle was of insufficient strength or rigidity to withstand the wear and tear of normal collection procedures.
48. The Municipality will not return to a residential premises for a missed collection if the waste receptacles were not set out at the collection point by the specified time on the designated collection day.
49. The CAO may, at his sole discretion, authorize the collection of any waste which the Municipality is not required to collect, if the person so requesting such service agrees to pay all of the costs of providing the collection, as determined by the CAO.

### **PART IX - SPECIAL WASTE SERVICE**

50. The special waste services to be provided may include:
- (a) a large item collection week in the spring of each year, whereby residents may set out oversized items for collection and disposal, including but not limited to, old furniture, appliance, large bundles of tree pruning, and such other items, not exceeding any maximum dimensions which may be established by the CAO.
  - (b) an annual toxic roundup whereby residents may bring their household toxic wastes to a designated temporary collection area for packaging and disposal at an approved facility;
  - (c) an annual Christmas tree disposal service, whereby the residents bring their waste Christmas trees for recycling during the second week in January of each year.

### **PART X - TRANSFER AND HAULING**

51. The Municipality may establish temporary disposal sites to service residents living in areas remote from active disposal sites where Council determines it appropriate to do so.
52. All disposal sites under the control of the Municipality shall be operated as a part of the municipal waste disposal program based on user fees as set out in the Utility Rate Bylaw, or as otherwise directed by the Council.
53. All persons using a disposal site shall do so at their own risk, and neither the Municipality nor its employees shall be liable for any claims or damages for injury or damage to any persons or property arising from the normal operation of the facility.
54. All provisions of Part XI of this bylaw pertaining to the operation of disposal sites shall apply equally to all transfer stations, and recycling depots.
55. A person shall not use a vehicle to transport waste unless:
- (a) the vehicle is suitably designed for the transportation of the type of waste actually being transported;
  - (b) operate a vehicle for purposes of hauling waste unless it is fully secured and contained within the vehicle or covered with a tarpaulin or other covering device in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipality, in such manner so as to prevent spillage onto any lane, street or highway within the Municipality;
  - (c) there is equipment on the vehicle or attached to the vehicle, that is capable of securing the waste to ensure that the vehicle can be operated safely when loaded and without danger of

- (i) turning over the vehicle, or
  - (ii) the load shifting, swaying, blowing off, falling off, leaking or otherwise escaping.
- (d) Any person operating a vehicle for the purposes of transporting waste to a disposal site without using a tarp-system or taking measures to ensure the load complies with all requirements of Sec (56) shall be guilty of an offence and liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty as set out at Schedule A of this Bylaw.
56. No person shall transport any waste, or animal waste, except in covered waterproof metal receptacles designed to prevent spillage, protect the contents from flies, minimize the escape of offensive odors and prevent unsightly conditions.

### **PART XI – SANITARY LANDFILL DISPOSAL**

57. The Municipality may provide for the disposal of all acceptable waste generated within the Municipality at approved sanitary landfills under the provisions of the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. The locations, restrictions, conditions for use and operating hours shall be reduced to writing and shall be made available to the interested members of the general public.
58. All waste sanitary landfills under the control of the Municipality shall be operated based on user fees as set out in the Utility Rate Bylaw, or as otherwise directed by the Council.
59. The CAO may establish special acceptance and handling procedures for screening, monitoring, handling and disposal of some special wastes. The special waste acceptance and handling procedures shall be reduced to writing and shall be available for inspection to members of the general public. The fees associated with any special waste acceptance and handling procedures shall be as provided in the Municipality's Utility Rate Bylaw.
60. The detailed operating policies and procedures for each sanitary landfill operated by the Municipality shall be in accordance with the *Alberta Environmental Protection Enhancement Act*.
61. All waste sanitary landfills shall be attended by an employee or representative of the Municipality at all times that the sanitary landfill is open to the public. The scale attendant and any other landfill attendants that may be present at the site at any time are to be the delegates of the CAO for the purposes of supervision and control of the sanitary landfills. Any person who refuses to or fails to cooperate with or follow the instruction of the scale attendant and any other landfill attendants shall be in contravention of this Bylaw.
62. All persons using a sanitary landfill or disposal site shall do so at their own risk, and neither the Municipality nor its employees shall be liable for any claims or damages for injury or damage to any persons or property arising from the normal operation of the disposal site.
63. No person shall smoke cigarettes, cigars or pipes or have an open flame under any



circumstances within the boundaries of any sanitary landfill.

64. All users of any municipal sanitary landfill shall pay a user fee in the amount specified in the Utility Rate Bylaw, and the total landfill disposal charge based on weight shall be calculated by multiplying the “weight delivered”, by the rate specified.
65. For the purposes of determining “weight delivered” to provide for accurate billing and record keeping, each user of the sanitary landfill shall be required to stop at the weigh scale prior to proceeding to the disposal area and upon departing from the site unless otherwise directed by the scale attendant.
66. No person shall refuse or omit to pay any fees or other charges due to the Municipality as a result of that person’s use of a municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site.
67. No person shall deposit any waste material at a municipal disposal site other than at a location or in a manner directed by the CAO or his designate at the site.
68. No person shall deposit any waste material of any kind at the municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site either before or after the regular designated operating hours for the site.
69. No persons shall scavenge or otherwise remove any materials from any municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site except as expressly authorized in writing by the CAO for the purposes of a recycling or recovery program. Any person violating this clause will be considered to be in contravention of this bylaw and will be subject to penalties as outlined in Schedule “A”.
70. No person shall dump paper or other loose materials at any municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site, unless the same is securely tied or wrapped, without prior authorization from the CAO.
71. No person shall light or cause a fire to be started at or within any municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site unless authorized to do so in writing by CAO.
72. No person shall deposit any hazardous waste at any municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site unless authorized to do so, in writing, by the CAO or his delegate.
73. The Chief Administrative Officer may, at his sole discretion:
  - (a) Require pre-testing of any wastes presented or proposed to be delivered for disposal to a municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site in order to confirm the acceptability of that wastes; or
  - (b) Randomly sample materials at the time of delivery to a municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site for verification testing to confirm acceptability of the waste; or
  - (c) In relation to subsections (a) and (b), the scope and extent of testing shall be at the sole discretion of the CAO, but should be sufficient to satisfy any concern the CAO has with respect to the acceptability of the waste or with respect to the potential for any

adverse environmental or health impact that may result from the waste.

74. No person shall deposit waste containing any form of free liquid at any municipal sanitary landfill disposal site, without prior approval of the attendant.
75. When utilizing a municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site:
- (a) all persons present within the legal boundaries of a municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site, shall at all times, act in a courteous manner to the attendants and officials operating the site, and shall comply with all directions given by attendants and officials related to the proper location and methods of disposal of waste delivered to the municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site
  - (b) an attendant may refuse to provide services to any person who acts in an intimidating, offensive or abusive manner in relation to an attendant or any other municipal employee or contractor operating the site, and may require that person to leave the municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site immediately, regardless of whether the person has completed disposal of waste.
  - (c) Any person acting in an intimidating, offensive or abusive manner towards any attendant, employee or contractor shall be guilty of an offence.
76. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to:
- (a) deny the use of any municipal sanitary landfill or disposal facilities, on either a temporary or permanent basis, to any person who violates any of the terms of this bylaw;
  - (b) evaluate and determine the acceptability for disposal of any waste not specifically dealt with in the bylaw, if the CAO receives a written request from the person proposing to dispose of the waste at a municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site;
  - (c) specify an acceptable time schedule, and pre-disposal conditions for the delivery of wastes which might otherwise cause undue operational difficulties at any municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site;
  - (d) make any rules or regulations that he may deem necessary concerning the use and operation of any municipal sanitary landfill or disposal site, including but not limited to, reducing or waiving of disposal fees for charitable organization.
77. The monitoring protocol for the monitoring contemplated in the preceding paragraph of this bylaw shall be in full compliance with the provisions of the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and the supporting Waste Control Regulation which shall be reduced to writing and made available to interested members of the public on request.
78. Residents using the municipal sanitary landfill site for disposal site will not be charge if the total weight of the waste being disposed is less then 400kg. For loads exceeding 400kg, residents will be charged disposal fees as set out in the Utility Rates Bylaw.

79. Bio-medical wastes shall not be disposed of in any municipal sanitary landfill within the region unless the materials are certified as having been rendered non-pathogenic, and all sharp edges have been rendered unusable and are packed and sealed in puncture-proof containers.
80. Animal carcasses will be strictly prohibited from all disposal sites, unless the animal carcass is accompanied by a permit from Canadian Food Inspection Agency effective July 12, 2007.

## **PART XII - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**

81. Any person who commits a breach of any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to the penalties set out in “Schedule A”.
82. The occupant of any residential premises or other premises upon which waste is placed, stored, handled, left for collection or disposed of in an improper manner, is guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to the penalties set out in “Schedule A”.
83. Where a Bylaw Officer has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has contravened any provision of this bylaw, the Bylaw Officer is authorized and empowered to issue a violation ticket pursuant to Part 2 of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, RSA 2000, c.P-34, as amended, to that person.
84. A person to whom a violation ticket is issued pursuant to this bylaw may, in accordance with the provisions of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, RSA 2000, c.P-34, as amended, elect to plead guilty and make a voluntary payment of the specified penalty indicated on the violation ticket. The recording of the payment by the Clerk of the Court shall be an acceptance of a guilty plea and constitutes a conviction under the bylaw.
85. Nothing in this bylaw shall be deemed to nullify, amend, supersede or repeal any of the provisions of any bylaw relating to fires or to public health, and nothing in this bylaw shall serve as an excuse for any person refusing or failing to comply with the provisions of this bylaw.
86. It is the intention of the Council that each provision of this bylaw be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and that if, for any reason, one provision shall be declared inoperative, it shall not affect the operation and validity of the other sections of the bylaw.

**PART XIII - REPEAL**

87. Bylaw No. 01/061, Improvement District Order No. FM-24-94, and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

**PART XIV - FORCE AND EFFECT**

89. This Bylaw shall come into effect when it has received third reading and has been signed by the Mayor and Chief Legislative Officer

READ a first time this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, A.D. 2007.

READ a second time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2007.

READ a third and final time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2007.

Amendment

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### Specified Penalties

Section(s)	Description	Specified Penalty Amount
14(c)	Improper packaging of ashes	\$125.00
14 (d-ii)	Improper packaging of yard waste	\$125.00
15(a) & 30(d)	Waste receptacle improperly maintained	\$85.00
15(c) & 30(g)	Improperly located waste receptacles	\$85.00
15(e) & 30(e)	Failure to provide sufficient number of waste receptacles	\$125.00 + Clean-up cost
17	Improperly filled waste receptacles	\$125.00
19	Hypodermic needles in curbside waste	\$150.00
20	Failure to double bag sawdust, central vacuum dust, and other powdered waste materials	\$125.00
21	Setting out unacceptable waste for collection	\$150.00
22 & 30(f)	Failure to clean-up waste debris	\$125.00 + Clean-up cost
24 & 30(b)	Allowing waste to accumulate	\$125.00 + Clean-up cost
30(e)	Failure to provide sufficient mobile waste bins or waste receptacles	\$250.00 + Clean-up cost
30(d)	Failure to maintain mobile waste bins in a safe, sanitary condition	\$200.00
15(c) & 30	Improper placement of bins	\$85.00
63	Smoking at a disposal site	\$125.00
67	Disposal at unauthorized location	\$500.00 + Clean-up cost
69	Unauthorized scavenging at a sanitary landfill	\$125.00
72	Unauthorized disposal of hazardous waste	\$500.00 + Clean-up cost
75	Abusive behavior towards landfill employees	\$125.00
56 & 57	unsecured loads arriving at a disposal site	Clean-up cost +
	- residential vehicles	\$85.00
	- commercial vehicles	\$500.00

***Bylaw contraventions not covered under Schedule A shall be subject to an \$85.00 fine upon summary conviction.***

**Fort McMurray Recycling Program**

Recycling Depot Recyclables (Timberlea, Thickwood, Downtown and Landfill);

- Cardboard
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Glass
- Metals
- Plastic Milk Jugs

Other recyclables accepted at the Fort McMurray Landfill;

- Waste oil
- Glycols
- Paints
- Solvents
- E-waste
- Aggregates ( Concrete, Asphalt, Gravel )
- Tires
- ≤20 lbs Propane cylinders
- Batteries
- White Goods ( Fridges, Stoves, Washer and Dryers )
- Metals
- Barbeques