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Curbside Pickup of Waste and Recycling in TVT

As you may be aware, Tay Valley Township (TVT) Council is in the process of planning for the implementation of curbside pickup of waste and recycling in TVT. Depending on the planning process and input from the public suggested implementation dates currently range from January 1, 2018 to 4th quarter 2018. Pressure and concern from residents and lake associations, in particular the Christie Lake Association, has resulted in a delay in the process and, importantly, the scheduling of a public information session. That Session is currently scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 9:30 AM at the Glen Tay School, Harper Road.

The concept of curbside pickup was introduced to Council in the summer of 2016 and has been on the agenda of Council and Committee of the Whole meetings numerous times since. For many, the notion of improved services in this area was well received but at the same time many expressed concern with the proposed implementation plan.

Some of the early concerns with the plan, but now subject to change, include:

- There will be no curbside pick-up for those who live on private roads. There are approximately 261 private roads in TVT.
- For those who access their properties by private road, pickup is planned take place at the end of the private road at a designated site. At this time there is no decision as to whether garbage bags and recyclables would be dropped at a designated site or some form/size of dumpster would be placed at the intersection of each private/public road. (e.g. the junction of Colin Farmer, Millar Bay Rd., Blair Poole Farm Lane and Elm Grove Road.)
- The waste sites at Stanleyville and Maberly will be closed to the public. The Glen Tay waste site will be the only waste site in use in TVT.
- Initially the plan stated that TVT residents will not be permitted to take their household waste or recyclables to the Glen Tay waste site except for glass (bottles, window panes, etc.) and special items such as tires, large appliances, electronics, brush, construction waste, etc. Consideration is now being given to allowing residents/cottagers on private roads to chose between continuing to take household waste and recyclables to the Glen Tay waste site or participating in the initial solution for private road pick-up.
- TVT proposes to charge a specified amount (probably \$2.50 per bag) for each bag of household waste regardless of whether it is picked up or dropped off at the Glen Tay site. There will be no charge for cardboard, paper, recyclable plastic or metal cans, or for delivering glass to the GT waste site. Clear plastic bags bearing TVT logos or TVT garbage tags may be purchased at the Township offices.

There are approximately 20 private roads around the TVT portion of Otty and McLaren Lake which is approximately 8% of the total private roads in TVT. Assuming no change to the current plan to designate pick-up sites at the intersection of private and public roads, household waste pickup sites will be located on or near Long Lake Road, Elm Grove Road, Kenyon Road and Lakewood Road.

The OLA is concerned that all members of the OLA and our community have an opportunity to input to the curbside pickup of waste and recyclables plan. Should you have concerns or a particular viewpoint and are unable to attend the public meeting on June 24th in person, please forward your comments to ola@ottylakeassociation.ca.

Alternatively, residents and cottagers on private roads could address these issues at their annual road meetings and submit a road position to TVT.

Time permitting it is the intention of the OLA to summarize all input and present a summary of findings on June 24th.

Thank you
Board of Directors,
Otty Lake Association