



Solid Waste Resources
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June 9, 2009

Dear Madam/Sir:

Re: HRM By-Law S-605 - Cardboard at ICI Properties

At the June 2, 2009 meeting, Regional Council approved By-Law S-605, the primary purpose of which is to enable the recovery and recycling of cardboard at industrial, commercial (which includes apartments larger than six units) and institutional properties.

As approved by Regional Council, effective July 1, 2009, cardboard at all ICI properties is to be kept separate from other papers and is to remain separate for collection. This requirement will ensure the maximum quality of cardboard for recycling. The change to HRM By-Law S-600 was necessitated by the world wide collapse in the demand for and value of all paper, including cardboard.

The By-Law amendments followed an extensive consultative process with the local collection industry and paper recycling companies. The amendment to By-Law S-600 was administered through the regular protocol of issuance of a Notice of Motion, Notice in local newspapers, a Public Hearing on June 2, 2009 and approval by Regional Council. The requirement for cardboard to be kept separate from other paper at ICI properties will provide certainty, equity among all ICI properties, a higher quality of product and price, currently and in the future when the fibre market rebounds.

The attached "Recyclable Market Conditions Update", dated June 8, 2009, has been provided to local collection companies, for distribution to their ICI clients.

By-Law S-600 (inclusive of By-Law S-605 amendments) is available on the HRM website www.halifax.ca under 'Quick Links', scroll down to 'By-Laws'. Also available under 'Quick Links', 'Council Regional', June 2, 2009 Regional Council meeting, agenda item 11.3.13 is the staff report with Appendix 'A' By-Law S-605 amending By-Law S-600.

Regards,

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Attachment

***Each landfill cell costs \$15 million and is full in three years.
Help extend the life of each cell by recycling and composting.***

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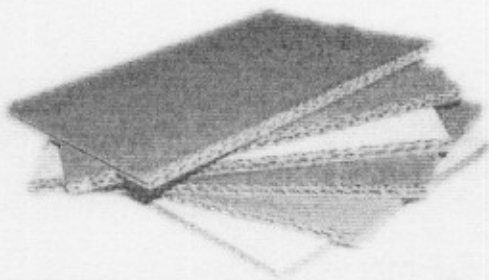
RECYCLABLE MARKET CONDITIONS UPDATE

June 8, 2009

The Municipality has now amended its municipal bylaw (By-Law S-600) to require the separation of recyclable cardboard from paper at industrial, commercial (includes apartment buildings greater than six units) and institutional (ICI) properties effective July 1, 2009.

This amendment will ensure the marketability of cardboard and paper when markets are down and after they recover. A copy of this amendment to HRM By-Law S-600 is available on the HRM's website at www.halifax.ca

The By-Law change requires that corrugated cardboard and paper be maintained separate at ICI properties from the point of generation of the recyclable materials through storage, collection and transport by your ICI hauler. This is in addition to the requirement to keep blue bag recyclable materials separate from corrugated cardboard and paper. Check with your hauler for specific collection arrangements for your location to be used to collect paper and corrugated cardboard.



(Corrugated Cardboard)

Separate From



(Newspapers, office paper, flyers,
envelopes, magazines, telephone books, etc)

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