



February 27, 2025

Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh
C/O Thomas McCarthy
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Re: Proposal for curbside collection of waste

Curbside waste and recycling services expire April 30, 2025. Recycling will transition to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) model May 1, 2025, whereby the cost of the recycling program is no longer the responsibility of the municipality.

WM has been selected as the service provider for recycling collection under EPR. As part of our bid, WM offered automated cart-based collection to start sometime in 2026. This means new trucks will be deployed and individual carts delivered to each household for automated collection. Manual collection of bags and blue boxes will no longer be available.

Under the recycling regulation, collection at in-eligible sources will no longer be available as part of curbside recycling effective January 1, 2026. If there are any non-eligible sources that currently participate in collection, those would need to be identified prior to May 1. A separate charge will need to be determined and applied until December 31, 2025. After this date, non-eligible sources will need separate collection.

WM can provide waste collection services beyond the EPR transition date of May 1, 2025. Waste carts will be delivered alongside recycling carts to ensure a seamless transition. To facilitate this process, we will require a complete listing of all service addresses within the municipality.

Service & Cost Breakdown

The pricing summary below reflects the transition to automated collection, with an increase of 5% taking effect on May 1, 2025. A weekly service option has also been provided. Due to travel distances, disposal sites and the biweekly nature of recycling collection, the option of weekly waste collection would require twice the number of vehicles compared to the current service structure.

Current Service	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost
Current Waste & Recycling	\$242,694.58	\$20,224.55
Even split in co-collection model	\$121,347.29	\$10,112.27
Current waste charge allocation	\$81,267.60	\$6,772.30
Proposed Waste Service	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost
May 1, 2025: Waste Only (Biweekly, 3 Trucks)	\$127,400.00	\$10,616.67
May 1, 2025: Waste Only (Weekly, 6 Trucks)	\$454,441.00	\$37,870.08
Increase (\$)	\$46,052.70	\$3,844.40
Increase (%)	57%	



Based on collection to an estimated 3191 households (units) on a **bi-weekly** schedule, the annual rate per household will go from \$25.47 to **\$39.92**. starting May 1, 2025.

Based on collection to an estimated 3191 households (units) on a **weekly** schedule, the annual rate will go from \$25.47 to **\$142.41**. starting May 1, 2025.

The provided rates includes the use of a new Automated Side Loader (ASL) truck and the distribution of waste carts to each household. WM will retain ownership of the carts, ensuring maintenance and replacements are managed as needed.

The curbside tonnage for waste has had a significant increase from our last proposal in 2019 which plays a factor into collection costs. There has been a 42% increase in volume during our current term or a 42% increase in volume from 2019 to 2024. A summary is below:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Waste Tonnage	301.87	312.12	412.8	413.72	423.51	461.34	444.41

Schedule Assumptions

Service will take place every second Monday. On one week, collection will cover the Ashfield and Wawanosh Ward areas. On the alternate week, collection will be completed in the Colborne Ward.

Inaccessible Areas for Carts

There will need to be an assessment into the current stockpile locations in the Lakeshore area for alternatives to cart collection. These locations will likely transition to front-load containers to better accommodate resident needs. Further communication on these areas will be provided once the Municipality and WM complete their site tours and receive feedback from residents and/or associations.

Key Terms & Considerations

- 5-year term with an additional 5-year mutual renewal option
- Annual escalator of 5% starting May 1, 2026
- Waste and recycling will be collected in the same truck at the same time
- Cart replacement fee is \$100 per cart for damage
- Delivery fees for new developments will be \$100 per cart.

WM is committed to supporting this transition and ensuring a seamless shift to automated collection. A 3-month communication plan will be prepared for review and approval. If you have any questions regarding this proposal or the transition process, please don't hesitate to reach out.
