

Invoices for hauling cover completed between June and October 2008 have not been submitted with works logs and to date have not been paid for that reason.

Following the direction from Council to proceed with the addition work hours a new contract was sent to the Contractor for review and execution, to date that contract has not been signed and the associated documentation has not been submitted to the Town – including the provision for monthly invoicing and work logs.

Hours of Work

This experience is showing that 15 hours per week of compaction is good practice. Following discussions with the site operator, the duration on individual work days should be adjusted, but an increase in total hours is not being proposed. The tender will mandate a 15 hour work week with hours of work as outlined below:

Day	Current	Total Daily hours	Proposed	Total Daily Hours
Sunday	NA	0	NA	0
Monday	2pm-5pm	3	3pm-5pm	2
Tuesday	2pm-5pm	3	1pm-5pm	4
Wednesday	NA		NA	
Thursday	2pm-5pm	3	3pm-5pm	2
Friday	2-pm-5pm	3	1pm-5pm	4
Saturday	11am-2pm	3	11am-2pm	3
Total Weekly Hours		15		15

New Curbside Contractor

The new collection Contractor (Mid Ontario Disposal) is completing the collection with one waste truck and one recycle truck, the previous contractor operated with 2 waste trucks and 2 recycle trucks. The previous Contractor routinely completed the collections before or just after noon. It is anticipated that the new collection Contractor will take the more of the operating day to complete the waste collection. This change will need to be monitored by Town staff to ensure waste is tipped prior to the completion of the compaction Contractor's work day. Further adjustment to the compaction Contractor's work hours may be necessary. Also, the collection Contractor may need to be held to the Working Hours clause of the agreement that describes collections to be carried out between 7:00am and 5:00pm. Following the first week of operations with the new collection Contractor it appears curbside waste will on average be tipped between 2:00 and 4:00 pm.

Also, the new curbside collection Contractor understands the provision to not tip waste on Wednesdays.

Site Life

With an estimated 2.5 years remaining at the site at the end of 2009, executing a compaction contract for anything longer than 2 years is not practical. Over the next 2 to 3 years significant decisions will need to be made that will influence the amount of waste being landfilled and when and how it is being landfilled. Consideration will need to be given to:

- the potential for exporting waste to the proposed BioWaste facility;
- how daily compaction will work with the proposed mining project;
- where the planned proposed expansion will be; and
- if the Town should be limiting waste accepted at the site to municipal waste only in the interim.

The creation of new capacity is expected to be at least 3 years away – that timeline overshoots the estimated disposal capacity at current consumption rates. One method of reducing consumption is placing a moratorium on the disposal of commercial, industrial, institutional, construction and demolition waste. This would increase the site life two fold and give the Town 5 years to complete the new capacity development. Site revenues would be significantly reduced, however that loss in revenue needs to be compared to the cost of export and disposal of waste when the site has no remaining capacity in 2.5 years. The Town may have other options in the form of an emergency approval if the process is seen by the Ministry of Environment to be significantly complete, however that option needs to be explored further.

Town Staff are continuing to work with our existing consultant on the Environmental Screening Project and will be developing a strategy which will be presented to Committee and Council in early 2010.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

This activity will address the Town's municipal infrastructure needs by providing required solid waste compaction and cover requirements.

D. Environmental Impacts

Increased cover will minimize disease/contaminate vectors and wind-blown litter issues at the landfill site and increased compaction will increase the density of the disposed waste material, which will make better use of the remaining approved landfill volume – increasing site life.

E. Budget Impact

The additional work will increase the 2010 operation budget as estimated and outlined in the chart below:

	2009	2010	Difference
Annual Compaction Budget	97,600	144,600	48%

F. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

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