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Mayor Ellen Anderson; ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS  
TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

The Swiss Meadows Ratepayers Association are asking for some consideration of a Leaf and needle pick up this fall.

The Towns of Collingwood and Wasaga Beach have a one day service in the fall to handle the problem. Although we realize that many of the Residents of the Town live in Rural areas and may not be interested where many acres of land are involved.

However here in our area we have 110 half acre lots with a lot of trees and grass. We know that the Dump is available to take this type of leavings but we also know that we don't own trucks and being able to take the bags there is very difficult.

The big problem is the fact that pine needles in particular do not break down and kill anything underneath it like grass. To make it matters worse if the needles are not removed, the result will be the growth of a few types of fungus, moss and a mushroom like plant. It all takes place underneath and therefore the needles have to be removed. Cedar tree leaves will do the same thing.

We do not feel that its a big undertaking to have a one day pick up and I would suggest it be limited to the large paper bags. Tree limbs etc. are a different matter.

Most people here are proud of their lawns and the trees that grow on their properties. As a result the needle, leaf problem we feel has to be addressed.

If you feel we should appear at a meeting of the Council to explain our position we would be glad to do so.

We know that its a cost and this could be discussed as well. I'm sure there are a lot of Home owners near the village that will face the same problem we have as their properties grow and the trees etc become bigger.

We hope you will give this due consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Carter  
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