

# IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF OUTLOOK RECYCLING PROGRAM

## COMMITMENT

The Town of Outlook remains committed to recycling solid waste items. Going forward this service will be provided in a more economically feasible manner. The market for recyclable products has steadily declined over the years and we have found that operating our own recycling program has gone from a profitable endeavour to one that runs at a very large deficit. This is difficult to justify as a viable service going forward. The decision to close the recycling depot was difficult but necessary. It is our turn to follow the lead of so many other municipalities who have made this same fiscally responsible decision. We are optimistic that our community will fully embrace the new method of delivery of a recycling service.

After considerable research and negotiations, the Town of Outlook has entered into a service agreement with Loraas Disposal North Ltd. They will provide curbside residential pickup of single stream recyclable products once every two weeks.



## HOW IT WORKS

This is such a convenient way to recycle as you will be provided with a 95 gallon cart to store on your property and you no longer have to sort any items! Loraas will provide an easy to understand brochure as to what items can and cannot be placed in your cart as well as a schedule of bi-weekly (every other week) pick up days for the entire year. All residential pickups will be front street to accommodate the size of their trucks. We will also instruct you in the near future as to proper placement of the bins, especially for those residents who live on streets with highway traffic or with special circumstances in their neighbourhood.

When it is your scheduled pick up day, you simply wheel the cart out to your front street before 7:00 am and wheel it back to a secure location on your property once it is emptied.

It will be important for you to ensure you move it back onto your property as soon as possible to avoid any issues in the unlikely event that there is vandalism or theft, and to accommodate street sweeping and snow removal. Normal wear and tear on the carts is covered under warranty by Loraas. However, theft and vandalism is the responsibility of the home owner just the same as any other items you own. For example, if you put your child's bike or your lawn mower in the garage or back yard, you would probably be inclined to do the same with your recycling cart.

All carts will have a serial number for tracking purposes.

## YOUR COST

For many years the fees for recycling were set significantly lower than needed for this labour intensive service. If we continued to run our own recycling program, the quarterly recycle fee for every household's utility bill would have to be closer to \$80.00 just to break even. In contrast, the new curbside service will only slightly increase the recycling fee.

Replacement of a cart is \$125.00 at your expense if it is not a warranty replacement. We will stock several extras to have some in storage to facilitate a faster exchange process.

If residents place prohibited items in their cart it will not be picked up. If our town is found to be in violation of acceptable items on an ongoing basis, there may be a cost increase. Therefore, it is important that we all continue to be recycling leaders in the province.

The Town is eligible for Multi-Material Stewardship Grants and the required reporting will continue to be facilitated with this new method of recycling so we will continue to receive grant money for our recycling efforts.

**EFFECTIVE Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> the Recycling Depot will be permanently closed. Loraas will provide large non-sort collection bins at the existing locations around town until the residential carts are delivered in approximately 6-8 weeks.**