



**Subject:** *Solid Waste Tipping Fee Policy - April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027*  
**To:** Executive Committee  
**Date Prepared:** March 3, 2026  
**Related Motions:**  
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### Summary

The current tipping fee schedule is set to expire March 31, 2026. This is a Council Policy and therefore requires review and discussion to set the rates. The schedule is 1-year to align with contracts for processing and transportation scheduled to go to market in the upcoming fiscal year.

### Financial Impact Statement

Tipping fees are designed to cover the costs from wastes generated from the industrial, commercial, and institutional sector, whereas residents are charged a dwelling unit fee for their waste generation. This schedule was created in conjunction with the preparation of the 2026-2027 budget.

### Recommendation

Staff recommend Executive Committee recommend to Council that the 1-year (2026/27) solid waste tipping fee schedule is approved.

### Recommended Motion

*Regular Meeting of Council (Policy & In-Camera) - March 10, 2026:*

*“Move that the Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommend that Council give notice of intent to adopt the proposed amended Solid Waste Tipping Fee Policy, with pricing schedule effective April 1, 2026 to expire March 31, 2027”.*

*Regular Meeting of Council - March 25, 2026*

*“Move that the Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommend that Council adopt the proposed amended Solid Waste Tipping Fee Policy, with pricing schedule effective April 1, 2026 to expire March 31, 2027”.*

## Background

Waste management facilities across Nova Scotia charge tipping fees to recover costs related to the management of materials they receive. The Municipality of East Hants charges tipping fees to all customers, with the exception of residents that opt to direct haul materials to the facility.

## Discussion

Costs for processing and transportation of various materials, as well as cost increases for our own municipal operations require a regular review of the tipping fee schedule. In preparation for the recommended fee schedule staff considered the following:

- Actual costs for processing and transportation of various materials
- Contract terms for processing and transportation

Staff also took the opportunity to review policy language for any housekeeping needs. The following outlines those proposed changes:

- Update within in *Scope* related to when fees are charged. This is already captured in other documents but was not specifically noted in this policy.
- Addition of *Truck Scrape-Out* definition and fee. This has been an increased request at the facility and requires staff time and resources (though a waiver has been in place). This is intended to cover those costs for this assistance, as other facilities do.

The following table shows the current and proposed prices per product per tonne.

CURRENT	PROPOSED
2025-2026	2026-2027
<b>East Hants</b>	
\$147.00	\$151.50
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$294.00	\$303.00
\$118.00	\$120.60
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$78.00	\$80.40
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$195.00	\$226.00
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$126.00	\$129.50
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$147.00	\$151.50
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$78.00	\$80.40
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$52.00	\$53.60
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$78.00	\$80.40
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$78.00	\$80.40
\$0.00	\$0.00
\$126.00	\$129.50
\$0.00	\$0.00

The following is the rounded tonnage managed at the Waste Management Centre for the calendar year 2025 from our commercial (paying) customers:

- Mixed C&D 1500 tonnes
- Sorted C&D 150 tonnes
- Mixed Waste 165 tonnes
- Waste 2400 tonnes
- Recycling 21 tonnes
- Organics 39 tonnes

The Solid Waste Resource & Collection Bylaw (I&O) does require all waste generated within East Hants that is to be disposed (garbage & construction waste) to be processed through the Waste Management Centre. Currently there is no requirement for divertible materials, such as recycling and organics to remain within our system. Therefore, our commercial recycling and organics tonnages reflect that.

## **STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

This work aligns with the Municipality's strategic goal of sustainable infrastructure and corporate excellence ensuring the solid waste management system is accurately funded.

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## **Alternatives**

Executive Committee direct staff to make changes to the fee schedule.

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