

Andrea Trask

From: Enfield Earthkeepers [REDACTED]
Sent: July 31, 2026 11:52 AM
To: MLA John A. MacDonald; Enfield Earthkeepers; Robert; Enfield Investments; Andrea Trask
Subject: RE: East Hants Waste Management Centre

Dear Councilors of East Hants,

I am writing to bring forward an issue that has recently been communicated to Andrea Trask from the Municipality. We were advised that the Enfield Earthkeepers are to be charged dumping fees when disposing of rubbish collected from East Hants tax-paying residents, on the basis that the Earthkeepers are considered a business.

This policy creates significant hardship for the very residents the Earthkeepers are trying to support—particularly seniors, many of whom are unable to transport waste to the dump themselves. If these same residents brought their rubbish directly, they would not be charged. Yet when youth from a non-profit, community-oriented program assist them, a fee is imposed.

The Enfield Earthkeepers operate as a non-profit initiative focused on lawn care, community service and youth employment. Their work helps reduce illegal dumping, supports vulnerable residents, and contributes to the cleanliness and well-being of our community. Charging them for a free service, offered to the residents of East Hants, seems counterproductive and places an unnecessary burden on both the organization and the residents they serve.

I respectfully ask Council to review this policy and consider an exemption or alternative arrangement that recognizes the Earthkeepers' role as a community service provider rather than a commercial enterprise.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to our municipality.

Sincerely,

Bob Bona

Jacqueline Davey
Earthkeepers, Coordinator
[REDACTED]

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From: Andrea Trask
Sent: May 25, 2026 7:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]; 'Bob Bona'
Cc: East Hants Solid Waste
Subject: Waste Tipping Fee Inquiry

Hello

I was contacted by Mr. Bona last week related to the work of the Enfield Earth Keepers Association to inquire about waste tipping fees at the East Hants Waste Management Centre.

Our tipping fees are based on weight, so when looking at the fee structure please keep that in mind. Lighter loads = less charged. Within our tipping fee policy we do not have a mechanism to provide waived fees for the Enfield Earth Keepers. The association is providing a service and is paid for said service, similar to other organizations within East Hants.

However, I would offer the following. When scheduling work with customers using our East Hants Waste Wizard tool will provide you a quick check on their next curbside collection day. If work is scheduled to align with curbside services that material can be neatly prepared for that, saving both the Earth Keepers from handling material more and removing additional costs for the work provided. We provide one of the most extensive curbside services in Nova Scotia, meaning we collect many more products curbside vs. other municipalities.

You can find our Waste Wizard [here](#), or you can download the app. Just enter the clients address and you'll see their schedule.

If you or your team has specific questions the Waste Wizard allows you to search items, or you can always email us at solidwaste@easthants.ca.

Sincerely,

Andrea



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From: Enfield Investments [REDACTED]
Sent: September 11, 2025 10:25 AM
To: MLA John Mac Donald; Andrea Trask
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Georgefield

To: Andrea Trask, East Hants Municipal Council, & MLA John A. MacDonald

From: Bob Bona

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: September 11, 2025

Subject: Request to Eliminate Tipping Fees for Seniors at Georgefield Waste Management Centre

Dear Andrea, Council Members, and, MLA MacDonald,

I am writing to express concern regarding the tipping fees being charged to senior residents at the Georgefield Waste Management Centre. While other local residents are able to access this service free of charge, seniors are being asked to pay—

Many seniors in East Hants live on fixed incomes and face growing financial challenges. But beyond the economic impact, there are significant health considerations that make this fee especially problematic. A large number of seniors are unable to transport their own waste due to mobility issues, chronic illness, or other age-related health conditions. As a result, they must rely on family members, caregivers, or neighbors to take their refuse to the facility on their behalf.

Unfortunately, under the current policy, these helpers are being charged tipping fees simply because they are not the senior themselves—even though they are acting solely out of necessity and goodwill. This creates a punitive system that penalizes seniors for their physical limitations and discourages community support.

I respectfully urge the Municipality of East Hants and the provincial government to reconsider this policy and eliminate tipping fees for seniors, when waste is delivered on their behalf. Doing so would reflect the compassion and fairness that our community values and would ease a significant burden on those who need it.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and to seeing East Hants continue to lead with empathy and equity.

Sincerely,
Bob Bona

Rhonda Steeves

Administrative Assistant & Property Manager

Enfield Investments Ltd / Bo-rent Enterprises

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From: Enfield Investments <enfinvest@gmail.com>

Sent: August 19, 2025 10:32 AM

To: Andrea Trask <atrask@easthants.ca>; 'Bob Bona' [REDACTED]

Subject: waste management center

Hello Andrea,

You are receiving this email in dispute of 2x payments which occurred at the Georgefield Waste Management Centre.

I am a senior resident in East Hants, living in a gated community which pays higher taxes than most others and yet receives minimal services from the Municipality.

A Free tipping service at the management center is provided to the tax paying residents of EH but because I am a senior and unable to physically do the heavy lifting and lugging, I am getting penalized.

I often have family and friends assist me with any yard or home cleaning, and they are happy to take the debris to the dump for me.

The past couple of times, these helpers have been charged for disposal.

At this time, we are asking for a credit be returned for the fees already paid, and to be proactive in submitting a request for future dumping at no fee for my residence.

1050 Monte Vista Road, Enfield.

On behalf of Bob Bona.

Thank you.

Rhonda Steeves

902-471-2766

enfinvest@gmail.com

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From: Andrea Trask
Sent: August 19, 2025 3:05 PM
To: 'Enfield Investments'; 'Bob Bona'
Subject: RE: waste management center

Hello Rhonda and Bob,

I have forwarded the request to senior management for review, as per our policy. These fees will not be reimbursed as they do not meet the criteria to do so.

To clarify when tipping fees are charged to residents – only residents that directly delivery materials from their own home have no fees applied. East Hants is an anomaly compared to other municipalities in this way and it does cause some confusion. While it is a great option, we know not everyone do this, perhaps due to health and sometimes just due to volume. The Solid Waste Fee each home is charged is for all our solid waste services from curbside collection, to use of the facility, to receiving our annual newsletter or dropping materials off at one of our paper shredding events. Not everyone uses all services, but we all collectively pay into the system.

At the end of the day fees are charged to all loads if not generated from the home of the individual delivering the materials.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Trask

From: Andrea Trask
Sent: May 27, 2021 2:00 PM
To: earthkeepersenfield@gmail.com
Subject: Solid Waste Curbside Service Supports

Hello

I wanted to follow-up with my earlier phone call with easy links to our municipal solid waste curbside collection services supports.

I would highly encourage you to use our system to best support your work and your customers (planning work the days leading up to the customers curbside collection).

<https://www.easthants.ca/government/municipal-departments/infrastructure-operations/solid-waste/>

In addition to using the website we also have the functions available as a mobile app for Apple or Android users.

The system will tell you:

- Collection dates based on a house number
- What material can be collected and how much
- A 'what goes where' tool for best sorting information

If you have any questions please let me know,

Sincerely

Andrea



Sign up today for curbside collection reminders and alerts via text, email, twitter, or phone.

www.easthants.ca/solid-waste

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