

Waste Management Services Update

Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee
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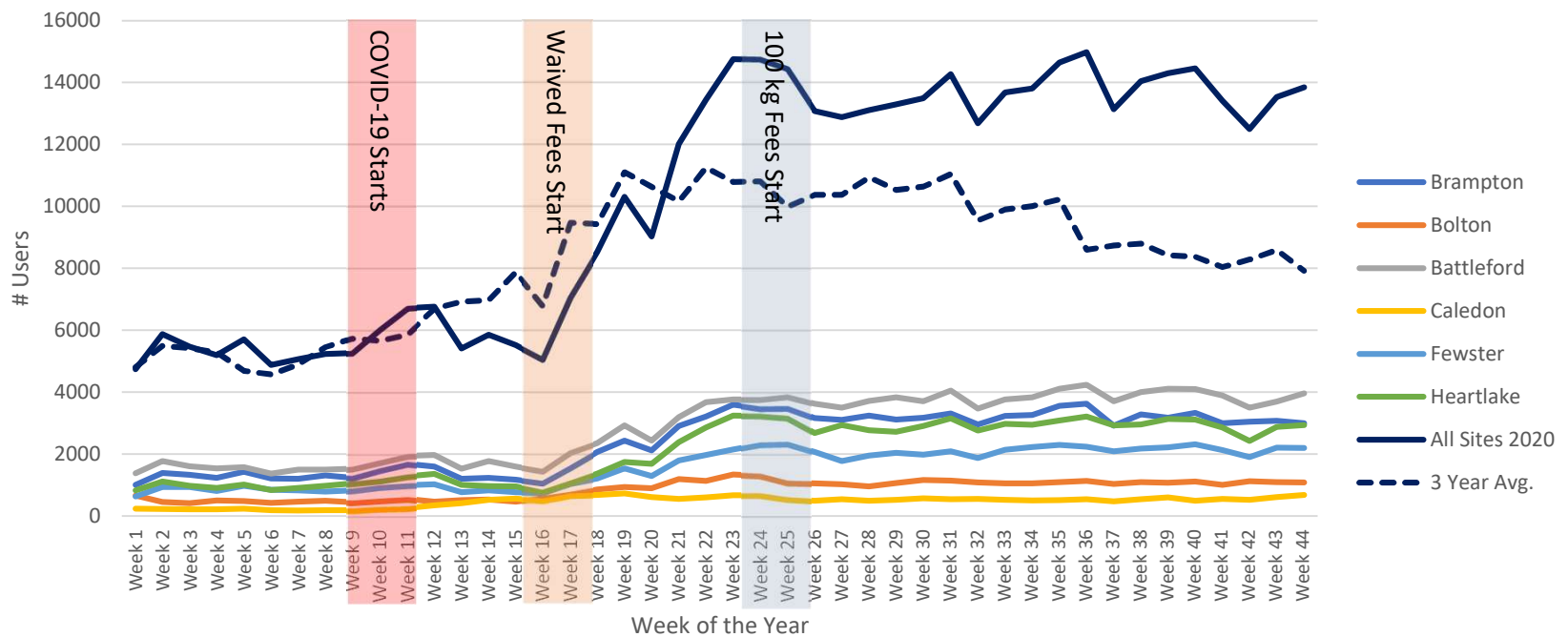
Background

- On March 26, 2020, Regional Council directed staff to consider having an exemption period for garbage limits and/or bag tag fees should doing so be deemed prudent
- On April 9, 2020, Regional Council directed staff to:
 - Waive the requirement for garbage bag tags and allow two extra bags of garbage bi-weekly for residents
 - Waive all CRC fees
- On June 11, 2020, Regional Council directed staff to reinstate CRC fees for loads more than 100 kg

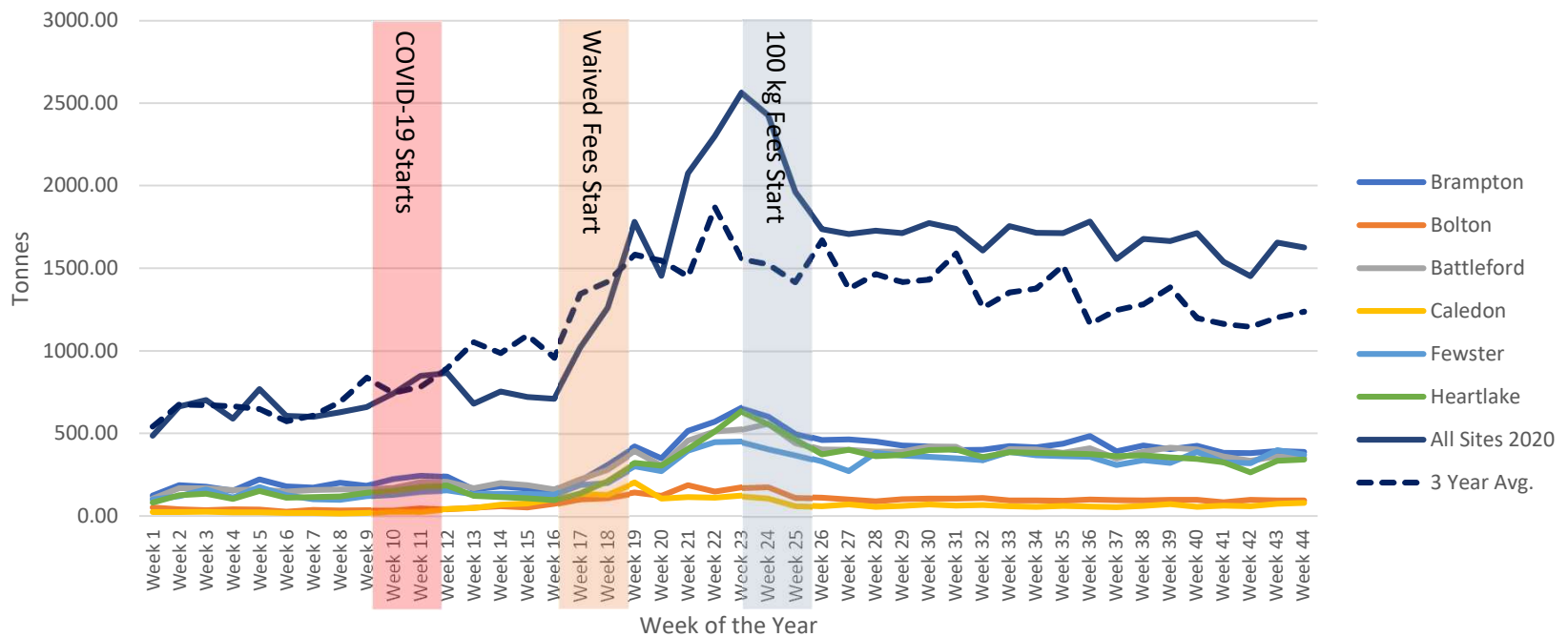
Impacts of Waived CRC Fees

- CRC waived fees
 - Usage increased by 24% year to date from historical levels
 - Tonnage increased by 16% year to date from historical levels
- The revenue loss of waiving CRC fees to October 31, 2020 is \$3.6M and is projected to be \$4.2M by end of year

CRC's – Weekly Usage



CRC's – Weekly Inbound Tonnage



Considerations for Reinstating CRC Fees

- Council waived the fees early in the pandemic to provide relief for residents at home generating more waste
- This need has been met as many residents are returning to work and school
- The waived fees are now driving increased usage by contractors and C&D material
- Significant cost for waiving CRC fees
- 2021 budget submission includes CRC fee revenue for entire year
- Public should be informed of reinstated fees well in advance

Recommendation for Reinstating CRC Fees

- Staff recommend that the CRC fees be reinstated effective January 4, 2021, which allows time to communicate the change



Impacts of Two-Bag Allowance for Garbage

Excess Setout Summary Week of Oct 25-31, 2020	
City	Excess Setout % of Homes
Brampton	2.4%
Caledon	2.7%
Mississauga	1.5%
Peel Total	2.0%

- Historically 1.5% of residents set out excess garbage with tags
- Revenue loss of waived bag tag fees from April 19 to October 31 is \$280,000 and is projected to be \$360,000 by end of year

Considerations for Discontinuing Two-Bag Allowance for Garbage

- Council allowed two free bags of garbage early in the pandemic to provide relief for residents staying at home and generating more waste
- Extra bag set out is now consistent with pre-pandemic set out; 98 percent of residents are now just subsidizing the same behaviour as pre-pandemic for the other 2 percent
- 2021 budget submission includes bag tag revenue for entire year
- Staff recommend reinstating bag tag requirement effective February 8, 2021
- Residents will be informed of reinstated fees well in advance

Recommendation for Discontinuing Two-Bag Allowance for Garbage

- Staff recommend that the two-bag allowance for garbage remain in place until February 8, 2021, which allows time to communicate the change



Considerations for Exemption Periods

- The two-bag allowance and the curbside collection of bulky items has reduced the need for an exemption period in January
- As the two-bag allowance for garbage is recommended to remain until February 8, 2021, and in order to not overload collection systems, staff intends to suspend the January 2021 exemption period
- Residents will be informed of the suspended January exemption period well in advance

Next Steps

- The COVID-19 update at the November 26, 2020 Regional Council meeting will include a brief verbal update and a request that Regional Council adopt a motion to:
 - Reinstate Community Recycling Centre fees effective January 4, 2021
 - Reinstate the need for bag tags for garbage effective February 8, 2021
- If the motion is approved, staff will implement a robust communications strategy beginning in December 2020 to inform residents of the reinstatement of CRC fees, the requirement for bag tags and the suspension of the January exemption period



Thank you

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