



# Waste Management Services Update

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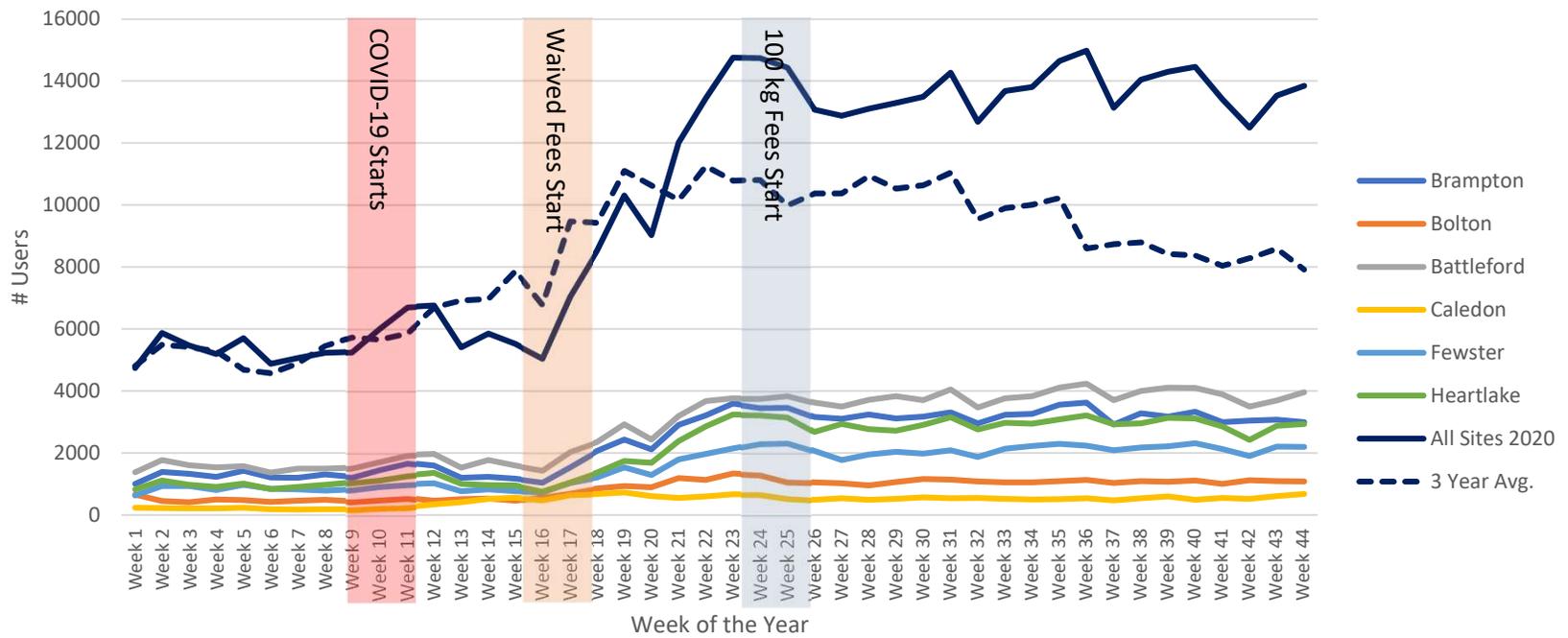
## Background

- 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

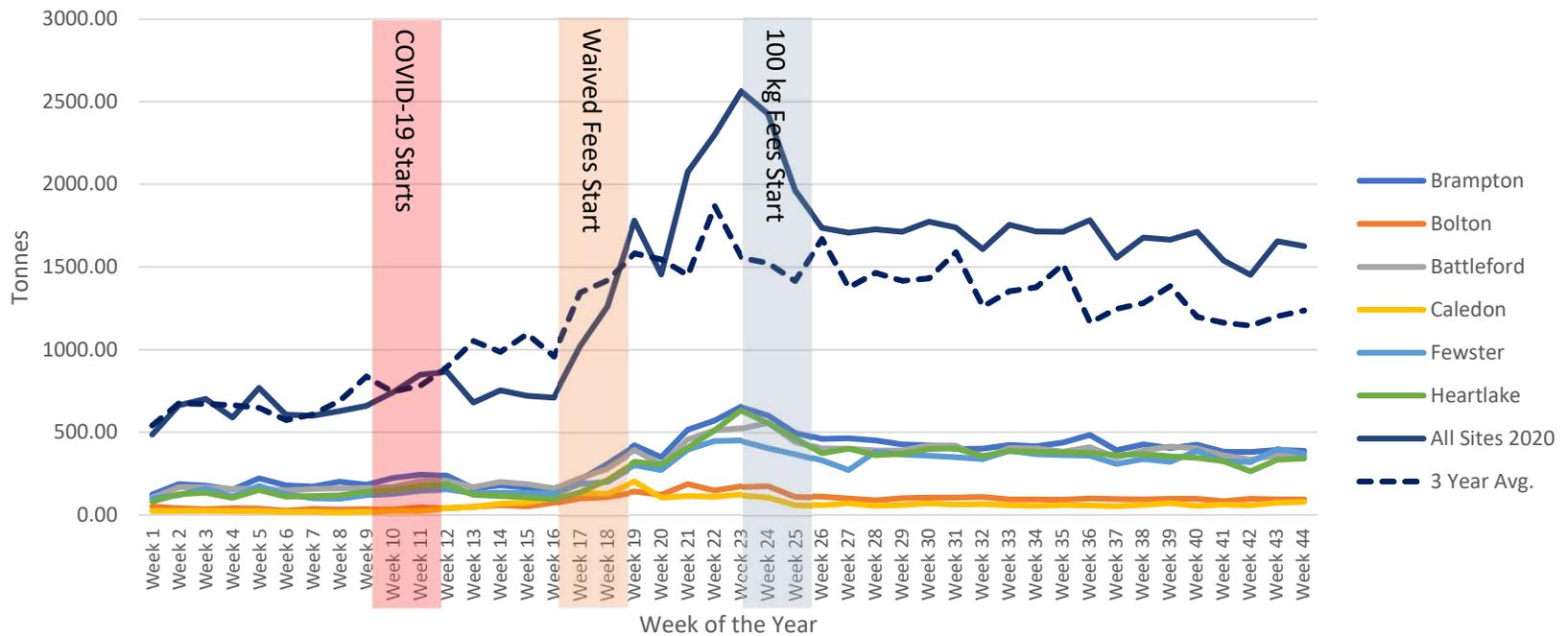
## Impacts of Waived CRC Fees

- 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:
  - Reinstatement of Community Recycling Centre fees effective January 4, 2021
  - Reinstatement of 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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