



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 24, 2025

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## SPRING CLEANUP

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### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

The Town of Claresholm provides a Spring Cleanup program annually for all residents of Claresholm. The operation of this program has changed over the years, evolving from residents placing all waste out for manual collection that was collected along with residential waste, to a separate crew collecting the dry waste in the back-up garbage truck, to the discounted bin rental program of the last couple years.

With the purchase of the front load garbage truck and the sale of all remaining rear load bins, another shift is necessary to continue operation because the dry waste collected during the Spring Cleanup is very hard on the collection equipment. The dry waste does not compact as well as wet waste, and consequently causes damage to the hydraulics and rams of the truck -- using the new truck and front load bins is not an option if we hope to maximize the years of service we get from the new truck.

### DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Last year the Town had 60 spring cleanup dumpster rentals, totally \$1,800 in revenue. When we factor in man hours, tipping fees, and fuel consumption in the second garbage truck, the spring cleanup program cost the Town a total of \$3,828.04.

<b>Bin Rental</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>
<b>Tipping</b>	<b>\$2,362.20</b>
<b>Man Hours</b>	<b>\$2,279.68</b>
<b>Fuel Cost</b>	<b>\$986.16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,828.04</b>

Administration has contacted a private contractor who provides 24 yrd roll-off bins. A possible option is to rent 24 yrd bins and store them in the public works yard for residents to bring their dry waste. The bins would only be accessible during business hours. The cost of these bins is \$300 per dump, plus tipping. Administration is unsure of how many loads would be required, but with 40 tonnes of material collected last year and the 24 yrd bins being capable of holding 4 tonnes, it may be up to 10 containers. When using last years numbers, this would cost \$3,000 in bin rentals and \$2,362.20 in tipping costs, for a total of \$5,362.20. Any metal brought to the yard would be separated and sold for scrap. Administration can manage the over budget costs within existing budget.

Another option is for the Town to cover the tipping fees at the dump on select days and if residents can prove they are from Claresholm. We are unsure of the cost of this proposal, as it would depend on the number of residents who participate. This option would be the easiest to facilitate, but would also be the easiest to abuse and administration still needs to do background work before recommending this option.

There is also an option to discontinue the Spring Cleanup altogether. Administration is recommending the Town transition to the 24-yard roll-off bins for the Spring Cleanup in 2025, as it represents the least amount of disruption to the service. If Council is in favour of this direction, administration will run the updated program in 2025, and then report back with options and recommendations on the future of the program.

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_ to approve the 24 yrd roll-off bins for the 2025 spring cleanup program, and to direct administration to report back to Council with options for the service in the future.

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 19, 2025

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