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Minor Changes to Your Curbside Recycling Program

By now, you've probably heard and read at least something about MMBC and changes to the recycling landscape across the province. Well, here's the short story from our end:



The BC Government wrote new provincial regulations that are meant to shift the cost of recycling PPP (packaging and printed paper) from you – the consumer – to the big companies who produce it. In response to this, the major PPP producers created MMBC – a non profit umbrella organization to contract with municipalities to ensure curbside recycling services, depot services, and transport of accepted materials back to large recycling facilities either start or continue on a local area basis.

Municipalities have had the choice to:

1. Opt out of the MMBC program and meet the new regulations on their own by collecting and then brokering their own deals with major recycling facilities and transporting their materials there;
2. Opt in partly - continue with their own curbside collection program but have MMBC deal with transporting the material to recycling facilities.
3. Opt in fully and have MMBC do everything;

We chose Option 2 because we already have a good program in place but didn't want to be responsible for the cost and administration of brokering deals and transporting material to other places in the province. Plus, MMBC gives us a cash incentive which we then apply to your annual fee (which was lowered this year). Also, Option 3 would have required us to surrender our bins to MMBC which we already own and there was no guarantee we could keep our collection service local, which is important to us.

It's important for you to know we are ahead of the curve in this. Most communities still deal with those little blue boxes – can't fit much in them, things blow out or get wet, and animals get at them. And many communities have never had curbside recycling.

What Stays the Same in Golden?

Your pickup schedule, and rules around keeping your bin lid fully closed, how it's placed, generally what goes in it, with some minor changes described below. Glass remains completely prohibited but can be taken to the big bins at the Bottle Depot as well as large cardboard items.

So What's Changed?

The only changes are what can or can't be put in your blue bin. Before we get to that, here's what is important to understand:

- It's MMBC and the large recycling facilities that decide what can be recycled, not us!
- MMBC can audit and fine us for prohibited materials found in what is sent to them. That can be as much as \$5,000 each time! If we get fined, we take it out of the incentive, and your rates start going back up. So please – put ONLY what is accepted in those blue bins! Have a look again at the information placard on your blue bin lid. Here's the changes.

| Now Accepted | Now Prohibited (Landfill only) |
|---|---|
| Hot and cold paper beverage cups | Paperback and hard cover books |
| Plastic lids Plastic clamshells (for baked goods) Microwaveable bowls and cups Empty aerosol cans and caps | Any type of plastic film, bags, and overwrap (includes grocery bags, vegetable and bread bags, any kind of plastic wrappers, furniture overwrap, zip-lock bags, cellophane, cling wrap or film) |
| Empty plastic chemical containers Spiral wound paper cans and lids Cardboard (so long as it fits!) | Any type of styrofoam (includes meat trays, egg cartons, take-out containers, peanuts, packaging or insulation) |

We'll be putting this and other information on our website so please check it out. From it you'll get a better understanding about the new regulations, MMBC, and our own program. Any other questions, give us a call!

Utility Bills and Business Licenses – Now Past Due

Everyone has by now has long received their annual utility bills (water/sewer/garbage/recycling) for the year. They're due June 4th or you get dinged a penalty. Remember, your utility fees are not connected to taxes. What you pay is what it takes to run them.



Annual Business License's were due April 30th. Our business licence fees are amongst the lowest in the province and they are an important authorization tool to ensure compliance with provincial regulations and local bylaws. They also are part of a database we can give to potential investors to show our business profile.



Overdue accounts will be forwarded to collections after 90 days.

Highlights

Town of Golden – Regular Open Council Meeting: April 29th, and May 13th, 2014

Council and Administrative Representation on the Golden Backcountry Recreation Access Plan Advisory Committee

Council appointed Councillor Oszust as Council's local government representative on the GBRAP advisory committee with and as alternate to the CAO.

CP Rail Parking Lot Lease Renewal

Council approved execution of a three year amending renewal agreement to the lease with CP Rail for the land commonly known as the CP Parking Lot for the amount of \$9,000 per annum plus GST and a yearly 3% escalation.

2013 Draft Audited Financial Statements

Council accepted statements as presented by the Town's independent auditor Adams Wooley.

Development Variance Permit Application – Arena Garage 2014

Council approved a DVP (providing a floodplain exemption) for a new garage for arena operations needs.

Keith King Memorial Park – Youth Soccer Rate Amendment

Council agreed to amend the bylaw to adjust fees for this facility.

Loader Purchase

Council approved short term borrowing of up to \$185,000 for a replacement loader.

9th Street North Area Rezoning 2014

Council approved the terms of reference for this project including \$11,000 for streetscape design work.

Parks Storage Tent Replacement – Recommendation for Award

A replacement tent will be supplied and installed by Cover Star Structures Ltd. for a total price of \$21,910 plus tax.

Temporary License of Occupation Policy Amendment

A TLO policy amendment that contemplates a Farmers Market fee of \$3.50 per parking stall per day will begin in 2015.

Town of Golden Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1332, 2014 - Craft Brewery

The above bylaw was given second and third readings.

Town of Golden 2014 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 1334, 2014 for adoption

The above bylaw was adopted.

Town of Golden 2014-2018 Five-Year Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1335, 2014, amending Town of Golden 2014-2018 Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1329, 2014

The above bylaw, was adopted.