

THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA

BY-LAW 2025-48

Being a by-law to update certain fees
(use of solid waste disposal sites)

WHEREAS pursuant to section 391 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, Muskoka District Council may pass by-laws imposing fees or charges for services provided or for the use of municipal property;

AND WHEREAS Muskoka District Council, by By-law 2024-32 established certain fees and charges with respect to solid waste disposal sites;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to provide for and update the fees and charges for the use of solid waste disposal sites;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 23.2 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O., 2001, c. 25, as amended Muskoka District Council may delegate its powers;

THEREFORE the Council of The District Municipality of Muskoka ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. Interpretation

1. In this by-law:

- (a) “asbestos-containing material” means material that contains 0.5 percent or more asbestos by dry weight;
- (b) “Chief Administrative Officer” means the person designated as the Chief Administrative Officer by Council for The District Municipality of Muskoka;
- (c) “chippable wood/brush” means tree limbs, branches, shrubs and twigs;
- (d) “clean sawdust” means sawdust from wood that has not been treated with any preservative, finish or coating of any type;
- (e) “clean shingles” means new or used asphalt shingles including roofing nails but not including other roofing materials or waste;
- (f) “clean wood” includes clean used lumber, shipping pallets and dry timbers; in all cases the wood must be untreated by any preservative or finish or coating of any type;
- (g) “clean wood chips” means wood chips from wood that has not been treated with any preservative, finish or coating of any type;
- (h) “commercial, institutional and industrial waste” means solid non-hazardous waste generated from industrial, institutional (including but not limited to schools, hospitals, long term care facilities or similar uses) or commercial enterprises and includes waste generated from a home occupation use;
- (i) “compostable waste” includes clean wood chips, clean sawdust, yard waste comprised of leaves, stalks, grass and Christmas trees;
- (j) “construction waste” means waste generated from construction activities and includes waste generated from demolition activities;
- (k) “contaminated soil/waste” means soil or aggregate containing pollutant(s) at a non-hazardous concentration, or waste that is asbestos-containing material;

- (l) “Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works” means the person designated by the District of Muskoka as the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works by Council for the District of Muskoka, or their designate.
- (m) “Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services” means the person designated by the District of Muskoka as the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services by Council for the District of Muskoka, or their designate.
- (n) “District of Muskoka” means The District Municipality of Muskoka;
- (o) “Downtown Business Collection Area” means route areas as outlined in By-law 2025-54, as amended and other areas as designated from time to time by the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works;
- (p) “Green Bin Program” means the collection of source-separated organic waste for the purpose of diversion from landfill;
- (q) “Household Hazardous Waste” means items that are corrosive, flammable, explosive or poisonous, as indicated by consumer warning labels on the packaging;
- (r) “Invasive Species” means a plant species defined under the *Invasive Species Act*, 2015, S.O. 2015, c. 22 – Bill 37 and any of its associated regulations;
- (s) “item” means tire(s) on or off a rim, Freon unit(s), white good(s), scrap metal, municipal hazardous or special waste material(s), reuse building materials and electronic waste;
- (t) “minimum load fee” means the minimum dollar amount charged per visit in accordance with Schedule “A” to this by-law as applicable therein for all Residential or Commercial/Industrial/ Construction/Institutional waste, excluding those items listed as “no charge”.

B. Fees and Charges

- 1. No person shall, at any time, deposit, leave or abandon any waste at a staffed solid waste disposal site without paying fees and charges in accordance with this by-law.
- 2. The rates and charges set forth in Schedule “A” attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, shall be and are hereby fixed and established as the rates and charges for the respective activity, work or service shown thereon, commencing on January 1, 2026 and continuing until amendment or repeal of this by-law. For the purposes of calculating amounts due for previous time periods, the charges as established by by-laws in force at the time the work or services were provided or the activity occurred shall be used.

C. Implementation

- 1. In the event where weigh scales are available and in use and the waste is in a vehicle, trailer or other conveyance, and the conveyance is weighed when full immediately upon entry but not weighed prior to exiting the facility, the empty (tare) weight of the vehicle, trailer or other conveyance shall be:
 - (a) determined by subtracting the reasonable average of the vehicle, trailer or other conveyance’s previous outbound weights from their previous inbound weights; or
 - (b) determined by assessing a new empty (tare) weight for the vehicle, trailer or other conveyance prior to disposing of any further material (i.e. the customer shall return with the same empty vehicle, trailer or other

conveyance, in order to determine the applicable empty (tare) weight;
or

- (c) determined by District staff using an average empty (tare) weight as deemed appropriate based on the type of vehicle, trailer or other conveyance.

- 2. In the event of a dispute as to the categorization of waste, size of a load, or any other matter related to the calculation of the fees payable under this by-law, other than those outlined in section C 1, the determination will be made after reasonable investigation by District staff.
 - (a) Residents wishing to dispute a District of Muskoka waste facility ticket shall complete a Landfill Ticket Dispute Form through the District's website within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the ticket being disputed. Completion of the above-mentioned form does not guarantee any adjustments to the ticket.
 - (b) District staff will review relevant available information to determine whether an adjustment may be made in accordance with the Waste Drop-off Facility ticket dispute investigation process.
- 3. No person shall exit a staffed solid waste disposal site without first paying the fees and charges established by this by-law. Should a person exit a staffed disposal site without paying but return for payment by the end of the next business day, applicable tipping fees will be applied.
- 4. Should a person exit a staffed solid waste disposal site without paying and not return for payment by the end of the next business day, the applicable fees will be applied as outlined in section C 1 and 2 and, in addition, a forced charge shall be applied as set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto.

D. Authority of the Commissioner

- 1. Subject to the conditions and provisions of this By-law, the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, or their designate, shall be and is hereby delegated authority to review and approve a Landfill Ticket Dispute Investigation policy.
- 2. Subject to the conditions and provisions of this By-law, the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, or their designate, shall be and is hereby delegated authority to designate Downtown Business Collection Areas, and other areas, as outlined in By-law 2025-54, as amended.

E. Collection

- 1. The fees and charges listed in Schedule "A" of this by-law and imposed on a person or party, constitute a debt of the person or the party to the District. Where there is statutory authority to do so, the District may request that the treasurer of the local municipality add fees and charges imposed by this bylaw to the tax roll for the property in the same manner as municipal taxes.

F. Enforcement

- 1. Every person who contravenes the provisions of any section of this By-law and every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of this by-law by the corporation, is guilty of an offence pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended and shall be liable on conviction to a penalty where the minimum fine shall not be less than \$500 and a maximum fine shall not exceed \$100,000.00.

G. General

- 1. Except for the purposes of establishing the fees and charges payable prior to

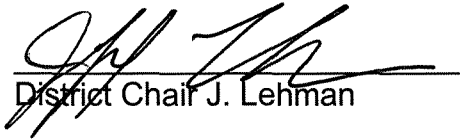
the fees and charges set forth in this by-law being applicable, By-law 2024-32 shall be and is hereby repealed effective January 1, 2026.

2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on January 1, 2026.

Enacted and Passed this 15th day of December, 2025.

THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY OF MUSKOKA

Per:


District Chair J. Lehman


District Clerk A. Back

Schedule “A” to By-law 2025-48
Solid Waste Disposal Rate Structure

(a) Residential Waste

Facility with Weigh Scales	Rate
Minimum Load Fee	\$15.00
Two (2) standard size clear colourless garbage bags or less per calendar week	No Charge
Additional standard size clear colourless garbage bags beyond weekly allowance of two bags (in excess of 3 bags is charged at the weighed rate)	\$8.00 per bag
One (1) standard size clear garbage bag of diapers or incontinence products per calendar week	No Charge (1 bag)
Black or opaque garbage bags	\$16.00 per bag
Black or opaque garbage bags in excess of 3	\$483.00/tonne
Compostable Waste	No Charge
Organic Waste	No Charge
Invasive Species (contained in 6 mil plastic bags)*	No Charge
Chippable Wood/Brush	\$108.00/tonne
Clean Wood	\$108.00/tonne
Unclean Wood	\$255.00/tonne
Clean Shingles (only at Rosewarne Landfill)	\$108.00/tonne
Mixed load	\$483.00/tonne
Residential waste not within any other category in this schedule	\$255.00/tonne

* By appointment, delivered to Rosewarne Landfill

Facility without Weigh Scales	Rate
Two (2) standard size clear colourless garbage bags or less per calendar week	No Charge
Recycling	No Charge
Organic Waste	No Charge
Furniture (Ridout Transfer Station (Dorset) only)	\$34.00/units

Facility with Unavailable Weigh Scales	Rate
Minimum Load Fee	\$15.00
Two (2) standard size clear colourless garbage bags or less per calendar week	No Charge
Additional standard size clear colourless garbage bags beyond weekly allowance of two bags	\$8.00 per bag
Black or opaque garbage bags	\$16.00 per bag
Black or opaque garbage bags in excess of 10	\$483.00/discharge
One (1) standard size clear garbage bag of diapers or incontinence products per calendar week	No Charge (1 bag)
1/2 Ton Truck (extra-low) 10% load or equivalent	\$29.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck (low) 40% load or equivalent	\$103.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck (medium) 70% load or equivalent	\$179.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck (heavy) 100% load or equivalent	\$255.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck Mixed load	\$483.00/discharge
Organic Waste	No Charge

(b) Commercial/Institutional/Industrial/Construction Waste

Facility with Weigh Scales	Rate
Minimum Load Fee	\$15.00
Chippable Wood/Brush	\$108.00/tonne
Clean Wood	\$108.00/tonne
Unclean Wood	\$255.00/tonne
Compostable Waste	\$64.00/tonne

Facility with Weigh Scales	Rate
Blue Box Recyclables (under 20 kg)**	No Charge
Blue Box Recyclables (over 20 kg)**	\$154.00/tonne
Invasive Species (contained in 6 mil plastic bags)*	\$214.00/tonne
Contaminated Soil/Waste*	\$356.00/tonne
Clean Shingles (only at Rosewarne Landfill)	\$108.00/tonne
Mixed load	\$483.00/tonne
All Other Waste	\$255.00/tonne

* By appointment, delivered to Rosewarne Landfill

** Material accepted at designated facilities directed by the site attendant.

Facility with Unavailable Weigh Scales	Rate
Minimum Load Fee	\$15.00
Blue Box Recyclables (up to four standard Blue Boxes or clear bags, large quantities/bulk materials not accepted)	No Charge
Blue Box Recyclables (loose/bulk materials or materials exceeding four standard blue boxes)	Not Accepted
1/2 Ton Truck (extra-low) 10% load or equivalent	\$29.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck (low) 40% load or equivalent	\$103.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck (medium) 70% load or equivalent	\$179.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck (heavy) 100% load or equivalent	\$255.00/discharge
1/2 Ton Truck Mixed load	\$483.00/discharge
1 Rear Axle - Stake Truck	\$306.00/discharge
1 Rear Axle - Stake Truck - Mixed load	\$610.00/discharge
1 Rear Axle - Dump Truck (Landfill only)	\$508.00/discharge
1 Rear Axle - Dump Truck (Landfill only) - Mixed load	\$1,019.00/discharge
2 Rear Axle - Dump Truck (Landfill only)	\$700.00/discharge
2 Rear Axle - Dump Truck (Landfill only) - Mixed load	\$1,399.00/discharge

(c) White and Household Goods

Facility with Weigh Scales	Rate
Furniture	\$255.00/tonne
Mattress or Box Spring (any size)	\$30.00/unit

Facility with Unavailable Weigh Scales	Rate
Furniture	\$34.00/unit
Mattress or Box Spring (any size)	\$30.00/unit

Facility with or with Unavailable Weigh Scales	Rate
Tires of any kind	No Charge
Untagged Appliances, Equipment or Devices	\$28.00/unit
Tagged Appliances, Equipment or Devices (Washers, Dryers or Ranges)	No Charge
Household Hazardous Waste (only at designated events or depots)	No Charge

(d) Miscellaneous Fees

Facility with Weigh Scales	Rate
Vehicle Weight Record	\$34.00 each
Bag Tags (individual)	\$8.00 per tag
Bag Tags (bundle of 5)	\$35.00 per 5 tags
Kitchen Catchers and Green Bins (inclusive of HST)	Actual Cost

(e) Failure to Pay

Facility with or with Unavailable Weigh Scales	Rate
Forced Charge	\$100.00 + applicable tipping fees

(f) Application Fees

Application Type	Rate
Private Road Agreement Application	\$150.00 + applicable legal agreement preparation fee
Common Collection Point Service Request Application	\$50 per application