

WASTE DISPOSAL RATE INCREASE INFORMATION SHEET

- In 2005 the NORTHWEST REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY was formed
- Members are the City of ML, RM of ML, Dorintosh, Goodsoil and RM of Beaver River
- NRWMA landfill was built and is operated in accordance with current provincial and federal laws
- The initial capital costs in excess of federal grant funding received were paid by the members of the NRWMA to dig the first waste cell and setup operations
- In order to receive federal funding the landfill had to be sustainable, so a tipping fee had to be implemented to cover both operations and future capital costs
- The landfill is closely monitored by Sask. Environment requiring regular testing of runoff water and wells in the area, insuring that no prohibited items are accepted and that all regulations are being followed
- In 2007, the City's operating loss for waste disposal was \$45,000
- In November 2008 the NRWMA opened and the City started paying tipping fees
- In 2008, the City's operating loss for waste disposal was \$35,000
- In 2009, the City's operating loss for waste disposal was \$132,000, due in part to the additional cost of \$122,000 in tipping fees
- In 2010, the City estimates the operating loss for waste disposal will be \$100,000 as rate increases are not in effect until October 2010
- In July of 2010, the member tipping fee increased from \$75/tonne to \$85/tonne to cover the cost of replacing the landfill packer
- The loss for waste disposal over the years has been offset by tax dollars
- In 2009 & 2010 the City paid to subsidize home compost bins and to build a community compost site
- Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the compost bin subsidy program, take grass, leaves, tree branches and garden vegetation to the new compost site and recycle paper and cardboard at Lamon's Disposal to lower landfill tipping fees.
- Unfortunately the above mentioned recycling and composting programs come at a cost to the City but the Provincial government is working on a Province wide recycling program to reduce costs in the future

For more information on what items can be recycled in Meadow Lake and where to take them, see our website at www.meadowlake.ca