Change in Garbage Service Provider

Background

We initially had our own garbage truck, but we switched to Loraas due to the high upkeep costs and staff shortages. At that time, it was more cost-effective to use Loraas. Decisions were made based on the circumstances we faced at that time.

Loraas has served us well over the years, but we've observed increasing additional charges, rising costs, and the impact of the carbon tax. Additionally, we've noticed the wear and tear on the roads over time.

We've attempted to find solutions and collaborate with Loraas, such as:

* Starting collection on the south side of town where the roads are older and in poorer condition when the truck is lighter.
* Going around the block instead of turning at intersections.
* Extending the arm to reach bins.
* Considering placing carts on one side of the street, a strategy used by other communities, though we have not implemented this yet.
* We are not the only community facing this dilemma.

Discussion over the last 2 years

After careful consideration and research over the last 2 years, the Eston Town Council has decided to transition away from Loraas garbage service and return to managing our garbage collection independently.

We are aiming for late 2024 to start implementing, with 2025 no longer be utilizing the services of Loraas and will instead be managing our garbage collection internally. This decision was made with several factors in mind, including the desire to support local employment, reduce impact to the roads, and exercise greater control over our costs.

One of the primary motivations behind this change is to support our local economy by keeping someone locally employed. By managing our garbage collection internally, we can create job opportunities within our community, ensuring that the money spent on this essential service stays within Eston and contributes to the prosperity of our town.

Additionally, transitioning to a smaller truck for garbage collection will help minimize the wear and tear on our roads. We understand the importance of maintaining our infrastructure and believe that this change will contribute to preserving the quality of our roads for years to come.

Moreover, taking control of our garbage collection allows us to have a more direct influence on our costs. By managing the process, ourselves, we can implement cost-saving measures and ensure that our resources are being used efficiently and effectively.

We understand that change can sometimes be challenging, but we are confident that this decision is in the best interest of our community. We will work diligently to ensure a smooth transition and minimize any disruptions to your garbage collection schedule.

We are currently in the process of finalizing various details related to this transition. As we continue to iron out these specifics, we will ensure that timely communication is sent out to keep you informed.

Here are some of the details we are currently working on:

* Determining the scheduled days for garbage pick-up
* Establishing the scheduled days for recycling pick-up
* Continuing to provide curbside pick-up for recyclables, with no changes for residents. We will collect recyclables and transport them to a central pick-up location for Loraas.
* Assessing the feasibility of replacing 4-yard and 6-yard bins with additional carts as an option for businesses and care homes.
* There will be 2 new carts one for garbage and one for recycle. The same bins the community is currently using. We have found these have held up very well with the strong winds and winter conditions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this transition, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your feedback is important to us.

We will be initiating contact with businesses to gather feedback and promote collaboration. Recognizing the uniqueness of each business, our goal is to ensure that this transition works effectively for everyone involved.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we strive to make Eston an even better place to live.