

New Waste Collection Contracts - Big Win for Local Municipalities

“A great collaboration, significant savings, and continued excellence in service,” is how Colchester County’s Director of Solid Waste, Wayne Wamboldt describes the contracts soon to be signed for waste collection services in the County, Town of Truro, and Town of Stewiacke.

When Colchester’s previous contract was up for renewal in 2010, Wamboldt recognized the opportunity to align its expiry date with contracts for the two Towns. By doing so, the three Municipalities were able to issue a joint tender this year that resulted in more competitive bids for all.

In the case of the Municipality of Colchester, Royal Environmental Group was the successful bidder for the 5-year contract that will result in a projected \$1.559 million in savings for the County. The Town of Truro and Town of Stewiacke opted to go with Miller Waste Systems, who submitted more competitive bids for the in-town service.

“This is a fine example of our Municipalities creatively working together for the best interests of our taxpayers,” remarked Colchester County Mayor, Christine Blair. “We’re grateful for the excellent service received in the past and now look forward to working with our new provider.”

The Town of Stewiacke’s waste collection services had been delivered in partnership with the Municipality of Colchester prior to the new deal. However, Mayor Wendy Robinson views the inclusion of Truro in the joint tender as a bonus for all parties involved. “The bigger tender resulted in bigger savings. By working together, we were all able to benefit.”

Integrating the tenders into one was no simple task. “It was more challenging than one might think,” says Truro Mayor, Bill Mills. “But in the end, it was well worth the effort. We are really pleased with the savings that will result from this partnership – all while maintaining a high level of service for residents.”

Residents of Colchester and Truro will see a change in personnel and vehicles for curbside collection of waste, recycling, and compost when the new contracts come into effect on November 1st. The Town of Stewiacke’s service providers will remain the same.

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