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Comments:

If garbage collection is going the route of "user pay", then to be fair, it should be based on weight contributed. I believe this was indicated as a possible approach several years ago. Don't we already codes and chips attached to our containers? Going the route of container size is not ideal as there are times that one generates more waste and generally times of much less waste. The largest size may be required but becomes an unnecessary expense when you don't need it for >70% of the time. The likely scenario will be that residents will choose a smaller container so as to pay less. What will follow is that any excess waste (in garbage bags) will end up being thrown in a neighbor's container or dumped elsewhere on public property. Further, we already have many good containers in use, why should we spend new money to buy a replacement set. This is our tax dollar, in addition to the proposed monthly user fee.

As for the delay in investing in a new waste/landfill site, the rationale sounds good to residents because money isn't being spent now. However, the reality is that the longer the plan is delayed in acquiring a site, the cost generally escalates and it will cost much more 10 years down the road. I believe the site should be acquired sooner than later.

As for recycling - we were so pleased to finally have a blue bin system. However the plan is backing away from collecting the main articles we want to keep out of the landfill, plastic bags and wrap and now probably glass containers. The proposed solution of banning plastic grocery bags will not be practical unless we have paper bags available (just like the good old days). But some plastic bags will be required for containing fresh meat products, to prevent leaking blood and microbial contamination of cloth bags and other articles.

Attachments:

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