Concerning the latest recommendations for the recycling program to be reviewed at next council meeting:

1) Many residents are financially unable to absorb an increase in recycling levies.
2) Since Loraas began its recycling contract the types of materials considered acceptable has decreased, so why should the fees be going up?

3) If inappropriate materials are placed in recycling, my understanding is that the entire load is dumped as contaminated landfill, so why should we be paying for the service if it is not even being utilized to the extent where Loraas will separate out individual contaminated items? This belief, of course, may need to be confirmed, as I have it only on hearsay.

4) Number 3 above is further complicated by the level of acceptable contamination before rejection, and the fact that there is no clear definition of this level (i.e.- must metal cans be washed, or is rinsing sufficient, and how much residue is deemed acceptable?)

5) A clear, concise, and complete listing of acceptable materials for recycling is required.

6) At least until these issues are settled, the entire recycling program should be voluntary, with a user pay structure. This will allow Loraas, or what other provider you choose, to streamline their process with a presumably lower consumer volume to deal with, and will also provide an accurate statistical representation of the residents who actually want a recycling program in place.

Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at: