

To: Reuben Konnik
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: September 30, 2019

Reference: 11/154/2019-218

RE: Dumpster Lid/Wolf Creek Recycle Depot/Black Knot/Trail Concerns

Thank you for your request for information related to a citizen's enquiries you have received. The concerns and City responses are itemized, below.

1. *I have over the last two years requested someone look after our trash bin that has one lid that is badly damaged and birds, etc. have been getting in and pulling out garbage.*

The feedback from citizens regarding the lane garbage bins has been quite clear – more needs to be done to catch up and keep up with bin maintenance year to year. For this reason, the solid waste department assigned a full time seasonal staff member to garbage bin maintenance in 2019. His repair work is still ongoing until the end of the month but we are aware of the bin in question and plan to have it repaired in the coming weeks.

2. *There is a tree full of black knot disease on the south end of 58 Street (west side) by the Research Station.*

The Parks Department has now completely removed this tree and will monitor the surrounding vegetation on an ongoing basis to ensure they remove any further infection promptly.

3. *The hiking trail that goes around Elizabeth Lake is not a complete trail as it starts at Woodland Dr. on the south east corner and goes all around to the west side and stops before it enters Rosedale Valley. Has there been any discussion with the County to work together to finish this awesome trail by going along the west side and coming back into City land and finishing up back on Woodland Dr.?*

The City does in fact hold Environmental Reserve lands along the Elizabeth Lake western shoreline, in front of all the waterside properties in Rosedale Valley. The trail circuit around the lake, however, is currently incomplete because private property at the southernmost end of the lake is undeveloped. If development of this property does occur, the City will require the developer dedicate Environmental Reserve along those shorelines, and trails may then be developed or improved. The complete circuit will require a boardwalk water crossing, as rising lake levels in recent years joined Lake Anne and Elizabeth Lake in this location.

4. *Usually I go to the recycle depot during the week when it is less busy but I had occasion to go today and I was taken back by the shape of everything there. Every container was jammed full*

and materials were starting to fall out... We should insure the containers are either increased or dumped more often especially on a Friday and Monday.

We agree that the bins are too frequently overflowing so during their upcoming 2020 budget deliberations we will be requesting Council's approval to fund 2 additional bins at the Depot

5. *As in every other time I have been there people have been putting materials into the containers that don't belong such as styrofoam in the two bins that state very clearly no styrofoam. Other items I have observed is cardboard into the wrong container. It is always an issue, has been for years... The only way I see a solution is to fence the property and man the facility to insure stuff is put in the proper place. I am positive that if you asked for seniors to man the facility on a volunteer basis it would be easily done...There should be a place there for batteries, paints , all the stuff that is collected at the shops in Sept each year, in this way it would stay out of the garbage and we would save a significant amount on material going to Dried Meat Lake site.*

As you are aware, the City is currently reviewing its solid waste services. We want to conclude that review before making any decisions /changes to solid waste services. Certainly your feedback through the completion of the survey and in your e-mailed comments are very much appreciated. You are not alone in your suggestions. Depots that utilize volunteers or part time staff to assist members of the public that we've seen typically also have a full time employee working at the Depot who also develops educational programing and oversees other waste management initiatives in the community – such as the collection of household hazardous waste. The solid waste review will look at this in more detail.

We trust this letter satisfactorily addresses your questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Goudy', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer