

CITY OF CORNWALL

Waste Collection

Bag Tag Review

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Dear Mr. Goodwin,

Re: City of Cornwall Waste Collection Bag Tag Review

Final Report

DFA Infrastructure International Inc. (DFA) is pleased to submit our Final Report on the above captioned study for your review and comment. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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Introduction 1

The City of Cornwall (City) is considering introducing a bag tag system to facilitate a reduction in the curbside waste collection to a two (2) bag or one (1) container limit per single family dwelling. The intent is to offer flexibility for more than the two (2) bag or 1 container limit to be placed at the curb while creating an incentive to reduce waste with a tag fee. This report provides information on the items noted below, for consideration by the City.

- Program changes that would be required to support the introduction of a 2-bag/1-container limit.
- Development of the cost per tag for each additional bag/container of regular curbside waste.
- Develop the cost per tag for bulk waste items (mattresses, furniture, appliances, etc.)
- The administrative procedures for the distribution, sale and accounting of tags and revenues
- Tag fees in other jurisdictions
- Identify a potential public education strategy
- The potential for illegal dumping and mitigation strategy

Current Collection Practices

The current waste collection practices and the level of service are based on the City's current Waste Management By-Law 2019-034. A summary of the By-Law is included in Appendix A. Waste collection is provided weekly to all customers with specific restrictions on the number of bags/containers and types of materials that may be set out for collection as noted in Appendix A. Businesses and residential tenants in the Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) and Le Village receive collection twice per week. The current bag/container limits are noted in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: Current Bag/Container Limits

Customer Type	Bag /Container Limits				
	6 bags/3 containers				
Residential	Maximum Size - 136 L (36 gallons)				
Residential	Maximum Weight - 27kg.				
Mariti Decidential	1 cart for every 2 units				
Multi Residential	• Size - 75 L (20 gallons) to 360 L (95 gallons)				
Industrial, Commercial, &	Unlimited number of carts				
Institutional	 Size - 75 L (20 gallons) to 360 L (95 gallons) 				

Although not specified in the By-Law, collection of leaf and yard waste is provided bi-weekly from July to September and weekly from the end of September to mid-November. Christmas trees are collected during one week in January. Bulk waste is not collected at the curb but accepted at the landfill site at fees approved through the Services Subject to Fees and Charges (By-Law 2019-047). The City also provides weekly curbside collection of recyclable (blue box) materials.

Visual inspections of number of bags/containers set out by residents for curbside waste collection were conducted by City staff in 2018 and in 2020. On both occasions the number of bags set out averaged approximately 2.1 per household. A lower average set-out rate of 1.9 bags per household was also noted for households that participated in the recycling program. This suggests that most residents would fall within the 2-bag/1-container limit and the demand for tags for disposal of 3 or more bags would be relatively low.

3 Practices in Other Jurisdictions

Appendix B summarizes the bag tags and bulky waste collection practices in 18 other municipalities in Ontario. These include 5 municipalities that the City considers "comparator" municipalities:

- Kingston
- Brockville
- Peterborough

- Belleville
- North Bay

The limits range from 1 to 3 bags depending on the collection frequency. Municipalities with weekly collection have 1-bag or 2-bag limits. Those with bi-weekly collection allow higher limits of 2 to 4 bags. Others require tags on all bags (i.e. no limit provided there is a tag on each bag). In these cases the municipalities rely on tag fees as a major source of program funding. Exemptions are allowed in some municipalities to accommodate special situations e.g. home day care, residents with certain medical conditions etc. In all cases an unlimited number of bags/containers may be set out for collection as long as there is a tag. The bag/container limits in the six (6) municipalities within the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) were also obtained. Table 3-1 summarizes the bag/container limits in the comparator and most of the SDG municipalities. Most have 2-bag limits for residential customers.

Table 3-1: Bag/Container Limits in Other Municipalities

Municipality	Container/ Bag Limits	Tag Fee
Kingston	Residential -1 (offers 3 "2-bag weeks" per year in January, May, & September)	\$2.00
North Bay	Residential - 3; Businesses - 6	\$1.00
Peterborough	Residential - 2; Commercial - 4	No Tag Fee
Belleville	No Limit - Tags Required for Each Bag	\$3.00
Brockville	Residential - 1	\$3.00
	Local Municipalities	
North Glengarry	All customer types -2	\$3.00
North Dundas	Residential -2; Commercial - 6; Farm - 4	No Tags
South Dundas	Residential -2; Commercial & Business - 4	\$1.25
North Stormont	Residential -2; Com / Industrial /Farm - 6	No Tags
South Stormont	Residential -2; Commercial & Farm - 6	\$1.50

Some municipalities do not require tags for additional bags. In these cases, the additional garbage is either left behind or picked-up at the discretion of the collector depending on the size of the extra bag. This approach is not recommended due to its potential for inconsistency and possible disagreement with the customers leading to greater administrative effort.

The main features of the tag systems reviewed include the following:

- Tags are required for garbage and not necessarily for other items such as bulk waste.
- Fees range from \$1.00 to \$3.50 per tag.
- In some cases, a minimum number (e.g. 10 per sheet) must be purchased at a time. There is no maximum limit.
- There is no expiry date for the tags
- A limited number of free tags are given to residents annually to address any concerns regarding having to pay for additional garage bags/containers
- The sale of tags is through the municipality online or in-person and/or retail outlets e.g. convenience stores
- There is either a simple written agreement or letter of understanding between the municipality and retailers outlining the delivery and sale of the tags. Retailers would buy the tags outright for resale. In some cases, the initial batch may be provided to retailers on consignment to eliminate the initial cash outlay by the retailer.
- Retailers may purchase tags on-line or at the municipality using a credit card or may be invoiced for the tags (for large orders).
- Tags are picked up by retailers at the time of purchase or delivered by the municipality to the retailer via courier.
- There are supporting collection programs to accommodate the lower (1-bag and 2-bag) limit.
 These include organic waste collection, leaf and yard waste collection and bulk waste collection.
 Weekly organics collection supports having lower bags limits and higher diversion rates. The municipalities with organics collection and lower bags limits tend to have diversion rates of 50% or higher (Appendix B).

According to the municipalities contacted, there are no major concerns from residents regarding the bag limits or tag fees. There is also no major impact with respect to illegal dumping once residents adjust to the new limits. This is partly due to having a good public education program and other curbside programs such as recycling, leaf and yard waste collection, organics collection and bulk waste collection to complement the weekly curbside waste collection service. These programs offset the need for higher bag/container limits.

Bulky items collection services vary across the municipalities surveyed (Appendix B). The main types of services offered are noted below.

- Drop-off at the landfill site or other designated location for a fee i.e. no curbside collection
- Curbside collection on regular garbage day on a call-in basis. A user fee may or may not apply depending on the municipality
- Curbside collection a few times per year. Users are required to call in depending on the municipality
- Designated "give-away" days during which residents may set out items at the curb for others to take away

The user fees that apply also vary by municipality. Table 3-2 summarizes the bulky waste collection and user fees in the comparator municipalities. The respective fees generally vary between \$10 and \$20 per item for curbside collection with higher fees for appliances. Although the fees seem to be based on the cost of service the survey was unable to confirm the basis for the fees. In a few cases the cost of service is absorbed within the tax base and not charged separately on a user pay basis.

Municipality **Collection Service** Tag Fee Kingston 4 giveaway days per year Not Applicable Drop off available at Only Landfill Fee Applies North Bay Landfill Site \$20 - 1st Item 6 collection days per year \$5 - Additional Items (except for (call-in required in Peterborough mattresses and box springs which are

\$20 each)

\$10.00 per item

Appliances with Freon - \$43.50

Large Furniture - \$15.00 Small Furniture - \$10.00

Appliances without Freon - \$29.40

Table 3-2: Bulky Items Collection in Comparator Municipalities

4 Tag Fees

The tag fees in the context of paying for "extra" bags (over the limit) are intended to be an incentive to reduce waste rather than play a substantive role in funding the waste collection program. The objective is for customers to stay within the limit. Ideally there would be no need to purchase tags and no revenue from the tags if everyone were to stay within the limit. The following should be considered in setting the tag fee:

- It's role as an incentive to divert more (or disincentive to dispose more waste);
- Industry best practice which is in the \$1.00 to \$3.50 range;

advance)

as needed

Belleville

Brockville

Call-in Curbside Collection

Curbside Collection (call-

- The need to ease customers into the tag system for the first time;
- Cost recovery of the production, distribution, sale and administration of the tag system;
- Whether or not HST should be included in the advertised fee or be extra; and
- The reasonableness of the price of the tag.

The average fee in the area is approximately \$2.29 per tag for mature programs in 6 municipalities (Kingston, Brockville, Belleville and 3 SDG municipalities). In the City's case a lower fee would ease the burden on customers as the new bag limit is introduced. The fee can be revisited once the program matures and other collection options (e.g. organics) become available to customers that would reduce their need for generating extra bags/containers. An initial fee of \$1.50 including HST is reasonable. This can be reviewed over time as the tag system matures and the performance of the bag/container limit assessed. The revenue to be generated from the tag sales is not expected to be significant because most

households already fall within the 2-bag limit according to the City's visual audit of garbage set-out rates.

Once the City determines the level of service for bulky items collection it would be appropriate to establish the fees based on the actual cost of service. Consideration should also be given to the fees noted in Table 3-1 which range between \$10 and \$20 per item.

5 Tag Administration

Administration would include establishing an in-house process for tag sales (if the decision is to sell tags at municipal offices/locations), reaching out to retailers to gauge interest in selling tags, initial tag design, printing, distribution, administering agreements with retailers and revenue collection. The main activities would include:

- Identifying the locations for tag sales
- Identifying the staff to be involved and their respective roles and responsibilities
- Identifying and contacting specific retailers that are geographically dispersed across the City to
 confirm their interest in selling tags. Key candidates are corner/convenience stores, drug stores,
 grocers, gas stations, etc. The current system and network of retailers for the bus passes could
 be leveraged
- Facilitating online purchasing of tags by retailers and customers via credit card to reduce in person purchasing given the physical distancing requirements due to the pandemic.
- Requiring a minimum number of tags to be purchased to reduce administration
- Delivery of the tags to the retailers by courier service
- Accounting for the tags sold by serial number.
- Establishing a standard agreement with retailers. The sale of bag tags could be added to the existing agreement for the sale of bus passes
- Using existing tags from other municipalities as a template for the design
- Arranging for the paper type (peel and stick) and printing on an ongoing basis as needed
- Including notices on the City's website and other waste management communication materials regarding the tags and where they can be obtained to educate the customers.
- Amending the City's fee By-Law to include the tag fees for the bag/ container limit and bulky waste collection

6 Recommendations

The main recommendations are presented below for consideration by the City.

- Establishing a tag fee of \$1.50 including HST for bags/containers above the 2-bag/1-container limit. This fee should be reviewed as the tag system matures and better bag limit performance information and tag costs become available.
- Undertake the administration activities noted in Section 5 as part of the implementation process for the tag system.
- Determine a desired level of service for bulky waste collection e.g. call-in weekly service, quarterly service, etc. and respective cost of service.
- Establish a tag fee for bulky waste collection that would recover the full cost of service for the level of service selected by the City.

Appendix A

By-law Components	
Curbside Waste Collection	
Collection Frequency	 Residential - weekly Multi-residential - weekly Industrial, Commercial, & Institutional - weekly Business, including residential tenants, within the DBIA & Le Village areas - twice/weekly collection on Mondays & Fridays Christmas trees are collected during 1 week in January No bulk waste collection
Container Limit	 Residential - 6 bags/3 containers - container size not to exceed 136 L (36 gallons), height of approx. 90 cm (35 inches), diameter of approx. 46 cm (18"), with watertight lid and 2 handles; bags (black plastic) must have capacity of 0.09 cubic metres and be made from a minimum of 1-1/2 mil gauge material capable of holding up to 27 kg (60 lb) without tearing Multi-residential - One garbage cart per 2 units with a capacity between 75 L (20 gallons) and 360 L (95 gallons), height between 97 cm (38") and 119 cm (47"), width between 51 cm (20") and 69 cm (27") Industrial, Commercial, & Institutional - Unlimited amount of garbage in a garbage collection cart with a capacity between 75 L (20 gallons) and 360 L (95 gallons), height between 97 cm (38") and 119 cm (47"), width between 51 cm (20") and 69 cm (27")
Unacceptable Materials	 Residential: Industrial Waste Hazardous Waste Any condemned, abandoned or rejected product, by-product or stock of any wholesale or retail establishment Highly combustible material Liquid waste, whether or not in a container Construction or demolition waste (including wood) Any material frozen to a receptacle which cannot be removed by shaking; Large tree limbs and trunks of trees (except Christmas trees during collection week in January) Manure, feces (human or animal), or animal carcasses; Biomedical waste Sheet iron, scrap metal or car bodies Earth, sand, stone, brick, concrete, asphalt, trees or stumps Scrap tires

	Electronic Waste
	Mattresses
	Any garbage that contains recyclable materials
	Bulk waste
	Multi-Residential, Industrial, Commercial, & Institutional:
	Industrial waste
	 Any condemned, abandoned, or rejected product, by-product, or stock of any wholesale or retail establishment
	Construction or demolition waste
	Biomedical waste
	Discarded furniture
	 Any material not set out in a cart/receptacle as is defined in this by- law
	 Any waste that has not been placed for collection in accordance with this by-law
	Any other material that, in the opinion of the Manager (Division
	Manager, Environmental Services, or such other person that is
	authorized by the Manager to exercise some or all powers vested by
	this by-law), is detrimental to the collection and/or disposal process
Recycling Collection	
Collection Frequency	Residential - Weekly
	Multi-Residential - Weekly
	Industrial, Commercial, & Institutional - Weekly (note, businesses are
	required to set out at least one box/carton of recycling per week)
Single Stream/Dual Stream	Not specified
Limits/Restrictions	No limit to amount of recycling put out
Acceptable Materials	Containers
	Glass bottles & jars - clean, caps removed
	Food & beverage cans - aluminum and steel, clean
	Plastic containers - clean, empty:
	o HDPE (No. 2)
	o PETE (No. 1)
	o PVC (No. 3)
	PVC (No. 3)LDPE (No. 4)
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	 Mixed Office Paper (Mixed Fibre) Newspaper, Magazines, Flyers
	Shredded Office Paper - bagged, free of anything other than paper (e.g.
	staples), free from hot ash, embers, or any other ignitable material
	Box Board - clean
Leaf & Yard Waste	
Collection Frequency	Not specified in by-law (website indicates there is bi-weekly collection in July, August, & September, and weekly collection from the week of September 28th to November 13th)
Limits/Restrictions	No limits
	Set out in compostable paper bags or clearly labeled reusable container
	Leaves, grass clippings, garden waste accepted as Leaf & Yard Waste Dranch on hundled in 1 NA (2 feet) as 4 feet) as 4 feet as
	 Branches bundled in 1 M (3 feet) x 1 M (3 feet) sections allowed, must be placed beside the Leaf & Yard Waste
Household Hazardous Wast	e (HHW) & E- Waste Collection
HHW Program Details	Accepted at landfill site
E-Waste Program Details	Accepted at landfill site
General Waste Collection	
Collection time	Set out by 7:00 a.m. on collection day, no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the evening before collection day, and must be removed by 7:00 p.m. on the day of collection
	• In DBIA & Le Village areas, waste must be set out between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on collection day, and empty containers must be removed from the curbside within 1 hour of collection
Landfill Operations	the carbaide within 1 hour of concetion
Hours of Operation	• 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. (as per by-law) - note that website indicates these hours of operation are in effect from Monday to Friday, and Saturdays, the hours
	are 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Unacceptable Materials (at	 are 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Any material in which a specified diversion area exists at the landfill site
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without such earth or fill material meeting the appropriate requirements of Regulation 345 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.19 as amended from time to time; Sludge from septic tanks Vehicle bodies or parts thereof Carcasses of animals larger than that of a dog Source separated materials as defined by those materials, which are collected through the City's Blue Box program
 Material, which can be recycled, resulting from the erection, alteration or demolition of any building
Any other material that is detrimental to the operation of the Landfill Site
rcement
No collection provided by City. Residents are responsible for paying for the disposal of these items.
 An Provincial Offences Officer (responsible for enforcement of the by-law) can enter a property at any reasonable time to do the following: Ensure compliance with this by-law. Determine whether a direction or order under this by-law is being complied with. Determine whether a prohibition order made under the Municipal Act, 2001, is being followed. Costs incurred during inspections (for example, examinations, tests, samples, photographs) are paid by the property owner or occupant where the inspection takes place.
 If a person contravenes any part of this by-law or doesn't comply with an order, penalties are as follows: First conviction, maximum fine of \$5,000.00 Subsequent conviction, maximum fine of \$10,000.00 If it is a Corporation that contravenes the by-law or doesn't comply with an order, penalties are as follows: First conviction, maximum fine of \$25,000.00 Subsequent convictions, maximum fine of \$50,000.00

Appendix B

Bag/Container Limits and Tag Use in Comparator Municipalities

Municipality	Waste Collection Frequency	Bag/Container Limit	Exemption from Limit?	Bag Tag (for excess garbage) & Cost of Tag	Items Collected Under Separate Programs	Organics Program in Place?	Current Diversion Rate(2018) ¹
Regional Municipality of Peel	• Bi-weekly	 4 bags/containers 	Yes; Medical Waste Exemption Policy: - must apply once per year - doctor's note required - successful applicants receive either an upsized or additional garbage cart at no cost - if household is not part of cart program, tags will be provided	 Yes, \$ 3.00 per tag - available in sheets of 15. Single tags not available. Tags are ordered directly from the Region and are sent out via mail. Tags do not expire 	 Recyclable materials - bi-weekly collection Organic materials - weekly collection Yard Waste - Weekly collection from March to June, bi-weekly from July to December, No pick up January & February Batteries - one collection day per year Christmas Trees - one collection day in January per year Some bulky items collected at the curb - furniture, mattresses and barbeques. All other items are required to be taken to one of the Community Recycling Centres where there is a fee. 	Yes, weekly collection	• 50.3%
Regional Municipality of Niagara	Weekly (changing to bi-weekly October 19th)	1 bag/container (2 bag/container per 2 weeks as of October 19th 2020)	Yes: Household with 2 children under 4 in diapers Home daycares Households with someone with medical condition Group home (run out of a residence)	 Yes, \$2.50 per tag (for households & multiresidential properties with 6 units or less) May be ordered online directly from the Region, or purchased at several retail outlets throughout Niagara Tags are sold to retail outlets for \$2.30 each. The tags must be sold by the retailer to the public for \$2.50 each. For orders of less than 500 tags, the retailer must pay for them via credit card. 	 Recyclable materials - weekly collection Organic materials - weekly collection Yard waste - weekly collection Branches - collected 4 weeks in spring & fall Bulk waste - call-in service for regular garbage day Christmas trees - one collection day in January per year 	Yes, weekly collection	• 55.9%

		For orders larger than 500 tags, the Region will send the retailer an invoice, if requested. Invoices must be paid within 30 days. Retailers must sign a "Letter of Understanding" with the Region. A copy of their vendor permit must also be produced.
City of Kingston	Weekly 1 bag/container (3 "2 bag weeks" per year - January, May, & September) No No	Yes, \$2.00 per tag (no limit on tags) May be ordered online (sheets of 4 with \$1.50 shipping fee) directly from the City or purchased at several retail outlets in Kingston. The City enters into a consignment agreement with some retailers. The City will usually provide the retailer with 200 tags to start, and more tags would be ordered if needed. Small retailers don't usually enter into a consignment agreement. They order tags and pay up front, as needed. Larger retailers don't enter into consignment. They will order bag tags from the City and the City will invoice them for the cost of the tags. The retailers sell the tags for the same price the City

				does. Therefore, other than having their name advertised on the City's website, there is no financial incentive for businesses to sell the garbage bag tags for the City. Tags are delivered to retail locations by City staff or via courier.	
Regional Municipality of Halton	Bi-weekly	3 bags/containers	- Ves: -Diaper bag tag program -households with young children may apply for up to 40 free garbage bag tags per year (must be in clear bag) -Healthcare bag tag program-households with a person(s) with a medical condition may apply for up to 40 free garbage bag tags per year (may be in black bags)	 Yes, \$2.00 per tag (up to 3 extra bags per collection) May be ordered online directly from the Region or purchased at several regional and municipal locations and retail outlets in Halton - sold in sheets of 5 for \$10.00. Municipal and retail locations order tags from the Region in packages of 100 sheets at \$8.50 per sheet According to Halton Region Waste Management, most retail and municipal outlets will order 2-6 packages of 100 sheets per year. Bag tags are delivered to retailers and municipal outlets via Halton Region staff or courier. 	
City of Hamilton	Weekly	1 bag/container	Yes (extra tags provided):	 Yes, 12 tags are provided (along with collection calendar) to each Recyclable materials - weekly collection Yes, weekly collection Yes, weekly collection 35.9% 	

			 Households with more than 2 kids 4 Registered home daycares Agricultural businesses 	household annually at <u>no</u> <u>cost</u> ; up to 14 more can be ordered (also free), for maximum 26 per year.	 Yard waste - weekly collection Bulk waste-call-in scheduled collection. No fees Christmas trees - 2 collection weeks in January 		
City of North Bay	 Residential - weekly Businesses - twice per week 	 Residential - 3 bags/containers per week Businesses - 6 bags/containers per week 	• No	 Yes, \$1.00 per tag Bag tags are available for purchase at City Hall. 	 Recyclable materials - bi-weekly collection No curbside bulk waste collection. Drop off available at Landfill Site 	• No	• 32.2%
Municipality of Chatham-Kent	• Weekly	1 full "toter" or 3 bags/containers per week - a "toter" is equivalent to 3 regular garbage bags	No official exemption program, assessed on case by case basis - for example, Community Living homes	• No	 Recyclable materials - bi-weekly collection Leaf and yard waste collected at the curb but each bag counts towards the 3-bag limit Has online posting board to advertise unwanted large items 	• No	• 34.8%
County of Oxford	• Weekly	User pay garbage bag tags required for each item set out - 1 tag per regular size garbage bag/container/3 tags for large "Herbie Curbie"	• No	 \$2.00 per tag for each bag. Sold in sheets of 10 minimum 	 Recyclable materials - bi-weekly collection Bulk waste - 2 collections per year Brush collection - 2 collections per year Leaf collection - 8 week fall program - 1 collection per household, but no guarantee that the City can collect more than once Christmas tree collection - 1 collection week in January 	• No	• 50.0%
City of Belleville	Residential -Weekly	User pay garbage bag tags required for each item set out, no limit	• N/A	 \$3.00 per tag for each bag set out Tags may be purchased online 	 Recyclable materials - weekly collection Bulk waste - call-in service not part of weekly collection, user pay program 	• No	Unknown - diversion rate reported as part of Quinte Waste Solutions (includes 9 municipalities)

				- Appliances with Freon - \$43.50 - Appliances without Freon - \$29.40 - Large Furniture - \$15.00 - Small Furniture - \$10.00	
Peterborough	• Weekly	 Residential - 2 "lifts" per week (bag, container, bulky item - must meet size requirements) Commercial - 4 containers per week Collection limit is doubled week after Christmas No official exemption program; exemptions ar granted on a case by case basis 	e No	 Recyclable materials -weekly collection Bulk waste - user pay program, 6 collection days per year. Users must call in on the Thursday before the event to have items collected. \$20 for first item and \$5 for each additional item except for mattresses and box springs. Mattresses treated for bed bugs must be placed in clear bags (1 free - available at City) Green (Yard waste) - weekly collection from first week of April to 	• 54.4%
Brockville	• Weekly	Residential- 1 bag N/A	 \$3.00 Tags available at City and convenient locations e.g. Canadian Tire etc. 	 Recyclable materials -weekly collection Bulk Waste collection based on user fee (\$10 per tag) 2 weeks fall leaf collection 	• 39.9%
Whitby	Bi-Weekly	Residential- 4 bags N/A	 \$2.50 each sold in sheets of 5 Tags available at City and other convenient locations 	 Large, bulky items must be scheduled in advance for a special collection. Each household is entitled to one free special collection per calendar year for up to twelve (12) items. Additional special collections cost \$25.00 for each additional item Recycling provided by Durham Region 	Not Applicable - Durham Region provides recycling
Oshawa	• Weekly	Residential- 4 bags N/A	 \$2.50 each sold in sheets of 5 Tags available online, at 	Large, bulky items must be scheduled in advance for collection every other week with garbage. Booking online	Not Applicable - Durham Region provides recycling

			City and other convenient locations - Each household is entitled to one free special collection per calendar year - Additional special collections cost \$35.00 for each additional item. - Recycling provided by Durham Region
Region of Waterloo	Bi-Weekly	 Residential- 4 bags Multi-Res - 10 bags Containers not allowed - bags only 	 \$2.00 each sold in sheets of 5 Tags available online, at Region and other convenient locations Large, bulky items must be scheduled in advance for collection every other week with garbage. Booking online. Maximum 3 items for SFD and 10 items for multi res. No charge noted. Weekly Recycling
Newmarket	Bi-Weekly	Residential- 3 bags N/A	 \$3.00 each sold in sheets of 5 Tags available at Town and other convenient locations Large, bulky items must be scheduled in advance for collection. Tags sold for \$16 each at Town and mailed to resident Weekly Recycling Yes Not Applicable Yes
London	Every 6 days rotation	 Residential- 3 bags per residential unit (including multiresidential). Maximum size collected is 2 cubic metres regardless of bag limit and bulky waste items Rooming houses are allowed 1 bag per room Businesses - 12 bags maximum and not permitted to use garbage tags 	and above the 3-bag limit at no
Thunder Bay	• Weekly	 Residential- 2 bags 1 free bag days - 3rd Extra bags allowed for medical conditions considered on a case I 	Tags available at City and Recycling hi-weekly

APPENDIX B: Bag/Container Limits and Tag Use in Comparator Municipalities

		bag free 3 times per year on specific weeks	case basis	Landfill and payment by credit card only. Tags mailed out.	Spring and fall leaf and yard waste collection		
Simcoe County	Bi-Weekly	 Residential- 2 bags Max 8 bags - 2 without tags and 6 with tags 	• NA	 \$3.00 each in sheets of 5 Tags available at several local municipal offices 	 Call-in Bulky Waste between June and September maximum 5 items at \$40 per collection Recycling bi-weekly alternating with garbage Spring and fall leaf and yard waste collection 	• Yes	• 59.6%

^{1 -} Obtained from "2018 Residential Waste Diversion Rates by Municipal Program," Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (www.rpra.ca)