

Member's inquiry – landfill: real cost

On June 6, 2012 we asked:

“Our good friends in Peterborough are wondering if anyone has done a full true-cost analysis of their landfill operations, to determine the true and complete cost of each tonne of waste disposed of in this fashion.

Peterborough wishes to commence such a study, and would like to know if municipalities hired consultants (and if so, who), or if they did it in-house.

Ultimately, Peterborough would like to know what sort of model people used for this sort of study. “

Replies:

Blue Mountains recently conducted a full cost accounting exercise with the Town's Financial Department – Jeff Fletcher
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We are interested in the same information.
Elizabeth Ramsay, City of Brantford
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I would go and talk to the people at Waste Management. They know everything there is to know about this kind of stuff and they offer services way beyond waste collection.

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To set the tipping fees we/with Haldimand do a tipping fee study. We have a consultant do it. It includes all the costs of running the landfill, revenues and perpetual care costs but any other costs like collection or carbon credits or cost of diversion or stuff outside of the landfill itself.

Jennifer Wilson, Norfolk County

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We have done an in-house analysis of our operating costs and came up with a per tonne cost and have put several processes in place to provide more accurate forecasting annually. Would be happy to speak about our approach.

Bob Moore, Township of Drummond/North Elmsley

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Muskoka determines cost of disposal per tonne using landfilling operation cost plus post closure monitoring costs in order to produce the OMBI data, link here- <http://www.ombi.ca/?cat=8> but it probably does not cover all future liability costs.

Mark Pringle, Manager of Solid Waste

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We don't have a model. But we would be very interested in the outcome of the project.

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The County of Simcoe has not conducted a formal study on this. If we were to look at the true cost of landfilling, we would need to include ongoing monitoring of our closed landfills as well as the cost to operate and monitor our active landfills. I trust this information answers your questions, however, if you require further clarification please let me know.

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The City of Calgary would be willing to discuss this with Peterborough. We participated in a similar project a few years ago.

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