

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF HASTINGS HIGHLANDS**

**BYLAW 2018-060**

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**Being** a Bylaw to re-establish a "Clear Bag Waste Disposal Policy" for waste disposal at the Municipality's waste disposal/waste transfer sites.

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands wishes to update its "Clear Bag Waste Disposal Policy" for waste disposal at the Municipality's waste disposal/waste transfer sites; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Hastings Highlands deems it necessary to further reduce waste deposited at its waste disposal sites by establishing a mandatory requirement to separate recyclable waste from other forms of waste prior to its collection and disposal; and

**WHEREAS** it is the intention of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands to increase the life expectancy of its waste disposal/waste transfer sites, and to help protect the environment from hazardous substances.

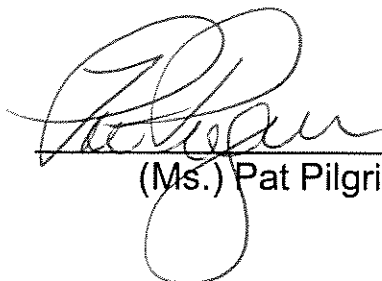
**NOW THEREFORE THE** Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. THAT the "Clear Bag Waste Disposal Policy" for waste depot collection attached as Schedule 'A' to this bylaw is hereby approved as evidenced by the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk under the Corporate Seal;
2. THAT this Bylaw shall become effective on passage;
3. THAT all former Bylaws pertaining to this matter, including bylaw 2014-060 are hereby repealed.

ENACTED and PASSED on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



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Vivian Bloom, Mayor



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(Ms.) Pat Pilgrim, CAO/Clerk



**SCHEDULE 'A' TO CLEAR BAG WASTE DISPOSAL POLICY**

<b>Municipality of Hastings Highlands- Corporate Policies and Procedures</b>			
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> WASTE		<b>POLICY #:</b>	
<b>POLICY:</b> Clear Bag Waste Disposal Policy			
<b>DATE:</b> May 16, 2018	<b>REV. DATE:</b>	<b>COVERAGE:</b> Municipality of Hastings Highlands	<b>PAGE #:</b> 1-3

**PURPOSE:**

The benefits of the clear bag program are the protection of the environment, worker safety and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The environment is protected through the prevention of hazardous waste entering the landfill, contaminating soil and groundwater. Recycling saves on natural resources such as wood and water and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Worker safety is also improved because Waste attendants can see what they are picking up, preventing injury and cuts from sharp objects.

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Municipality of Hastings Highlands is committed to improving its environmental performance through extending the life of its waste disposal/waste transfer sites. We will operate in compliance with all relevant federal, provincial and municipal environmental legislation. We will strive to use the best pollution prevention and environmental practices in all we do. The Municipality of Hastings Highlands will integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into our decision making and activities. We will promote environmental awareness among our employees and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner. The Municipality of Hastings Highlands will regularly communicate our environmental program to our clients, customers and the public and encourage them to support it. We will strive to continually improve our environmental performance by periodically reviewing our environmental policy in light of our current and planned future activities.



**TITLE:**

- This bylaw shall be called the **Clear Bag Waste Disposal Policy Bylaw**.

**PROVISIONS:**

**The provisions of the Clear Bag Waste Disposal Policy are as follows:**

- All garbage must be placed in clear bags. All bags must be clear so contents are visible by landfill attendants. Dark coloured, brown, black or green bags are not permitted.
- One solid colour plastic bag (such as a white kitchen bag, plastic grocery bag, etc.) will be permitted in each clear bag for personal items.

**The provisions for addressing non-compliance with the Clear Bag Waste Disposal Policy:**

A waste attendant has the right to refuse any waste that is brought into a Waste Disposal/Waste Transfer Site/ if:

- A clear bag is not used for garbage.
- The bag contains more than 5% recyclables.
- The bag contains hazardous waste.
- The privacy bag is larger than the normal kitchen-catcher size bag (max. 2 cubic feet).

**\*\*The waste attendant will advise when there are unacceptable items in the clear plastic garbage bag. There will be a zero tolerance.**



**Items accepted for Waste Disposal/Waste Transfer recycling are:**

- **Aluminum** - foil, pop cans, pie plates.
- **Steel** - food and beverage cans and tins (soup, juice, etc.), empty aerosol cans.
- **Glass** - cleaned bottles and jars (clear or coloured).
- **Plastic** - jars, bottles and containers with tops removed.
- **Poly Coated** - drinking boxes, milk and juice cartons.
- **Cardboard** - flattened boxes, pizza boxes, egg cartons, brown paper bags.
- **Paper** - writing paper, envelopes, books (hard covers removed), shredded paper (in a clear bag).
- **Newsprint** - newspapers, flyers, phone books, magazines, catalogues.

**PLEASE ENSURE ITEMS ARE THOROUGHLY RINSED**

**Items not accepted at the Waste Disposal/Waste Transfer site for recycling:**

- **Hazardous Waste** - propane cylinders, paint cans, motor oil containers, light bulbs, florescent lights, smoke and CO2 detectors.