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# Proposed cardboard ban at the Quesnel Municipal Landfill

Communities around the world are taking steps toward banning cardboard from their landfills. Not only does this have a significant positive effect on the environment, but extends the life of landfills, resulting in significant savings to the taxpayer. The City of Quesnel is considering joining the ranks of these communities.

City Council has requested that staff proceed on implementing an amendment to the City Garbage Disposal Bylaw No. 413. This would prohibit certain hazardous waste products AND all commercial or industrial-sourced corrugated cardboard, from being deposited at the Quesnel Landfill.

The proposal's first phase would be to ensure that businesses and industrial customers:

- **DO NOT** deliver cardboard in their vehicles, or in the vehicles of waste disposal commercial operators, into the Landfill site, or place cardboard in the waste transfer bins at the Landfill site.
- **DO NOT** place cardboard in the City's trade waste containers for disposal by the City garbage crew at the waste section of the Landfill site.
- **DO** deliver, or arrange to have delivered, their waste cardboard materials to the Quesnel Recycling Depot adjacent to the Landfill site on Carson Pit Road.

Commercial and industrial businesses have the options of:

- **Arranging** with a private contractor for the pick-up and delivery to a recycler of all cardboard products.
- **Arranging** with their own staff to deliver such waste cardboard materials to the Quesnel recycling depot or to another recycler.
- **Arranging** with surrounding businesses to share a bin or delivery method to have cardboard removed from their premises to a recycler.

**ACCORDINGLY**, this Notice of impending ban is forwarded to your Company, with a request for your input if you believe any changes should be made before the cardboard ban is implemented later in 2006.

Council members wish to hear from business and industry prior to finalizing the ban.

The amending bylaw will be presented to Council, along with any correspondence received from businesses such as yours, at its Monday June 5, 2006 Committee of the Whole Council meeting in Quesnel City Hall Council Chambers commencing at 7 p.m.

It would be appreciated if you could deliver your written response to City Hall by June 1 in order to include it in the distributed Council agendas. If you choose, you may attend the June 5 evening meeting and provide a verbal response.

*Any questions can be directed to the Director of Public Works, Jack Marsh or Deputy Clerk Maureen Murray at 992-2111.*