

Township of North Kawartha

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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Gerald, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: July 9, 2025
Subject: 2025 Ice Storm Debris Management Plan Update

Recommendation:

For discussion and direction.

Background:

The March 2025 Ice Storm was a freezing rain event that coated North Kawartha and parts of Ontario in thick layers of ice, downing branches, trees, hydro lines, and telephone lines. The number of trees and tree limbs destroyed by the ice storm was devastating.

The Township worked around the clock to ensure all roads were accessible for emergency services and resident safe access. In addition, to assist residents with the clean-up of downed trees and branches, the Township immediately began to accept all storm debris free of charge at both the Anstruther and Haultain Transfer Stations.

Analysis:

Due to the extensive damage and volume of downed trees and branches, the Township has continued to accept green waste storm debris for free at both transfer stations. This has provided time for full-time and seasonal residents to clean-up their respective properties, and two convenient locations to dispose of their debris free of charge.

The above has been very much appreciated by property owners, but there is still some clean-up to be completed. Therefore, we are recommending that we continue to accept Storm Debris free of charge until the end of the Transfer Station 2025 summer schedule on Sunday September 14, 2025. This will provide all North Kawartha property owners approximately six months from the ice storm in March, to clean-up and drop-off green waste storm debris to the Transfer Stations free of charge.



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Eligible ice storm expenses incurred by the Municipality, may be recovered through a 2025 ice storm assistance funding program from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, via an application process. I have been advised that the funding program for eligible expenses closes October 2025, and eligible expenses must be invoiced, paid and documentation submitted with the application process.

Therefore, continuing to accept ice storm green waste debris free of charge until September 14, 2025, still allows the Township enough time to have all of the collected debris processed, invoiced and paid, so documentation can be included with the funding application process.

In summary, staff is seeking direction on the closing date for accepting North Kawartha 2025 green waste storm debris free of charge at the transfer stations, so that the Township can advertise and provide advance notice of this date for North Kawartha property owners.

Please note, following the closing date of accepting green waste storm debris for free at the North Kawartha transfer stations, the Township will still continue to collect green waste storm debris, however the Township's \$20.00 per cubic yard green waste tipping fee (includes HST), will come into effect.

Financial Implications:

TBD to date.

\$20/cubic yard after Sept. 14, 2025.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Infrastructure

1. Ensure that the existing infrastructure is sustained reflective of the Asset Management Plan.

Governance

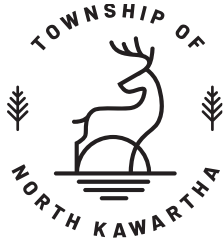
1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.
2. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township Communication.

Environment

1. Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship.

Consultant(s) Sourced:

Judy Everett, Treasurer



Attachment:

None.

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