



## **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: September 27, 2025  
Subject: Transfer Station 40-Yard Animal Proof Garbage Bin

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#### **Recommendation:**

The Township of North Kawartha purchase a new 40-Yard Animal (Bear) Proof Garbage Roll-Off Bin for the Transfer Stations, thereby replacing one of the five existing bins. Furthermore, the 2025 funding requirement of approximately \$16,500. plus, applicable taxes, be transferred from General Reserves.

#### **Background:**

The Township owns five 40-Yard Roll-Off Garbage Bins that are animal and bear proof. These bins are a specific design consisting of a closed top and six individual spring-loaded lids measuring 3' x 3'.

As mentioned, these bins are a specific design that we developed 20-years ago to deter the bear population in our transportation stations, thereby making them safer and this design also helps to keep the snow and rain out, which is important so that unnecessary weight is not added to each bin.

The specific lid opening and size restricts what can be put into these bins, as they are designed and intended for residential bagged household garbage. These bins have proven to be effective for the safe collection and transportation of residential garbage to the Benfort Rd. Landfill Site in Peterborough Ontario.

There are two bins in each Transfer Station with one bin used as the 'swing' bin, thereby reducing travel time and expense. Having a swing bin ensures that there are always two garbage bins at each Transfer Station. A swing bin not only reduces transportation cost, but it cuts the travel time in half, which is essential for eight months of the year due to the high demand of servicing roll-off bins with the County.



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### **Analysis:**

A new 40-Yard Roll-Off Animal Proof Bin was originally included in the 2025 Capital Forecast, to replace an existing bin that was deteriorating. However, through budget deliberations, this item was deferred until 2026. When reviewing 2025 capital expense items that could be deferred, an inspection was performed on this bin in October 2024, and it was of a collective opinion, that this bin could last another year.

This bin was removed from service last week to repair some smaller holes so that it could continue to last until next year. Unfortunately, when doing so, we discovered that the frame cross-channel components underneath the bin have deteriorated to the point where the bin is no longer safe to use and transport. As a note, side panels, floor sections, doors, and lids are repairable by welding on steel patch repairs. However, frame components are not repairable.

Therefore, operating with only four bins and no swing bin will double the Township's transportation costs and add significant time onto each garbage bin's dump and return request. As an example, this additional transportation cost could be approximately \$2400/month during the slower periods, and approximately \$4000/month during the busier periods.

In summary, as these bins can take 4 to 6 weeks for delivery, for financial and efficiency reasons, it is recommended that we order and replace this bin now, rather than deferring until the 2026 budget approval.

### **Financial Implications:**

40-Yard Animal Proof Roll-Off Bin, NK vinyl decals, applicable accessories and delivery. Transfer from General Reserves approximately \$16,500 plus applicable taxes.

### **Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

#### **Infrastructure**

1. Ensure that 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.



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### **Environment**

1. Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship.

### **In Consultation With:**

Waste Connections

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### **Attachment:**

None