

### **Appendix 3 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Motion from January 22, 2019**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on Tuesday January 22, 2019, passed the following motion:

#### **7.1 AAC-C 02-2019**

Amendment to Recommendations from the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 8, 2019

Moved by C. Theal

Seconded by G. Eden

That AAC-C 02-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, respecting recommendations from the Public Works Committee, **BE RECEIVED**;

That the following comments **BE PROVIDED** to Waste Management staff for consideration as part of the waste collection service delivery changes for the next collection contract:

- Clear bags would infringe on the privacy of those individuals who are dependent on incontinence products as well as those who are required to use various medical supplies on an ongoing basis (i.e. parts of needles that are not placed in a sharps container)
- For individuals who are frail and infirm, being forced to put out medical waste in a clear bag could impede their safety and would infringe on their privacy
- If a privacy bag is offered, is this double bagging and defeating the overall purpose of using clear bags? Will the allowance of one privacy bag be sufficient?
- It is already difficult for individuals with physical disabilities, elderly individuals and individuals with cognitive disabilities or mental health issues to take one bag of garbage to the curb let alone two bags. Putting garbage out the night before is not an option because of animals/rodents - this could potentially extend their garbage pick up from two weeks to four - health issue
- If garbage is not picked up because of improper sorting, the individual's garbage pick up is extended to four weeks - health issue - extremely difficult for individuals with accessibility issues to bring garbage back in when it is not picked up and to have to go through it to remove improper materials

- Individuals with cognitive/mental health issues will have difficulty remembering what week is garbage pick up week - compounding the amount of trash being stored - health issue - looking for trouble if weekly cycle is breached
- Odour/Health and safety issues with incontinence products now being picked up every two weeks
- Health and safety issue with storing garbage for two weeks as opposed to one - this will not help with the rodent issue that is already a problem in many areas
- Inability of individuals with accessibility issues to take their garbage out due to inclement weather now forces them to keep their garbage for another two weeks; and

That this Committee **RECOMMEND** to Waste Management staff that the mandatory use of clear garbage bags not be included as part of the waste collection service delivery changes for the next collection contract.

**Carried**