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**TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

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**RE: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT TEMPORARY CHANGES**

**DATE: MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update on the temporary changes to the hours and location of the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot.

As a part of the Landfill Re-Engineering project a new Recycling Depot is being constructed at the lower gate area of the Environmental Centre. Construction of the Recycling Depot will begin in May 2017 and is expected to be completed by October 2017. Once completed, the Recycling Depot will allow a higher volume of residents to utilize the Environmental Centre, in addition to shortening wait times during the summer months. Residents who have recyclable materials will be able to drop these materials at the Recycling Depot instead of having to wait in line to go over the scales. Through the use of tracking software at the weigh scales from May through September an average of 8050 vehicles each month are recorded as entering the landfill site for material drop-off purposes. From October to April an average of 5300 vehicles per month are recorded as entering the landfill site to drop-off materials.

There are 2 locations which currently facilitate the collection of HHW:

- From May to October the depot operates from the lower gate area seeing a monthly average of 11% monthly of the total vehicles visitors.
- From October to April the depot operates at its winter location area in proximity to the Public Drop-off past the scales seeing a monthly average of 13% of the total vehicle visitors.

This seasonal relocation of the depot has occurred for a number of years and alleviates the need for residents with Household Hazardous Waste to wait in long line ups to access the depot. The Household Hazardous Waste Depot operates year round every Saturday 9am to 4pm.

Due to the construction of the new Recycling Depot the HHW Depot will not be moving to the lower gate this year. This will increase the number of vehicles needing to pass over the scales resulting in an anticipated increase in wait times. The result may potentially be that some residents will not be able to access the Public Drop-Off or the Household Hazardous Waste Depot. To mitigate wait times, a temporary additional day has been added. The following are the temporary arrangements which will be in place May 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

- The HHW Depot will remain open at its winter location (past the scales) on Saturdays 9am to 4pm.
- The HHW Depot will also be open on Wednesdays at its winter location (past the scales) from 12pm to 7pm. Garbage and recyclable materials will not be accepted after 4pm on Wednesdays.

These changes are being messaged to Barrie Residents through local newspaper and radio stations, the City of Barrie website, the Landfill Re-Engineering Project newsletter (distributed residents surrounding the landfill site) and signage at the Environmental Centre.

There are sufficient funds in the 2017 budget to accommodate the additional hours of operation given historical collected volumes. However should an increase in the volume of material collected occur at the depot due to the additional hours it is possible that the budget could be exceeded.

Household Hazardous Waste is accepted free of charge for Barrie residents (photo ID required). Commercial and/or industrial hazardous waste is not accepted.

Should members of Council have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Sandra Brunet, Manager of Environmental Operations at extension 6140.