

## RM of Lac du Bonnet to implement new Transfer Station electronic scan card system

The Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet is modernizing our Transfer Station procedures by moving away from the current punch card system to a scannable access card system.

The new system will come into effect on July 1, 2021.

## New system will modernize processes, improve efficiency

Under the new system, residents and businesses will be issued a card they will scan prior to entering the Transfer Station. This will improve efficiency and add data-collection functionality in addition to streamlining access for users.

Access cards will allow residents to drop off up to 10 bags of residential household waste per visit and visits will not be limited. Please see schedule A in Solid Waste Disposal By-Law 05-21 (found on our Municipal By-Laws and Policies webpage) regarding fees for mixed loads.

Each residential property and agricultural property with a dwelling will receive one residential access card that is electronically linked to their property roll number, property type, address, and names of property owners.

Residents with multiple properties or dwellings will have all roll numbers linked to a single card.

Each commercial property and agricultural property without a dwelling will receive one commercial or agricultural access card. Fees will apply as per schedule A in By-Law 05-21.

Cards will be mailed to each property in mid-June along with tax bills.

## **Commercial Tipping Fees**

The new system will also see the implementation of commercial tipping fees in order to encourage businesses to divert more waste to recycling and manage their waste responsibly.

Commercial businesses make up only 20 per cent of Transfer Station users, but drop off 80 per cent of the total tonnage of waste.

The implementation of commercial tipping fees was part of the 2020 Financial Plan. However, due to the negative impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had on businesses, Council opted to

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delay implementation as to not cause further financial hardships. Commercial tipping fees can be found in schedule of By-Law 05-21.

The RM will provide much more information on the transition to the new system, including FAQs, in the weeks ahead.

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