



## **Operational changes coming to Transfer Station #214 beginning May 1, 2023**

**April 11, 2023:** Operational changes are coming to Transfer Station #214 beginning May 1, 2023.

Effective May 1, there will be a dump truck available for residents to deposit waste on Sundays from 9 a.m. and noon, instead of being open Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

“The conditions at Transfer Station #214 have been getting progressively worse for a number of years and it has come to a point where it is not compliant with Workplace Health and Safety standards,” Reeve Loren Schinkel said.

“Eliminating the bin service and using the dump truck instead will allow us to provide a safer working environment,” Reeve Schinkel continued. “Keeping our employees safe is our top priority.”

There will be no change in the types of waste users can bring to #214. The truck on site will continue to accept bagged household waste and recycling.

“We recognize #214 is more convenient to use for residents in that part of the RM than Transfer Station #520 due to the distance,” Reeve Schinkel said. “Council did not want to put a hardship on these residents, especially because the idea behind opening #214 in the first place was to make their lives easier. Ultimately, Council came to this compromise so we could continue to provide some level of service at #214.”

Usage of Transfer Station #214 is low, Public Works Department tracking statistics show. 46 residential properties and nine non-residents use the facility, and total monthly attendance ranges from an average of 58 from January to April, to 81 from May to September, to 72 from October to December.

“The major renovations needed to get the facility up to standard are costly and not feasible at this time due to the other financial pressures we face,” Reeve Schinkel explained.

“The RM’s 2023 Financial Plan includes a slight Mill Rate decrease, but it’s by no means a budget full of frills,” he continued. “We were able to avoid a Mill Rate increase by removing ‘wish list’ items and because the Province increased the operating grant to municipalities after a seven-year freeze.”

Transfer Station #520 will continue to be open six days per week. It will begin operating on Summer Hours in May, with an exact date to be announced.

Please see the Transfer Stations page on the RM's website for more information.

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