

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

**RE: CURBSIDE WASTE AND RECYCLING PICKUP WILL PROCEED WITH OPT OUT OPTION**

Dear Homeowner,

You are receiving this letter to let you know that Council has decided to proceed with Curbside Waste and Recycling Pickup and your property is included in this program.

In our planning process, we heard many homeowners request the choice to be able to opt out of this service. Because of this, we decided to explore whether this was feasible and asked residents who wanted to opt out of service to register with us via an online or paper form.

1098 of the 2,790 homes in the service area registered to opt out of service. When consulted, the proposed curbside pickup contractor said they would be able to maintain their original bid per household of \$105 plus up to 2% for inflation per year for a period of five years with the smaller number of 1692 households in the service area. This charge will be added to your annual Property Tax bill as a separate line item.

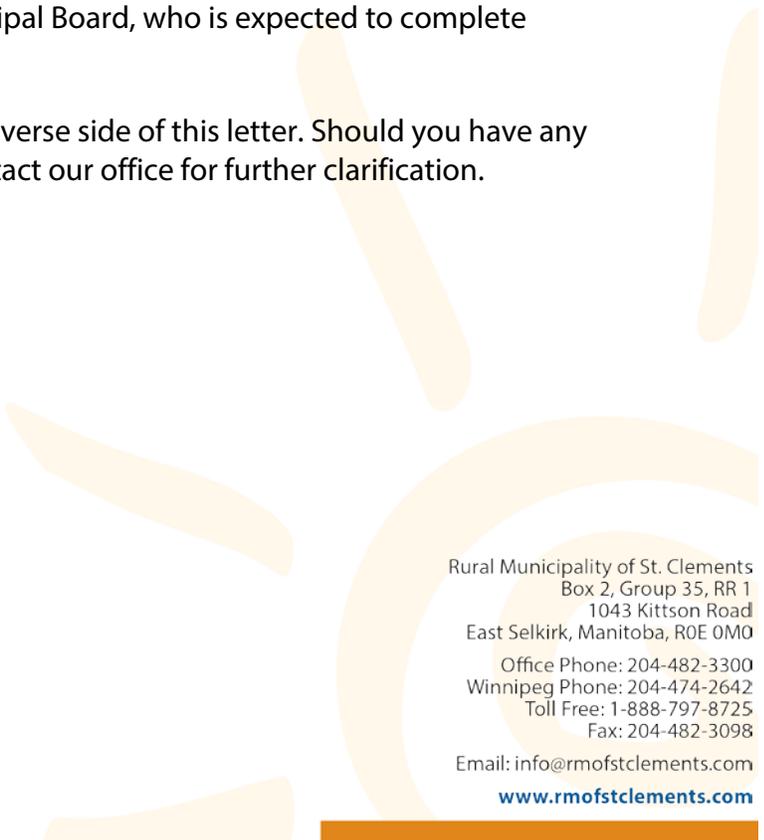
The service plan has been amended to remove the properties that requested to opt out of curbside pickup. The service plan and by-law received first reading on March 27, 2018 and now require approval by the Manitoba Municipal Board, who is expected to complete deliberations this spring.

We have included more information on the reverse side of this letter. Should you have any further questions or concerns feel free to contact our office for further clarification.

Yours truly,



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**Wait, can I still opt out of curbside pickup service?**

Yes, you have a final opportunity to opt out. Contact our office at 204-482-3300 within 30 days of this notice (by Friday, April 27, 2018) and staff will gladly assist you. Please note that if you chose to opt out and want to opt in after curbside service has started, there will be a \$25.00 fee for administration and to transport the waste and recycling carts to your residence.

**Won't allowing individual properties to opt out result in a lower recycling rate?**

It is likely that the recycling rates will be lower than if the program had been implemented without allowing residents to opt out, which was the original plan. With that said, many residents who opted out said they recycle regularly and some said they will consider opting in in the future when they have a better idea of how it will work.

Council chose to listen to concerns of residents and find an option that is more suitable to everyone.

**I don't want to opt-out, but I do want to object. How do I do that?**

See enclosed guidelines on how to register your objection to the Municipal Board.

**How can I get more information?**

Please visit our website at [rmofstclements.com/trash](http://rmofstclements.com/trash) or call 204-482-3300 for full information on this program.



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