

Operational Changes to Transfer Stations

The Rural Municipality of St. Clements is committed to providing sustainable services to its ratepayers for a safe and healthy community for future generations. The RM has operated four Waste Transfer Stations and a Regional Landfill since 1999 all of which require significant operating budgets and capital investment to maintain operational. With the success and permanent adoption of the Curbside Collection programs for household waste and recycling the RM is implementing a multi-step approach towards consolidation of waste services. This multi-step approach aims to consolidate and reduce expenses for two (2) transfer stations in the southern portion of the RM, where curbside recycling and refuse collection is offered to residents. Starting July 1, 2023 Dunning Road Waste Transfer Station and Clarke Road Waste Transfer Station will have reduction in operating hours.

PHASE 1- July 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Libau Landfill	Closed	Closed	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Dunning <i>Burnables no longer accepted</i>	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Clarke	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Grand Marais	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Closed	Closed	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Gull Lake	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Closed	Closed	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	10:00 am – 6:00 pm

RED – New Hours

PHASE 2- November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

WINTER HOURS

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Libau Landfill	Closed	Closed	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Dunning <i>Burnables no longer accepted</i>	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Clarke	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Grand Marais	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Closed
Gull Lake	Closed	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

CURBSIDE COLLECTION & TRANSFER STATION CHANGES

2023

Why is the municipality making changes?

The Rural Municipality of St. Clements strives to promote the reduction, reuse and recycling of materials, which in turn helps to make the community environmentally friendly and sustainable while lengthening the service life of the landfill. The success and permanent adoption of the curbside collection program offers a convenient and economical service to our residents in the populated southern regions of the RM.

Why is the RM making changes to the Curbside Collection Program?

In total approximately 2,000 homes are included in the curbside collection program which was developed as a Special Service Levy as per By-Law 14-2018. A new By-law 3-2023 – Solid Waste and Recycling Collection By-law, will come into effect on July 1, 2023, with first reading on May 23, 2023, followed by second and third reading on June 13, 2023 in order to improve and continue the administration and delivery of the service for existing and new users.

How will I be billed for the service?

In the By-Law 14-2018, properties enrolled in the curbside collection have the fees applied to property rolls as a Special Service Levy which are due with taxes. January through June 30, 2023 will be billed as a Special Service Levy and cover the costs of the service until June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$57.96. The new By-law 3-2023 which commences at the expiration of the special service levy will change the way you will be billed for the service after June 30, 2023. In the month of September, the RM will be direct billing all existing customers for the remaining 6 months of 2023 and every full year thereafter.

How does the billing work and how much will it cost?

With the creation of By-law 3-2023, bills will be mailed out in September which will be due within 30 days. For July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 the invoice will be mailed to you for the amount of \$55.92. For years 2024 and 2025 invoices will be mailed directly to you for the amount of \$125.84.

Why are you making changes to Transfer Stations now?

With the proposed Solid Waste and Recycling Collection By-law 3-2023, it is a suitable time to review the solid waste services of the municipal waste transfer stations. The RM of St. Clements has operated four (4) Waste Transfer Stations since circa 1999 on locations of former small landfills, as well as a Class 1 Landfill. The existing waste transfer stations have not maintained pace with industry and employment standards when it comes to capital investment for electrical

power, air conditioning, as well as washroom and sanitary break rooms for staff, mainly due to the multiyear discussions of potential consolidation and reduction of the number of transfer stations operated within RM boundaries.

The two (2) transfer stations located within the curbside collection zones in the southern portion of the RM, Dunning and Clarke Waste Transfer Stations, are being looked at for operational changes. A multi-step approach is being taken to consolidate and reduce the expenses required, while maintaining the level of service to ratepayers and provide a safe and healthy work environment for staff.

Why are you not receiving burnable materials at Dunning?

With the existing and approved development occurring on the commercial/industrial property in close proximity of the Dunning Waste Transfer Station, the RM of St. Clements has to address this with a change to the operation at this site. The lands next to the Dunning Waste Transfer Station have development rights to construct certain buildings without requiring any additional approvals from the RM and this has created an issue to address this due to the time sensitive nature. The RM of St. Clements must abide by Provincial Waste Management Facilities Regulation for a setback of 400m that is required if burning of permitted waste is to be conducted on the site. Due to the development already approved, this site will need to cease burning combustible material. Discussions have taken place between RM of St Clements and nearby municipality who may be open to the concept of receiving some waste materials from our residents. Negotiations and details will be evaluated, reviewed, and will require agreements to be signed. This is anticipated to take some time to fully evaluate and then agree upon, and the following proposed phases provide time for that. Alternatively, the Clarke Transfer Station, which is better suited to receive burnable materials will continue to receive these materials when no burn bans are in effect. Burning is dependent on weather and low wind conditions that allow for safe burning. We conducted the last burn of combustible waste at Dunning Transfer Station on May 9, 2023.

Will there be options available to residents to dispose of yard waste?

At present we are only restricting yard waste for burning at the Dunning Transfer Station due to Provincial legislations for burning at Transfer Stations. Yard waste will still be accepted at all other Transfer Stations and the Landfill. Discussions are also occurring with nearby transfer stations in another municipality to allow our residents to bring their material that they would normally bring to our Transfer Station.

What are the changes occurring this year with the Transfer Stations?

As the new Curbside Collection By-Law will be in effect July 1, 2023 and as such, the change in operations at our transfer stations in the curbside eligible area will also take effect this day. Dunning will operate 10 am to 6 pm two days per week on Sundays and Mondays while Clarke will operate 10am to 6 pm for three days per week on Thursdays through Saturdays until the winter seasonal hours change November 1, 2023.

Starting November 1, 2023 Dunning will only be open 9am to 5pm on Sundays. Clarke will be open 9am to 5pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

When will Dunning be closed this year?

Dunning Transfer Station will not be closing this year. The two (2) transfer stations located within the curbside collection zones in the southern portion of the RM, Dunning and Clarke Waste Transfer Stations will have their hours reduced starting July 1, 2023.

A multi-step approach is being taken to consolidate and reduce the expenses for solid waste management while maintaining the level of service to ratepayers and provide a safe and healthy work environment for staff. The closure of Dunning Transfer Station will be reviewed by Council before April 1, 2024 and will occur when there is a suitable alternative options available to our residents.