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A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF MORINVILLE, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act* gives broad authority to Municipal Councils to govern in whatever manner Council deems appropriate, including the authority to regulate the provision of local waste management services;

AND WHEREAS, the *Municipal Government Act* gives Municipalities the power to enact bylaws and impose fines and penalties for infractions of their bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of Morinville, Alberta, duly assembled, hereby enacts as follows.

1.0 BYLAW TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw shall be cited as the “Waste Management Bylaw.”

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 “Chief Administrative Officer” or “CAO” means the Chief Administrative Officer of Morinville as appointed pursuant to s. 205 of the *Municipal Government Act* or the designate of the Chief Administrative Officer.

2.2 “Collection Day” means the day or days during each week on which solid waste is regularly collected from an eligible premise, as set forth in Schedule “A” of this Bylaw.

2.3 “Collection Point” means the point at which the solid waste collector will collect solid waste from an eligible premise. Unless otherwise specified by specific exemption as determined by the Municipality, the collection point will be the front curb.

2.4 “Council” means Council of Morinville.

2.5 “Eligible Premise” means those properties within Morinville which are eligible for municipal collection as defined in Section 5.0 of this Bylaw.

2.6 “Established Route” means a solid waste collection route established by the Municipality.

2.7 “Household Waste” means all normal refuse and garbage which results from the operation of a household and shall not include any items listed in Section 4.10 of this Bylaw.

2.8 “Industrial Waste” means material from excavations, material from lot clearing and building construction, repairs, alterations, or maintenance; debris from any building removed, or destroyed by fire or any other cause; material from manufacturing processes; non-hazardous waste from garages and service stations; non-hazardous condemned matter or waste from factories or other works, or from warehouses; ashes from industrial plants; and other similar waste material other than human or animal excrement or household waste.

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- 2.9 “Landfill Pass” means the pass obtained at the Morinville Civic Plaza that permits a person from an eligible premise to dispose of extra solid waste at the Roseridge Waste Management Facility.
- 2.10 “Morinville” or “Municipality” means the Municipal Corporation of Morinville.
- 2.11 “Non-Eligible Premise” means those properties within Morinville which are not eligible for municipal collection as defined in Section 5.0 of this Bylaw.
- 2.12 “Organic Waste” means uncontaminated, non-bagged, organic waste from gardening activities and includes grass clippings, leaves, brush, house and garden plants, small tree prunings and other garden waste but excludes trees, shrubs, branches over 1.2 metres in length, soil, sod, rock, stumps and any other woody materials. Also included are household organics such as fruits, vegetables, table scrap and other items listed on Schedule “B” of this Bylaw.
- 2.13 “Recyclable Materials” means packaging and printed paper products (PPP), including paper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum, and tin, as designated under Alberta’s Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation and accepted by Circular Materials, the Producer Responsibility Organization administering the program for Morinville.”
- 2.14 “Solid Waste” means household waste, recyclable materials and organic waste.
- 2.15 “Solid Waste Collector” means the person(s) or company authorized by the Municipality to collect, remove and dispose of solid waste.
- 2.16 “Waste Container means either a:
- 2.16.1 “Garbage Cart” means the wheeled automated system container provided for the use of household waste collection; or a
 - 2.16.2 “Metal Garbage Bin” means a receptacle constructed of metal and designed to be dumped by automated means and having a capacity from two (2) yards to eight (8) yards.
 - 2.16.3 “Organic Waste Cart” means the wheeled automated system container provided for the use of organic waste collection;
 - 2.16.4 Or all of the above.

3.0 UTILITY FEE STRUCTURE

- 3.1 The full cost of solid waste collection and disposal from eligible premises within all areas of the Municipality shall be recovered through a solid waste service fee charged on utility bills as set forth in the Morinville Fees and Charges Bylaw.
- 3.2 In the event that such utility bill remains unpaid after twenty (20) days following the date on which the utility bill was mailed, there shall be added thereto by way of a penalty an amount as outlined in Schedule “C” of this Bylaw. The said penalty shall be added to and shall form part of the unpaid utility bill.
- 3.3 In case of default in payment of the full cost of solid waste collection charges, the Municipality may enforce payment by action in a Court of Competent Jurisdiction or alternatively by making the solid waste service charges in default a charge against or lien, shall be subject to the same penalties and shall be collected in like manner as municipal rates and taxes.

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- 3.4 Every Eligible Premise must participate in the solid waste management system as provided by the Municipality.
- 3.5 A person may request in writing that the Municipality provide additional garbage cart service or organic waste cart service over and above the basic service provided to an eligible premise under Section 5.0 of this Bylaw. The Municipality will review this request, and if approved, the rates for such service will be added to the utility bill for the eligible premise.
- 3.6 Morinville has the full authority to implement a solid waste management program for Condominium Corporations to the satisfaction of the Municipality.

4.0 GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- 4.1 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Bylaw, the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste shall be under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 4.2 No person within Morinville shall collect, dispose of, or remove solid waste except in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- 4.3 No person shall operate a vehicle in Morinville while it is carrying solid waste or industrial waste unless the portion of the vehicle in which the material is being carried is securely covered or the material is secured to prevent any part of such material from falling off, or out of, the vehicle while in transit.
- 4.4 No person shall allow solid waste to spill over or accumulate on any lane, street or adjoining public or private property. Every person will ensure that all solid waste is kept within their waste container at all times.
- 4.5 No person shall set out their waste container at the collection point prior to 4:00 p.m. on the night before the collection day as set forth in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw, and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the collection day; otherwise, waste collection may not be provided. All carts must be removed from the collection point no later than noon on the following day. Any waste container located on any street in Morinville beyond noon on the following day from a collection day may be removed by the Municipality. A violation may be issued as per Schedule "C" of this Bylaw.
- 4.6 No person shall allow their waste container to fall into disrepair or become noxious, offensive or dangerous to public health.
- 4.7 No person shall pick over, interfere with, disturb, remove, or scatter any solid waste put out for collection or removal.
- 4.8 No person other than the solid waste collector shall collect solid waste from eligible premises.
- 4.9 No person shall vandalize or willfully damage any solid waste container.

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4.10 No person shall place out for collection or mix with any other solid waste any of the following items:

- 4.10.1 Non-residential waste;
- 4.10.2 Recyclable Materials;
- 4.10.3 Restricted waste (Schedule B).

4.11 Any person who mixes an item from Section 4.10 into their waste container will be responsible for any costs associated with the clean-up and shall be liable to a penalty as set forth in Schedule “C” of this Bylaw.

4.12 Every person shall be responsible for any damage to or loss of their garbage cart or organic waste cart, unless the damage is normal wear and tear or was done by the solid waste collector. The Municipality will invoice the eligible premise responsible for the damaged garbage cart or organic waste cart at a rate determined by the Morinville Fees and Charges Bylaw.

4.13 Every person will follow any visual and written forms of communication from the solid waste collector, including but not limited to, waste container placement, prohibited contents or any other issue that may arise regarding the collection of solid waste.

5.0 NON-ELIGIBLE AND ELIGIBLE PREMISES

5.1 Non-eligible premises include the following:

- 5.1.1 Apartments, hotels, motels, boarding and rooming houses.
- 5.1.2 Mobile home parks, unless otherwise stated within development agreement.
- 5.1.3 Commercial premises.

5.2 Owners and occupants of non-eligible premises defined in Section 5.1 of this Bylaw shall be responsible for managing the solid waste generated on their property.

5.3 Eligible premises include any premise not defined as a non-eligible premise in Section 5.1 of this Bylaw.

6.0 HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

6.1 Every person is required to place all household waste in the garbage cart or metal garbage bin for collection.

6.2 Every person will ensure that prohibited waste, as defined in Section 4.10 of this Bylaw, is not placed in the garbage cart or metal garbage bin. If such waste is placed in a garbage cart or metal garbage bin, the solid waste collector will not pick it up, and the responsible eligible premises will incur any additional cost.

7.0 ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION

7.1 Every person is required to place all organic waste in an organic waste cart for collection.

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- 7.2 Every person shall ensure that no household waste, recycling, tires, plastic bags, or anything except organic waste, as defined in Schedule “B,” is put into the provided organic waste cart. If such waste is placed in an organic waste cart, it will not be picked by the solid waste collector, and the responsible eligible premise will incur any additional cost.
- 7.3 Any person who mixes any unacceptable item pursuant to Section 8.2, and in deviation with Schedule “B”, into their organic waste container will be responsible for any costs associated with the clean-up and shall be liable to a penalty as set forth in Schedule “C” of this Bylaw.

8.0 LARGE ITEM PICKUP

- 8.1 When scheduled by the Municipality, residents will be permitted to dispose of two (2) large items.
- 8.2 The large items must weigh less than 200 lbs and have dimensions less than six (6) feet by three (3) feet (unless listed as an acceptable item under Schedule B).
- 8.3 Acceptable items shall be reasonably large items that a residential household may need to dispose of.
- 8.4 Large items must be clearly marked for pickup and placed near the traditional cart pickup locations. All other items are to be removed from the vicinity that are not meant to be disposed.

9.0 PLACEMENT, STORAGE, AND GENERAL RULES

- 9.1 Carts must be placed no less than one (1) meter from any obstruction, including other carts or blue bags.
- 9.2 On collection days, carts are permitted to be placed on streets and alleys adjacent to the curb or boulevard but clearly off the traveled portion of the roadway.
- 9.3 Carts placed for collection may be moved back from the front curb line only to accommodate planned snow removal or road maintenance.
- 9.4 Waste volumes shall not exceed the cart by preventing the lid from fully closing or exceeding the weight limit specified on the container.
- 9.5 When not in use, carts must be stored on the resident’s Premises.

10.0 LANDFILL DISPOSAL

- 10.1 Every person with an active and good-standing utility account may obtain a landfill pass.
- 10.2 Every person is able to dispose of any extra solid waste generated from their eligible premise through their landfill pass.
- 10.3 Every person with a landfill pass will be charged for the amount of solid waste taken to the Roseridge Waste Management Facility through the utility bills.

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10.4 Each landfill pass allows for the disposal of up to 2,500 kg of extra solid waste at the Roseridge Waste Management Facility per year, charged at the residential disposal rate. A minimum weight charge applies per visit, deducting from the annual total. Any waste exceeding 2,500 kg will be charged at Roseridge Waste Management Facility's commercial disposal rates.

11.0 NON-COMPLIANCE WITH BYLAWS

11.1 Any person who breaches any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be liable to a penalty as set forth in Schedule "C" of this Bylaw.

11.2 Collection services may be suspended to any person in default of payment or not in compliance with the criteria set out in this Bylaw.

11.3 The rates charged in the Fees and Charges Bylaw will still apply even if no waste is set out for collection, the home is vacant, collection services were not received due to non-compliance, and/or the collection services have been suspended due to non-compliance with this Bylaw.

12.0 CAO AUTHORITY

12.1 In addition to any other power, duty, or function prescribed by this Bylaw, the CAO may:

- 12.1.1 Carry out any inspections to determine compliance with this Bylaw;
- 12.1.2 Take any steps or carry out any actions required to enforce this Bylaw;
- 12.1.3 Take any steps or carry out any actions required to remedy a contravention of this Bylaw;
- 12.1.4 Determine whether a premises is eligible for waste collection;
- 12.1.5 Determine the collection day for each waste stream;
- 12.1.6 Determine the location where owners must place their carts;
- 12.1.7 Suspend collection from a premises and provide a written order with terms to resume service.
- 12.1.8 Waive or vary any penalty payable pursuant to this Bylaw; and
- 12.1.9 Delegate any powers, duties, or functions under this Bylaw to an employee or agent of the Municipality.

13.0 SEVERABILITY

13.1 If any Section or parts of this Bylaw are found in any court of law to be illegal or beyond the power of Council to enact, such Section or parts shall be deemed to be severable, and all other Section or parts of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separate and independent therefrom and to be enacted as such.

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COMING INTO FORCE

That Bylaw 21/2023 is hereby repealed.

This Bylaw shall come into force and effect when it receives third reading and is duly signed.

READ for a first time on the 11th day of March, 2025.

READ for a second time on the 8th day of April, 2025.

READ for a third time on the 13th day of May, 2025.

Simon Boersma
Mayor

Michelle Hay
Chief Administrative Officer

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Schedule “A”

GARBAGE AND ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Collection Frequency

The frequency and collection day for solid waste is posted on Morinville’s website on an annual basis. The Municipality may modify the frequency and collection days due to matters outside the control of the Municipality, due to any contractual changes with the solid waste collector, or due to any changes at the receiving facilities (e.g. Roseridge Landfill).

Garbage

The frequency for household waste collection for all eligible premises is weekly. The collection of household waste will commence at 7:00 a.m.

The solid waste collector will inform eligible premises that have metal garbage bin service of their collection day as it may differ from the designated day of collection for regular household waste.

Organic Waste

The frequency for organic waste for all eligible premises is weekly from May 1st – Oct 31st and monthly from Nov 1st –Apr 30th. The collection of organic waste will commence at 7:00 a.m. Any unacceptable items listed on Schedule “B” are to be disposed of in the garbage.

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Schedule “B”

ACCEPTABLE/NON-ACCEPTABLE ORGANIC MATERIALS

ACCEPTABLE

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat
- Poultry
- Animal fat in small quantities
- Vegetable oil, cooking oil in small quantities
- Fish and fish bones
- Pasta
- Cereals
- Rice
- Pizza Boxes
- Food-soiled towels
- Coffee grounds/filters
- Tea bags
- Baked goods; Cake, cookies, bread
- Flower and vegetable plant material
- Grass clippings and leaves
- Small twigs
- Straw and hay
- Paper bags
- Cannabis by-products
- Shredded paper
- Cheese and dairy products
- Bones

NOT-ACCEPTABLE

- Diapers
- Sanitary products
- Animal waste,
- Bedding
- Cat litter
- Hair
- Pet fur
- Dryer lint
- Vacuum dust
- Floor sweepings
- Weeds and diseased plants
- Plastic bags

ACCEPTABLE/NON-ACCEPTABLE LARGE ITEM PICKUP MATERIALS

ACCEPTABLE

- Stove
- Dishwasher
- Washer
- Dryer
- Hot water tank
- Electronics
- Television
- Stereo
- Rain barrel
- Furniture
- Desk
- Sink
- Lawn furniture
- Toilet
- Barbeque (no propane tank)
- Lawnmower (all fluids drained)
- Snowblower (all fluids drained)
- Wheelbarrow
- Mattresses
- Box springs

NOT-ACCEPTABLE

- Fridges, Freezers, or anything with freon/coolant
- Car parts
- Assembled swing sets
- Items that may damage trucks (i.e. concrete)
- Automobiles
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Extra garbage

***Additional information on acceptable and non-acceptable items can be found by using our “Where does it go” app accessible on the Morinville’s website or call Infrastructure Services at (780) 939-2590**

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Schedule "B"

RESTRICTED SOLID WASTE MATERIALS

- Industrial waste;
- Combustible or explosive or toxic material out for collection which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include fuels or lubricants, gun powder or bullets, dynamite, blasting caps, motion picture film or radioactive materials;
- Household hazardous waste or dangerous goods including solvents, oven cleaners, paints, automotive fluids, wet cell batteries, pesticides, herbicides, or any material commonly referred to as household, commercial, or industrial hazardous waste;
- Hypodermic needles, sharp objects or broken glass unless packaged in closed, secure, safety containers;
- Pathogenic and biomedical waste;
- Luminescent gas-filled light tubes, unless such lights are pre-broken or encased in a container of sufficient size and strength to protect such tubes from breakage during transit;
- Compressed propane or butane cylinders;
- Large or bulky items such as mattresses, box springs, furniture, major appliances, or auto and truck tires, notwithstanding eligible items for the large item pickup event;
- Electronic equipment including televisions, computers, computer monitors, keyboards, and associated cables;
- Automotive parts including lead-acid batteries, scrap metal, oil filters, empty oil containers, tires and automotive bodies;
- Oil or other petroleum by-products;
- Sawdust, unless in closed containers before placing in the waste container;
- Construction or renovation material, stumps, concrete blocks or slabs;
- Hot ashes or other burning matter;
- Liquid wastes or sludge;
- Animal waste including dead animals, carcasses, manure, kennel waste, animal parts or excreta, unless the animal excreta is packaged in a securely tied plastic bag before placing the waste in a waste cart.

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Schedule "C"

1.0 PENALTIES

1.1 Unpaid Utility Bills:

Unpaid utility bills shall have a penalty of two and one half (2.5) percent of the then unpaid current utility bill added and the said penalty shall form part of the unpaid utility bill.

1.2 Clean-Up Cost Recovery:

In the event that the Municipality or a solid waste collector is required to clean up prohibited items from waste containers, the costs will be the associated wages plus a 15% administrative fee.

1.3 Bylaw Fines:

Any person who commits a breach of any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be liable to a penalty as follows:

First offence:	\$100
Second and subsequent offences:	\$200