

The Township of The Archipelago

Information Report to Council

Report No.: 2025-017

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Originator: Josh Badger, Director of Operations and Facilities

Subject: 12-Mile Bin Site Closure – District of Muskoka

12 Mile Depot Closure – District of Muskoka

Within the District of Muskoka (DOM), municipally funded dumpsters were historically provided on road allowances, vacant lands, and at commercial businesses such as marinas. This collection method was intended to provide convenient collection services for residents who did not receive curbside collection at their property. One of these locations was 12-Mile bin site located at 1200 Twelve Mile Bay Road (south of The Archipelago borders and located within the Township of Georgian Bay).

The DOM was previously mandated to remove all unlicensed bin sites by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks by 2026 to meet their Environmental Compliance Approval. In a September 2024 report, DOM identified 16 unlicensed bin sites operating in the Township of Georgian Bay and are proceeding with removing all of the unlicensed sites and replacing them with 4 staffed facilities.

The result for Township of The Archipelago residents will be the permanent closure of 12-Mile bin site on November 3, 2025. This closure will also affect residents of Moose Deer Point First Nation, and some Township of Georgian Bay residents. Signage is planned to be installed at the site to providing notice of the upcoming closure.

Discussions between Moose Deer Point First Nation, DOM, and The Archipelago staff are ongoing, and it is the intention of staff to evaluate all options and opportunities available going forward. We have expressed to DOM the desire to examine if a similar shared use agreement at an alternate nearby site is possible, as well as options that may exist with Moose Deer Point First Nation.

For The Archipelago residents that may be impacted, Woods Bay transfer station facility is the nearest township facility for users who historically used 12-Mile bin site.

Respectfully Submitted,



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I concur with this report,



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