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## **Commercial Recycling Focus for OVWRC in 2009**

*Staff works with local business community to increase diversion of waste from landfill*

**Pembroke, ON** – The local business community will be doing more recycling and composting in 2009 as a result of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre’s new mixed waste tipping fee.

**“The goal of all our programs is to keep as much material out of our landfill as possible.”** States Councillor Steve Bennett, Chair of the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board. **“That is why the Board has implemented the tipping fee for unsorted waste.”**

At its’ September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board reinstated the fee for mixed or unsorted waste. Effective January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the fee for commercial and residential landfill loads that contain recyclables, organics, and/or construction and demolition materials is \$100 per tonne. The tip fee charge for landfill loads that do not contain this material is \$72.50 per tonne.

**“The higher fee will be charged on all loads containing material that can be recycled or composted.”** Comments Sue Campbell, General Manager of the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre. **“Businesses can save on landfill tipping fees if they have programs in place to keep food waste and recyclables out of their garbage and out of our landfill.”**

Businesses are encouraged to contact their current garbage hauler to inquire what recycling and/or food waste collection services they offer. OVWRC staff are available to provide businesses with guidance and staff training regarding their recycling or composting programs.

**“Waste assessments are a quick, easy and free way for businesses to learn what options are available.”** Comments the Centre’s Communications Supervisor, Elizabeth Graham, who is responsible for conducting the assessments. **“Businesses can coordinate a recycling or food waste pick-up with a local hauler or even bring material to the Centre. In many cases curbside pick-up can also be coordinating with local Municipalities. There are many options for the local business owner and we can make recommendations on what may be the best option.”**

**“Commercial food waste and recycling programs have been implemented successfully in many other communities across North America.”** Continues Ms. Campbell. **“We can adapt those programs to suit the needs of businesses here locally.”**

Information on commercial recycling and composting programs is available on the Centre’s website at [www.ovwrc.com](http://www.ovwrc.com) or by contacting Elizabeth at 613-735-7537, ext. 216.