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### TOWN CONTRACTS GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC. WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES TO MODERNIZE SERVICE AND REDUCE COSTS TO RATEPAYERS

**Mayerthorpe, Alberta, May 26, 2021** – Following a competitive bidding process, the Town has contracted GFL Environmental Inc. waste removal services in the Town of Mayerthorpe, saving ratepayers on their monthly bills and standardizing non-residential front load bin pricing.

Municipalities looking to reduce costs are increasingly adopting automated cart pickup over manual curb-side waste collection. The Town received qualified bids from various waste removal service providers including manual curb-side pickup and 64-gallon automated cart waste removal services.

Ratepayers currently pay \$17.50 per month for waste removal including costs for Spring Cleanup, Fall Cleanup, Roll Off Bins (3 - Wood, Metal, White Metal), Recycling, and the Compost Facility. Of this fee, \$8 per month has been for waste removal services. Under the Town's new contract, the waste removal fee will drop to \$5 per month representing a reduction of 37.5%.

Most ratepayers can expect to see a \$3 per month reduction in their monthly fee, along with a one-time monthly reduction of \$8 as the Town will enjoy one month of free waste removal services. Front load bin waste removal services for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional properties will be standardized in lieu of individual pricing negotiations for waste removal services.

The new 64-gallon cart system should be capable of holding four to five regular garbage bags. Those requiring more than one cart can rent a second cart for increased capacity at an additional \$5 per month. GFL is providing initial carts free of charge. Each cart has a serial number which is assigned to a specific address. Carts can be serviced between vehicles when there is 1m on each side of the cart, including gravel roads. Servicing carts in winter conditions is routine, pickup dates can be altered to enable the Town to first clear the streets.

"The opportunity to standardize our services with one provider allowed the Town to negotiate better rates for residential pick-up, while ensuring commercial/industrial/institutional rates were fair and competitive," states Mayor Janet Jabush. "It also ensures the Town can mitigate any infrastructure damages by dealing with a single provider." GFL added, "[the new service] provides residents with the most efficient residential collection method while reducing [the Town's] environmental footprint."

For questions or additional information please contact the Town Office.

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