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?Illegal Dumping vs Litter?

Training session – Illegal Dumping vs Litter. What is the difference?
==Illegal dumping is==:
- never an accident and always involves intent
- the amount and type of material is different than litter (couch vs coffee cup or shingles vs chip bag)
- dumping is a crime and the penalties are higher
- catching & penalizing is the best way to deter.
==Littering can be==:
- done by accident (fell out of pocket), by incident (fell from car and unable/unwilling to retrieve, by being careless (coffee cup in truck bed or done on purpose (cup thrown out to make room for the fresh cup).
- not immediately harmful
- fines are less than dumping as it can always be claimed as by accident
- prevented. Once it is clear, that litter is not socially accepted, the behaviour changes. The challenge is, getting the message through.

A PowerPoint presentation Myth Busting – litter and illegal dumping. The presentation shows that what we believe, is not necessarily true.

Rules of Procedure

Did you realize our Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) provides the direction needed on how; members are elected, to vote, to Declare a Conflict and that Bourinot's Rules of Procedure are to be followed?

See sections 11 through 18 of our IMA.
11. quorum is seven (7) members
12. alternate members vote only if the regulaar member is absent
13. at least 7 votes (representing a minimum of 50%) are needed for a motion to pass.
14. every Unconflicted member votes (including the chair) on every motion.
Sections 15 through 17 describe conflict of interest
Section 18 states that Bourinot's Rules of Procedure shall be followed

Contact Christine to get a copy of the IMA or if you have any questions.

EPR for PPP
(Extended Producer Responsibility for Printed Paper & Packaging)

Let's not be left holding the bag

Provincial legislation is required in NS to shift both the cost and responsibility of recycling programs away from the general tax payer. Materials typically collected in our blue bag programs are being stewarded to 80% of Canadian citizens but not here in NS.

1. EPR would **significantly decrease both costs and risks** associated with municipal curbside recycling programs
2. **EPR would give NS consumers direct access to PPP programming they are already paying for indirectly** but are receiving none of the benefits.

Want an EPR overview/education session to your council? Contact Christine.

Education

We really are everywhere. . .

Litter pick up with Shelburne Regional High, building a worm bin in Falmouth and Three Mile Plains litter pick up supplies left **… and then COVID lockdown!**

and tackling litter while we're there.

Earth Day litter clean up supplies were delivered throughout the region. Schools, organization municipal units and others, received litter clean up supplies. Even COVID and unpredictable weather have not stopped the dedicated people of Region 6! Visit our YouTube channel, Region 6 SWM, to see the 'Bitter About Litter' story time and Composting At Home – Kids Edition video for a fun project!

Litter doesn't stop once spring is gone. If you need or know of a group/individual that needs some litter clean up supplies any time of year, let Angela **AngelaTaylor@Region6swm.ca** or Christine **Christine.McClare@Region6SWM.ca** know.

If you have something waste-wise that you want to share, please send it along to **Christine.McClare@Region6SWM.ca** and we would be happy to add it to our Boardroom Brief.