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Whats the rush?

By Andy Martens



I really enjoy reading both Elaine- Della-Mattia, and Doug Millroy in the Sault Star. I think they both missed the mark this week in the 2-bag limit garbage debate.

What's the rush is the question that I've to ask on this topic? In my opinion, Councillors David Oraziotti, and Brady Irwin had a very accurate pulse on what people in the community were feeling about this issue. The reality of the matter is that most people are not ready to be pushed directly to the 2-bag limit.

I'll be honest I've not really been a fan of recycling. We're a family of four and I've found in the past that there are too many things to remember with the recycling process. Well the reality of the situation is that like it or not I've to get start getting used to it. I took up the challenge but as a family we're not even close to the two bags a week limit yet.

The point I'm trying to make is if we as a family of four can't get to two bags a week yet what are the larger families going to do. That's when David Oraziotti and Brady Irwin realized an immediate decrease to two bags would make the families in this community angry.

The way I see it there is lots of work out there to do with the process before we can realistically get down to 2 bags a week. First off each household without a doubt needs more blue and yellow bins per household. The yellow recycling bins in my opinion are very poorly designed. Our family of four fills in up in no time and it's really hard to get a whole weeks worth of material inside it.

My household has been making a real effort to reduce our garbage bag total. What makes me angry is when Laidlaw picks up the recycled material and you happen to make one little mistake they leave you a note in the bin and don't take your contents. I disagree with that approach totally. I think they should take the contents and tack a note to your bin pointing out your error. I've had this happen a

couple of times, and it's a real nuisance taking the recycling material to the recycling plant.

There are some of the reasons why we shouldn't rush the process to get down to the two bag limit. Rushing something as huge as this would I believe lead to only more problems down the road.

The consultant was possibly thinking of charging people in the community for an extra yellow box. I think that's absurd. If the city is serious to get this process on the road it will have to eat the cost of providing extra yellow boxes to citizens. As mentioned earlier the city should consider redesigning these yellow boxes. They could end up to be a nightmare especially at Christmas time when there is more cardboard around.

City Council without a doubt made the right choice to ignore the consultants report, and adopt a phase-in approach to get to the two-bag limit. There really isn't a rush to get there without properly preparing the community to reach that goal.

The alternative is chaos, which nobody would want or appreciate.

THOUGHTS TO END THE DAY WITH:

It certainly didn't take long to find out why the Tories didn't call an election this week. In a Osprey News/ SES Research poll released in all Osprey newspapers including the Sault Star.

The poll found that the provincial Liberals enjoy a commanding 21 point lead over the Conservatives. The poll also stated that the government's credibility as a good manager has been eroded during the past year.

Dalton McGuinty has also passed Ernie Eves in popularity for Premier. The poll was taken after the release of the Road Ahead, the government's platform. The Liberals received 53% of the vote, and the P.C's gathered 32%. The N.D.P. received a total of 15%.

During the summer the government will wage a huge gamble not to have these poll numbers widen.

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There are 43 responses.

It's funny Responded on: 6/1/2003 8:20:38 AM

You don't want to be pushed into the 2 bag limit BUT you want bars owners to be pushed into the no smoking by-law.