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Johnson Waste Management

1. The budget contains a proposal to increase commercial tipping fees at Brady Road from $33.50 to $49.50 per tonne. (48% increase). (Volume 1 page 320)

2. Assuming that the amount of commercial waste generated by business and industry in Winnipeg is about 326,000 tonnes per year, this increase will cost Winnipeg business $5,216,000 annually.

3. The increase is not justified by cost as the budget documents indicate the cost to operate the Brady Road landfill is less than $20 per tonne ($17.62 in 2012, Volume 1 page 130). The increase is an ongoing windfall to the City and to private landfills.

4. Private landfills have always raised their rates to match the City rate. If the current waste distribution pattern is maintained, the following impact will occur.

Annual Impact of an increase of $16 per tonne

Landfill	Tonnes		Dollars
City (Brady)	96,000	$	1,536,000
Private (Rosser & Ritchot)	230,000	$	3,680,000
Total	**326,000**	**$**	**5,216,000**

5. The private landfill operators, not the City, realize most of the gain.

6. If the City is concerned that Winnipeg has lower landfill rates than many other cities and is proposing this increase to promote recycling – a better approach would be for the Province to increase the Provincial Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) levy which is currently $10 per tonne – 80% of which is returned to municipalities to support recycling.