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Bikin' for Baldwin

Robert Baldwin Public School students Carrie Gibbs and Alison McCard take a breather during the school's bike-a-thon Saturday. Approximately 300 children took part in the event, held to raise money for school trips and equipment. Some students rode 25 km.

Some businesses may lose their garbage collection if new bylaw is approved in July

Approximately 135 businesses now receiving regular garbage collection from the town of Milton will lose that service if a proposed bylaw is passed in July.

The new bylaw would mean town trucks will only collect from residences, the downtown business area and Milton's general commercial operations, such as drycleaners, department stores, banks, retail establishments and restaurants.

Homes will be restricted to six bags of garbage for the weekly collection and businesses to nine.

Town public works director John Matthews anticipates "a public outcry" and admits the cutback will be "a substantial drop in the level of service offered by the town."

However, he sees it as the fairest option given current constraints. At present new businesses in Milton do not get municipal garbage collection no matter what type of refuse they produce, due to manpower and equipment limitations.

This has led to a situation in which two operations may produce roughly the same type of waste in similar quantities, with one concern getting collection while the second does not.

The 135 businesses which will be dropped don't conform to the light general commercial definition, although they are in the urban area.

A public information gathering, as well as meetings with the Milton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Business Improvement Area group, will be arranged to explain the proposed bylaw.

Mayor Gord Krantz encouraged business owners who believe they have a case for garbage collection to attend and "put that case forward." He stressed the bylaw "is not at this time etched in stone."

Residents have two dates for Spring cleaning trash collection

Milton's annual Spring clean-up garbage collection will take place on June 2 and June 9.

Residents living north of Main St. may put out unusual items for garbage collection this Friday, June 2, while those on the south side of Main St. are asked to do the same the following Friday, June 9.

Rural residents can drop their items off at the Broovkille public works yard between June 2 and June 9. A container will be placed there for the refuse.

Municipal collectors will pick up furniture, brush, bathtubs, carpet, appliances and small amounts of renovating waste, such as lumber and plaster.

They will not accept the following; paint, motor oil, car batteries, soil or rock, swill or liquid wastes, contractor's debris, hazardous waste (such as household cleaners), dead animals or explosives.

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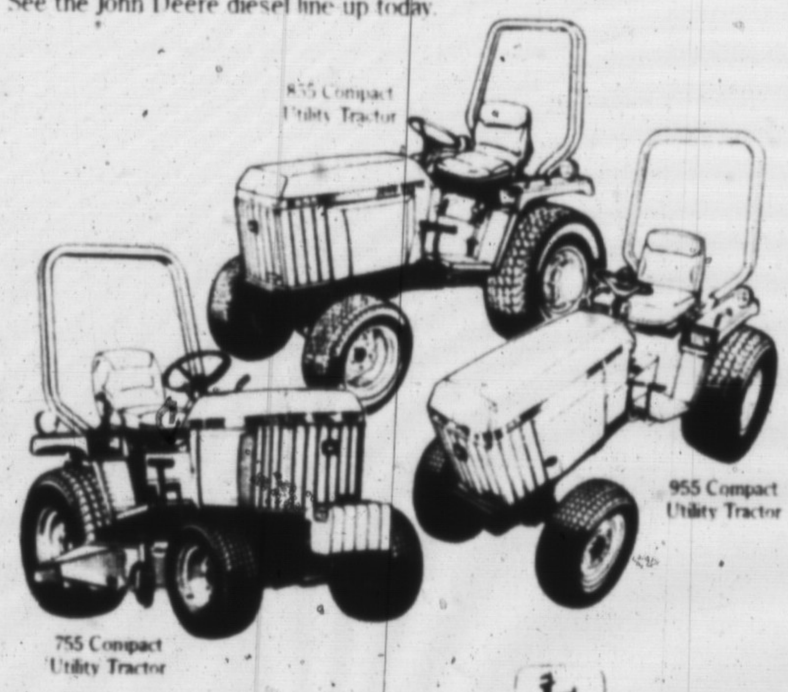

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