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Michigan-bound garbage safe, says region

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Continued rumblings among Michigan politicians about banning the cross-border shipment of trash are unlikely to lead to action any time soon, York Region's waste director says.

In fact, rules of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) would probably prevent legislators from stopping shipments of trash from York Region, Andy Campbell said.

"Under NAFTA, they can't restrict us," Mr. Campbell said.

"They have to treat us the same (as other states)."

York Region is expected to ship about 140,000 tonnes of trash annually to Michigan after the Keele Valley landfill in Maple closes at the end of this year.

The free trade agreement prevents a state from banning the cross-border shipment of material from Canada if similar importations are allowed from state to state.

Michigan currently imports trash from a number of neighbouring states, in addition to Canada.

Mr. Campbell was reacting to media reports last week that Michigan border inspectors may take a tougher stance on garbage being imported from out of state, particularly from Toronto.

Border officials are vowing to step up inspection for banned materials, such as medical waste, PCBs, tires and scrap metal, even refusing trucks entry if the materials are found.

Meanwhile, Michigan politicians continue to muse about imposing a ban on the importation of household trash, a move that would require action by lawmakers in Washington.

The move has been rejected in the past by the courts, but Michigan Lt.-Gov. Dick Posthumus renewed calls for a ban last fall.

The region does have a contingency plan in the event of complications with border crossings.

Among the three contracts it has for waste disposal, is one to haul a minimum of 50,000 tonnes of trash to a dump near St. Thomas, Ont.

That tonnage could be increased if necessary, Mr. Campbell said.

And the current five-year contracts will give the region time to plot a new strategy — including made-in-Canada solutions — should cross-border rules for trash change, he said.

"We do keep on top of the legislative bills going forward to the Michigan

Senate and to Washington," Mr. Campbell said.

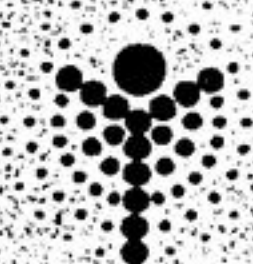
Meanwhile, York garbage bound for the U.S. will comply with restrictions imposed at landfills there, Mr. Campbell said.

Markham Councillor Gord Landon, chairperson of the region's waste management committee, is on vacation and couldn't be reached for comment.

Richmond Hill Mayor Bill Bell, the committee vice-chairperson, is also on vacation.

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