

East Bay Charter Township

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EAST BAY CHARTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 2008-24

Supporting Continued Centralized Recycling Opportunities

At a regular meeting of the East Bay Charter Township Board of Trustees held on October 13, 2008, on a motion made by _____ and seconded by _____, the Township Board adopts the following resolution.

Whereas, Grand Traverse County currently sponsors 8 drop-off recycling sites which are anticipated to cost \$380,000 to operate in 2008 and \$408,549 to operate in 2009; and

Whereas, the County has enacted a \$9.00/ton surcharge to waste haulers on solid waste dumped at landfills, which the County budget anticipates will total \$720,000 in 2008 and \$802,006 in 2009 if continued after its current expiration date of December 31, 2008, and which helps to fund Resource Recovery Department programs including education and outreach, household hazardous waste collection and electronic waste collection; and

Whereas, a motion made by Commissioner Lemcool and supported by Commissioner Smith and adopted by the Physical Resources Committee on August 13, 2008 recommended elimination of the surcharge and all 8 drop-off sites effective December 31, 2008, and a memo dated August 19, 2008 from County Commission Chairman Wheelock recommends an alternative plan that would reduce the landfill surcharge to \$6.00/ton and close 4 of the drop-off recycling sites; and

Whereas, the township deems the availability of both curbside and centralized drop-off recycling options as critical to our community and environment's health and welfare by promoting recycling to the greatest possible extent, and time will be required to examine the existing program and the alternatives that may exist for providing services more efficiently, universally and for managing costs;

Therefore, now be it resolved that the East Bay Charter Township Board of Trustees strongly urges the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners to maintain the existing landfill surcharge and number and location of centralized recycling drop off sites for as long as necessary to ensure that service is maintained while we work together to explore and implement a strategy for maintaining and increasing recycling at a reasonable cost to citizens within the township and county.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstain: _____

Glen Lile, Supervisor

Susanne M. Courtade, Clerk