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## Toromont Cat Delivers Cat 320GC Excavator for \$314,612

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### BALEFILL FACILITY

**Staffing:** All positions at the site are currently filled, and no recruitment is expected to take place this year. The modified 10 hours pilot trial continues to work well. The facility is currently on winter scale house hours until April 6th to allow for snow plowing operations, with some employees choosing to move back to eight hour days through the winter but expected to switch back to ten-hour days in April.

There are currently six employees taking part in Class-3 driver training with the Commercial Safety College to fill in some cross training gaps so that there is sufficient coverage to operate the two commercial trucks on site that require Class-3 licensing during vacation season. Staff are updating Confined Space and Fall Arrest Training as needed on-site in March alongside MRF employees.

**Production & Markets:** The salvage yard has been widened with the clean wood pile located next to



the mixed wood pile and alongside the steel pile. Halifax C&D is expected to be back to the site this spring to process the wood piles again as well as the shingle pile as it has not been processed since April 2025.

**Projects/Operations:** Although Dexter Construction Ltd completed the cell capping project on October 16, 2025, there is some outstanding warranty work to be completed this construction season once things dry out where a section of the soil washed out on the side slope of cell 3 due to heavy rains last Fall. This was not one of the finished slopes that received the full final cap. It is the south slope of cell three adjacent to where the next cell will be constructed that has a geomembrane and soil cover where more waste will be placed in the future. They will also touch up any hydroseeding that does not take at that time as well.

The roof above the office administration area at the Balefill building was replaced with a 2-ply modified bitumen torch applied roof in late Fall. Another section

of the concrete tipping floor was repaired and repairs to the metal siding on the tipping floor were completed this Winter. In December, Englobe performed the Winter environmental monitoring event at the Balefill Facility.

All letters and test results have been sent out to Kempton residents who participated in the biannual Domestic Well Sampling Program last Summer. No residents have reached out with further questions. This program will take place next in July 2027. Due to the dry Summer in 2025, the investigative site monitoring that took place at the Stewarts Hill closed landfill site was inconclusive so it was decided that Dillon Consulting would proceed with another sampling event in the Spring and Fall of 2026 before determining what course of action should be taken to reduce groundwater infiltration at the closed landfill site. A new monitoring well will also be drilled up gradient of the landfill in April as the original background wells drilled during the closure have never been able to be sampled as they went dry.

**Procurement:** A tender procurement process was completed in October for a second excavator to be purchased for the Construction and Demolition (C&D) Operations on site. Eight bids were received by the deadline and after a thorough evaluation, the tender was awarded to Toromont Cat at a price of \$314,612. Their bid came with the extra set of hydraulic lines needed to install the grapple attachment at no additional cost. It was delivered in January and is the same Cat 320GC model that was purchased last August to replace the excavator that caught fire in May.

In January, once the model of the new excavator was confirmed, an RFP was posted for a grapple attachment for the excavator which will be used for sorting out wood, metal, and

## 89 Waste Collection Issues – Nov/25 – Feb/26

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Solid Waste Compliance and Program Management: Reporting Period: November 2025 – February 2026: Waste Collection Related Issues: 89; Solid Waste By-law Issues (including follow up visits) 34; Accumulation of Solid Waste and Follow Up – 25; Illegal Dump and Follow Up – 8; Open Burning – 1; Dangerous & Unightly Total Visits: 20; Waste Water Visits: 22 and Tax Office Visits: 5.

Collection Issues/Follow Up: Whether it be Helpline

other recyclable or unacceptable materials from the incoming C&D waste at the disposal site. There were five bids received for grapple, and the purchase was awarded to Wilsons Equipment for a cost of \$45,000. Wilsons was the second lowest bidder and although a less known brand from Ontario came in slightly less expensive, they could not provide delivery in time to meet the deadline stipulations for the Divert funding opportunity that was already in place. This unit is expected to be delivered before the end of March and be 50% funded by Divert NS, along with 50% of the costs of the four new roll off dumpsters that were also already delivered for placing the sorted material at the site. A report and final submission for the funding reimbursement must be completed for Divert NS by the end of this fiscal year. The new sorting procedures are expected to be fully in place by the time the incoming C&D tonnages increase this spring. In February, an RFP was posted looking for consultant services regarding the expansion of the C&D disposal site. Four packages were provided and only one bid for \$54,885 was received from Dillon Consulting, who is a very reputable company that has a vast knowledge of our operations both on site and at our closed landfill sites within the Municipality. They most recently worked with us on the baler replacement, the cell capping project and investigations at the Stewart Hill site. The project was awarded to Dillon on February 26th and a kickoff meeting will take place on March 5th to get the design processes started as it will be a tight deadline to get construction lined up for the 2026 season. They will be providing survey and design services for the new C&D cell and assisting with the design and construction application to NSECC. Once the design is approved by NSECC, Dillon will be writing the tender document for the construction of the new cell and assisting with the tender evaluation. This project must take place in Summer 2026 to meet the

or Hauler driven, follow ups are made to address collection issues such as education being required or due to non-compliance within our regulations. During the period from July to the end of October 2025 there were 83 visits made.- 89 collection issue educational/compliance visits in total. Breakdown of these visits is as follows: Rejected Collection: 24; Missed Collection: 23; Road Report Follow Up: 18; Notice of Collection Change: 16; Safety: 4; Escalation: 3 and Miscellaneous: 1

When dealing with rejected collection issues, education is done when the caller speaks with the Helpline as well as onsite if required when staff visit. The expectation is that staff will re-set the resident by collecting the rejected material with future compliance being the objective now that education has been done. Also of note, all the rejected collection issues were single visit resolutions with no repeat visits made.

Missed collection issues are dealt with through the waste collector first and then by the Waste Reduction department if needed.

These calls are educated to have material out by 7am of their collection day but are collected to ensure there is no build up material at the location.

Notice of collection change visits were made to Loch Haven Lane and Chalet Dr residents in December to advise of a seasonal change to the location of where material will be collected. This is only in place for the Winter months due to road condition issues. Those noted as Road Report follow up are visits made by using the data from the Road Report submitted by the waste collector to stop into locations that are showing up on the report several times during a certain time frame. Staff use the data to extend the education provided by the Solid Waste department to locations that aren't calling in to our Helpline but are having waste management issues.

Collection Issues by Zone (89): Zone 1: 11; Zone 2: 17; Zone 3: 6; Zone 4: 15; Zone 5: 8; Zone 6: 5; Zone 7: 6 and Zone 8: 21.

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## RCMP Raid Illegal Cannabis Storefronts, Seize Product

The Nova Scotia RCMP has issued six summary offence tickets (SOTs) following inspections at five illegal cannabis storefronts. On March 3, under the authority of the provincial Cannabis Control Act, RCMP officers conducted inspections at illegal cannabis storefronts in the following areas: The 5300 block of Mountain Rd. in Eskasoni; the 12100 block of Hwy. 4 in Potlotek; the 1-100 block of Petow Loop in Paq'tnek; the 9000 block of Hwy. 105 in Waycobah and the 3500 block of Hwy. 303 in Conway.

During the inspections, officers seized quantities of cannabis, hash, shatter, and various tobacco and nicotine products. Investigators are continuing to inventory the large amount of seized items.

Some of the cannabis seized was packaged to resemble everyday consumer products such as candy. This style of packaging isn't legal and increases the risk that children could accidentally consume the cannabis.

Six people present at the storefronts were charged under the Cannabis Control Act for operating a store that sells cannabis; the amounts of the SOTs will be determined in court. Three individuals were also issued appearance notices



for offences under the Nova Scotia Revenue Act involving illegal tobacco.

The investigations, which were assisted by the Department of Service Nova Scotia's Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division, remain ongoing.


On March 5, RCMP officers attended a storefront in the 3100 block of Hwy. 12 in Weltons Landing. Upon entry, officers found that it had ceased operations; no illegal product was located.

The Nova Scotia RCMP continues to enforce cannabis laws with a focus on public safety and the aim to have illegal cannabis storefronts cease operations; their products are often sourced from organized crime groups, are unregulated, and may pose health risks.

Anyone with information about illegal drug activity in their community is encouraged to contact their local police or Crime Stoppers.

capacity needs of the site which has seen an increase in material volumes coming in due to development within the Municipality and recent natural disaster

events.  
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Thursday, March 26 @ 6pm

**Maintenance Budget**  
Monday, April 13 @ 6pm

**Council Committee Meeting**  
Thursday, April 16 @ 6pm

**Additions/Deletions Budget**  
Monday, April 20 @ 6pm

**Council Meeting**  
Monday, April 27 @ 6pm

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