

**TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**Meeting Date:** February 14, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Proposal to discontinue unmonitored public convenience sites for MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) and Cardboard Recycling

**AGENDA INFORMATION**

**Agenda Location:** Unfinished Business  
**Item Number:** 6-B  
**Department:** Public Services  
**Contact:** Mark Combs, Public Services Director  
Pam Hoen, Public Services Assistant  
**Presenter:** Mark Combs, Public Services Director

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** In January, 2011, the private property owner, who was graciously allowing the Town to locate three dumpsters (1 MSW, 2 Cardboard Recycling) free of charge on his property in the vicinity of Recreation Park, contacted town staff to remove them due to public misuse, over-use, abuse, illegal dumping and damage to property. As is typical with unmonitored convenience sites, at every location the town has attempted to place convenience dumpsters, users have in a short period of time begun dumping refuse far in excess of the containers' volume to include furniture, mattresses, whole tires, hazardous waste and electronic goods. In addition, the convenience sites have routinely attracted a large number of users from outside the jurisdiction who reap the benefit of free disposal at the expense of Black Mountain tax payers. In response to the owner's complaints, staff promptly had the dumpsters removed, relocating the single 8-yard MSW receptacle to town property under locked access, adjacent to the Rec Park maintenance building for use only by Town staff. Public Services crews also cleaned up the private site, placed barriers to discourage vehicular access, installed NO DUMPING signs, and increased nightly police patrols in the area. To date no further illegal dumping has been observed.

The Town of Black Mountain currently provides comprehensive curbside trash collection, recycling and disposal services to all its citizens. Commercial or high-volume cardboard producers can be further accommodated via a service contract with recycling companies (if excess volume necessitates enhanced services). Custom recycling services are available via GDS, Inc. (\$2.50 per pick-up on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, \$15 per service on other days) or CMI, Inc. (custom services up to and including 4-yard containers), or other recycling service providers in the area.

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:** 1) To discontinue providing unmonitored public trash disposal facilities; 2) to discontinue sponsorship of bulk cardboard recycling containers due to wide availability of economical and efficient private sector alternatives; 3) to continue encouraging the Chamber of Commerce and Business to Business to facilitate discussion and cooperative service agreements among their small business members who may be limited by space or financial means to address unusual or high volume waste disposal needs responsibly.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Photographs dated 12/30/10

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Adopt as presented.