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External Briefing Note

Subject: Update on Large Item Pick-up – Curbside Waste Collection Program - Effective January 1, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

From: Michael Vos, Director, Operations and Infrastructure

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Briefing:

The purpose of this briefing is to provide an operational update regarding the Town of Georgina's large item curbside collection service, which forms part of the broader waste management program.

As the N6 municipalities transition away from co-collection of recycling and organics, negotiations have been ongoing with GFL to ensure continued service delivery for the remaining waste streams. Currently, large items are collected curbside on a resident's scheduled bi-weekly garbage day, contingent upon the attachment of a valid large item tag, without prior notification to GFL.

Due to the province-wide shift to producer-led blue box recycling, recycling services have been removed from the Town's contract with GFL. Consequently, garbage and organics will now be co-collected using the same vehicle. This operational change necessitates a revision to the large item collection process, which was previously integrated with household garbage collection via rear-loading trucks.

What is included in the change?

- Large item collection will now require a call-in to GFL
- Call-in must be in advance (last minute calls will be accommodated where possible)
- Call-in requirement will begin the first full week of January, 2026

What remains the same?

- Large items being collected still each require a large item tag
- The five item limit still applies per collection address
- Items are to be at the curb by 7:00am
- Large item collection occurs on the address' regular collection day

This modified program is closely aligned with the existing collection of appliances (white goods) and other large metal items, where a similar call-in process and large item tag is required.

To support a smooth transition, communications will begin on November 3, 2025, in alignment with other municipalities in the N6. Information will be shared with all residents through the Town's website, social media channels, and a media release. In addition, communications will also be included in the annual waste calendar, and GFL will post service information on its website.