

GARBAGE COMMITTEE REPORT:

RESULTS OF SURVEY CONDUCTED APRIL 11 - MAY 6, 2012

1. 320 RESPONDENTS:

78.8% FULL TIME RESIDENTS
20.6% PART TIME RESIDENTS
3.7% BUSINESS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

2. DISPOSAL METHODS USED:

34.7% ROADSIDE PICK UP
45% DROP OFF
47.2% TAKE IT OFF ISLAND

3. REASON FOR METHOD:

74.7% CONVENIENCE
43.4% COST

4. FREQUENCY OF DISPOSAL:

31.6% OCCASIONALLY
29.4% MONTHLY
26.9% BI-WEEKLY
12.2% WEEKLY

5. BAGS PER MONTH DISPOSED OF:

60% 1 OR LESS
23.1% 2
16.9% 3 OR MORE

6. ESTIMATED COST PER YEAR:

47.5% \$50 OR LESS
30% \$50-\$100
22.5% OVER \$100

7. CONTINUE WITH PRESENT SYSTEM:

80.1% YES
19.9% NO

8. SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL TAX LEVY:

21.8% YES
78.2% NO

9. ANNUAL AMOUNT WILLING TO PAY:

21.4% \$60
8.3% \$80
6.2% \$100
8.7% \$120
55.4% MORE

This was unfortunately a faulty question since it was not clear that this referred to the parcel tax. There was no space to enter a zero amount, except in the "more" selection. The accompanying comments indicated that the majority would have chosen \$0 if it had been available to them.

10. COMMENTS BY RESPONDENTS:

Out of the 320 survey respondents, 170 provided additional comments. The comments were overwhelmingly in favour of the present system with no taxation. A good deal of anger towards and distrust of local government was expressed. Many believe that a taxed garbage system would reduce our commitment to recycling, composting and reusing and that we would become a more wasteful and environmentally irresponsible community. Many stated that they like the convenience of a drop off service, as well as roadside pickup and would like both to continue. Some were surprised to learn (when answering question #6) how much they actually spent on garbage disposal each year.

COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS:

The majority of survey respondents were in favour of the present “user pay” system consisting of, garbage drop off and pick up. A number of people responded with anger and frustration to the suggestion of a garbage tax. However many of the comments clearly indicate that the community does not fully understand the present garbage system and MIID’s role in it. The term “parcel tax” also appears to be misunderstood.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

SHORT TERM:

1. Leave free enterprise to handle the collection and disposal of household waste without the involvement of the MIID.
2. Replace bylaw 12 with one that speaks to present day reality.
3. Make information available to the property owners and the community regarding MIID’s Letters Patent, its responsibilities as a governing body, and the regulations and services that MIID has no control over or involvement in.

LONG TERM:

The committee believes that a garbage tax is ultimately the only reliable, permanent solution to garbage collection and disposal for our community.

To this end we recommend:

1. Taxation on improved properties only.
2. Bare land exempt.
3. Contract tendered out for bids from independent contractor. MIID acquire or lease a drop off site.
4. It is estimated that a \$40/year parcel tax on private dwellings, businesses and community facilities would gross in excess of \$50,000.
5. Continue informing and educating property owners and the community.

MIID TAX BASE INFORMATION:

1706 Folios
 2954 Property owners
 1246 Private dwellings (2011 Census)
 569 Occupied dwellings (2011 Census)
 1071 Residents (2011 Census)
 The number of businesses and community facilities is unknown at this time.

Respectfully submitted by the MIID Garbage Committee:

Tracey DeRousie, Chair _____
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Date: _____

[original signed by all Committee members, May 28, 2012]

MIID COMMUNITY GARBAGE SURVEY



Please add any comments or suggestions you have.

		What classification will your answers to this survey represent? (select all that apply)					
		Full time resident household	Part time resident household	Business	Community organization	Other (please specify)	Response Count
		134 replies	36 replies	3 replies	0 replies	3 replies	170
answered question		134	36	3	0	3	170
skipped question							150

	Full time resident household	Part time resident household	Business	Community organization	Other (please specify)	Response Text
1	X					Taking responsibility for garbage collection should have been done years ago. Thank you for doing it now. Apr 12, 2012 9:17 AM
2	X					MIID should consider subsidizing local garbage collection business with Ferry Cost or Dumping fees rather than conducting a full garbage service by taxation. Apr 12, 2012 10:19 AM
3	X					A paecel tax will allow abuses, increase volume, decrease recycling. User-pay per unit always assures self-regulation. Apr 12, 2012 7:09 PM
4	X					You have just drawn my attention to how much I spend on garbage pickup - thanks! A parcel tax would likely eliminate the current "competition" - and make it reasonably profitable for one contractor Apr 13, 2012 10:52 AM

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5	X					Taxation is not likely to be accepted as we have a huge population of weekenders who will be unwilling to pay for service they can't use regularly. Putting garbage on the taxes may also encourage more volume of garbage as people may be less likely to bother sorting their waste, since they are paying for the service anyway, rather than on a per bag basis.	Apr 13, 2012 12:45 PM
6	X					leave the present legal garbage system alone	Apr 13, 2012 11:05 PM
7	X					We would like the opportunity to drop our household garbage at a designated location at least twice a week operated by one or more independent contractors	Apr 14, 2012 7:24 PM
8		X				We are not willing to pay an annual fee for garbage pickup. Why was that answer not an option?	Apr 15, 2012 3:34 PM
9		X				thanks for the initiative to consult the various Mayne Island constituents.	Apr 15, 2012 3:43 PM
10	X					Putting it on the taxes, having one contractor with the contract is the only fair way to go.	Apr 15, 2012 5:18 PM
11	X					A tax levy might work for full time residents but how would it be applied to part-time residents and weekenders? And how would it apply businesses generating more garbage? I don't support more tax levies, especially when they tend to be based on property assessments rather than usage.	Apr 15, 2012 5:19 PM
12	X					Question 9 did not have an answer for me. I would not support a parcel tax at all. It should be a user pay situation. There are so many vacant lots on Mayne Island that would never use the garbage service. I think it's a very good idea to have this survey. Thank you	Apr 15, 2012 5:51 PM
13	X					The current system is a government supported monopoly. Since becoming residents, we've seen the price of garbage pickup double, and until drop off service was provided by others, that was your only real option for disposal. That's unacceptable.	Apr 15, 2012 6:34 PM
14	X					leave it to free enterprise. It is very convenient now and within reason.	Apr 15, 2012 6:49 PM
15	X					bored are we?	Apr 15, 2012 6:52 PM
16		X				We're happy with present systems	Apr 15, 2012 7:10 PM

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17	X					The present system of once a week pick up does not work for weekenders or full time people who want to dispose of their garbage at a time other than Monday morning. The competition provided by the garage had the current MIID sanctioned operator offering a Sunday pick up near the library. I found this very convenient. I prefer to drop my garbage off rather than paying the extra amount required for curb side pick up. WE NEED MORE OPTIONS THAN THE ONE MONDAY MORNING PICK UP OF THE PAST. THANKS.	Apr 15, 2012 8:08 PM
18		X				Question #9 did not have a \$0 option but it should have!	Apr 15, 2012 8:24 PM
19	X					In Q9 I wanted to say Nothing--I don't use public service.	Apr 15, 2012 8:26 PM
20	X					I have left some of these comments as part of question number 9 which is poorly constructed. But it might be best to say them again here. I am not prepared to pay a tax levy for garbage pick up. I am very happy with the \$5.00 drop off service offered by the Gas Station. This service works best for our limited needs at this time. It is practical and affordable. We have one bag of garbage every six weeks to two months even though we live here full time. We put our energy into recycling, reducing, reusing and composting. There just isn't much left over. If current private services were to no longer be available for some reason, the amount of garbage we have could be take with us on our trips to the city and disposed of appropriately there. Mayne Island a municipal-type garbage service at this time..	Apr 15, 2012 8:59 PM
21		X				It would be a very serious error to introduce an annual fee/tax for garbage disposal: it would eliminate any incentive for residents to limit their garbage output and it would create the appearance of a conflict of interest by the MIID in awarding a guaranteed annual revenue to a private contractor who is not independent of the island elected 'establishment. You think the firehall is controversial, try this. Your bias is very clear from your survey in not including the option of the maximum we would be willing to pay of 'zero'.	Apr 15, 2012 9:11 PM
22		X				drop off is more appropriate for the rural environment.	Apr 15, 2012 9:15 PM
23		X				Id rather just take our garbabe off Island....we already pay the garbage tax in the town we live in. We r part timers on Mayne and until we become full timers we do not support, thanks	Apr 15, 2012 9:30 PM
24		X				Current per bag fee is good since it ensures that those who generate garbage pays for its disposal.	Apr 15, 2012 9:30 PM

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25		X				fee for service \$5/bag. do not tax me	Apr 15, 2012 9:58 PM
26	X					If it ain't broke, don't fix it.	Apr 15, 2012 10:37 PM
27	X					If the garbage collection were to be financed by a parcel tax, there would be a great tendency for people to simply put everything in the garbage, including recyclables and compostables (more cost!).	Apr 16, 2012 10:11 AM
28		X				I would like to explain why I answered "yes" to both question #8 & 9	Apr 16, 2012 10:19 AM
29	X					I would be happy to pay a fee of \$60 per year, but I would not want it going on my property tax. I would prefer it be a separate levy.	Apr 16, 2012 10:45 AM
30		X				Leave government out	Apr 16, 2012 10:46 AM
31		X				I only have about 1/2 a grocery bag of garbage at the most. Since I already pay for water I can't access I'd prefer not to pay for garbage disposal I don't use. A per bag or equivalent system may also encourage people to produce less garbage than a flat fee for unlimited amounts would.	Apr 16, 2012 2:03 PM
32	X					It's important that the service be reliable, clean, friendly, and that the garbage not pile up on-island attracting smells, bugs and rats etcetera.	Apr 16, 2012 8:26 PM
33	X					Only one garbage service should be provided. The capital cost for a proper vehicle should easily recovered.	Apr 16, 2012 10:43 PM
34		X				I would be willing to pay to increase recycling. I live in an area that has compostable garbage pick up, unlimited recycling and 1 garbage can picked up every 2 weeks and great recycling options near by. As a single person I produce less than i can of garbage per year. I started recycling when I lived on Mayne full time in the mid 70's and my annual objective is to send less garbage to landfill every year.	Apr 17, 2012 8:57 AM
35	X					a parcel tax will encourage more garbage. low producers will want their monies worth while large garbage producers will be motivated to create even more. Tenants will enjoy free garbage disposal until their landlords compensate with higher rents. Bare land owners and off islanders will resent the tax. A price by the bag is a constant reminder of the real and rising costs of garbage and an ongoing incentive to create less. Encourage free enterprise with acceptable zoning. The improvement district can contract for road-side pickup if the entrepreneur doesn't want this aspect of the process.	Apr 17, 2012 1:39 PM

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36	X					We don't need another tax for services! We believe the present system is quite adequate and provides opportunity for private enterprise, something that is endangered in this province/country!
37	X					Although the present system works for us it's because we can go off island easily, as we age this might not be so and garbage would become an issue! we would obviously be willing to pay for garbage service.
38	X					I am against an annual tax levy. We should pay per bag. Each household is different and we should be able to decide how to dispose of our garbage. Please no tax levy.
39	X					Would prefer the drop-off system. I am off island approximately 3 months every year so tax system would not be best for me.
40	X					Bylaw being broken with garbage drop-off at the gas station. Put stop to this.
41	X					If no change possibly there would be a dis-encenative to recycle so I would not favour a no-charge service.
42	X					Mayne Island community recycles conscienciously. An annual tax for garbage would most likely produce more garbage.....not good for the environment!! Unfair, for these producing little garbage and recycling; it should be user pay system as it is now. A roadside pickup of garbage is unnecessary. A drop-off at a central location would be best. The infirm who cannot use this system because of illness or other valid reasons; friend, neighbour or perhaps assisted living volunteers could offer to help. No thanks! for the MIID annual tax levy for garbage!
43	X					Paying per bag provides incentive to keep household waste down; garbage `collection should not be more convenient than getting rid of recycle or more recycle will end up in the garbage. Thank you!
44	X					I am happy with the commercial free enterprise system available. thank you.
45	X					I do not support all three, the gas station plus Rick Dodds plus Griffin. One system would be preferable; tax the home owner.

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46	X					Adding garbage collection to the taxes is a disincentive to reduce garbage. When people pay by the bag they find amazing ways to reduce the amount of garbage they produce and they are more likely to recycle. I would be very upset to see this incentive taken away. Apr 17, 2012 4:56 PM
47	X					The overall goal should be the reduction of consumer waste. My concern is that if you have a regular garbage pick up that is covered by taxes it will only encourage people to dispose of more things by this route. Waste disposal needs to be looked at in the larger context of how do we get people to reduce, reuse and recycle. You do not want to set up a system that makes it more convenient and cheaper to throw things away. Apr 17, 2012 4:59 PM
48	X		X			the present service has worked well for years with various operators and just because there are some on this island that would like to get involved in garbage does not mean that the current system is not working. When the present person moves on there will be someone else that wants to take over as is the case at present so why change anything that works. Mayne has a good user pay operation. Apr 17, 2012 5:44 PM
49		X				I prefer drop-off. I do not want a tax increase. Apr 18, 2012 10:23 AM
50	X					adding this to our taxes would create less likelihood of recycling and make people lazy, also we have too much tax as it is. Apr 18, 2012 3:02 PM
51	X					As we do not pay for garbage removal now as we take it off island, why would we want to be taxed for a service that does not apply to us. Your Question #9 should have had another option to say: \$0. Apr 18, 2012 5:26 PM
52		X				Whatever the solution, it must NOT include collection of garbage in our commercial core. I periodically pick out others garbage from my bank (Wood Dale, need i say more) and any garbage collection would help. BUT. if I can manage to recycle everything, and have miniscule garbage, then yes, therefore, it should be pay as you go, not by taxation. Apr 18, 2012 11:02 PM
53	X					no more taxes. Apr 19, 2012 7:22 AM
54		X				Status Quo works best for me. Apr 19, 2012 10:53 PM
55	X					competition is good for business, pick up became too costly drop off more convenient. Apr 20, 2012 10:32 AM

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56	X					Under the present system, I have the choice to dispose of our garbage off-island or, if a trip is not planned and the garbage is in need of disposal, I can take it to the pickup place and pay the \$5. If there is to be an increase in taxes, I would prefer it be for the Health Centre or Fire Hall..	Apr 21, 2012 12:45 PM
57	X					TYhe current system allows for local privateenterprise. If garbage was taxed monthly there would be recyclable material disposed of in garbage rather than taken to the Recucling Depot yhus decreasing revenue.	Apr 21, 2012 3:49 PM
58	X					this is dirty incestuous personal monopoly politics	Apr 21, 2012 10:44 PM
59		X				i added mine on previous line	Apr 25, 2012 10:34 AM
60	X					Garbage can and does contain lots of bad ugly throw aways and it must be a properly operated, monitored, insured, regulated operation. The only way to ensure the "company" doing the work does it properly is for the garbage operation is the authority having jurisdiction - in this case the MIID. The MIID has an opportunity to finally take control of the garbage collection and thereby 'do it right'. taxpayers will be up-in-arms about it but once they realize its saving them more money than the taxes will be, some might even thank you. Choose wisely in the matter. thanks	Apr 27, 2012 9:23 AM
61	X					I have very little "garbage" because of our recycle facility. It and it's volunteers are second to none.	Apr 27, 2012 8:46 PM
62		X				The current system works well. Don't rock the boat. If necessary, charge the competition to Dodds a substantial annual business license tax	Apr 29, 2012 11:17 AM
63	X					Would like drop off as well as selective pick up if possible (pick up with phone call)	Apr 30, 2012 10:13 AM
64		X			X	More often spend nothing as take off Island to dispose with household garbage in Vancouver. The system we have now ie. small private local business provides user pay pick up- works well. We do not need increased taxes to pay for service we don't need and which many Islanders wouldn't use.	Apr 30, 2012 10:18 AM

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65	X					Should also provide drop off location and maybe keys to locals and week enders who are not here on pick up day. If not keys a specific day to drop off with attendant on hand to monitor those who would try to get rid of items not accepted otherwise add a cost to MIID	Apr 30, 2012 10:22 AM
66	X					That the operators should be subject to inspection of the premises and equipment to see that it is kept in as clean and hygenic order as possible. These should be random inspections without prior warning. That it is made sure rats and racoons etc. cannot reach the garbage.	Apr 30, 2012 10:25 AM
67	X					I suggest no burning of toxic material or garbage on the operators premisis. That the premisis should be well fenced neat and tidy. Inspections of these premisis at random several times a year to check all neat and tidy, hygenic and garbage not exposed to rats and racoons. Traps could be put down regularly for safe guard. No partying on the premisis after hours or burning.	Apr 30, 2012 10:28 AM
68	X					Another tax! Leave the statis quo in place please!! Even \$60 per year is too much You're penalizing those of us with little garbage and environmentally conscios folk who have little waste to dispose of. You're encourageing those with lots of garbage to continue to have bad habits and giving them a break in taxes. Where is your conscience on this issue? Sorry to be emtional but are you thinking this one out?	Apr 30, 2012 10:32 AM
69	X					Sixty dollars is too much as you are penalizing most people on the Island. Some are here full time and some part time and some are away during the winter season. The ones who benefit from this would be the ones who more than 1 bag per household. The ones that have up to 10 bags or a bit less at the roadside. Where would justice be then? No, I do not agree with extra taxes especially this one. It would be very unfair to Mayne Islanders.	Apr 30, 2012 10:37 AM
70	X					We discontinued readside pick up a few years ago as Mondays were inconvenient, and the driver habitually neglected to drive as far as our house. We have been dropping off our garbage at the works yard lately and it suits our needs, much better than pick up	Apr 30, 2012 10:41 AM
71	X					Will there be a limit to the number of bags per week?	Apr 30, 2012 10:42 AM
72	X					The present contrator is not \$5 per bag	Apr 30, 2012 10:43 AM

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73	X					We already pay for this service in our property tax but don't receive the service.	Apr 30, 2012 10:52 AM
74	X					Drop off is a poor option for elderly residents - particularly during winter months when driving conditions can be poor. Weekly roadside pick up has worked well for many years.	Apr 30, 2012 10:54 AM
75	X					I would like the same system we have. \$4.50 drop off is great. This works well at all times visitors etc. No garbage in bushes on Mayne Island. It's handy and affordable to everyone.	Apr 30, 2012 10:57 AM
76	X					We already have pick up service. There should be only one person with the business liscence to pick up. There is not enough business for competition. So whether it is private or MIID there should only be one company doing it. I don't see any reason to buy a garbage truck when there is one on Island who is doing a good job.	Apr 30, 2012 11:00 AM
77	X		X			With the current system there are options if garbage is missed on a certain day. I am in favor of a drop off location to prevent visitors from leaving their garbage on the side of the road.	Apr 30, 2012 11:02 AM
78	X					The only way to keep roadside garbage picku up cost down is to eliminate the other garbage services and have only one company picking up and perhaps this company could have a drop off point for part time residents who arn't on island during the week. We have been extremely happy with the service we have been getting from the pick up service we have been using.	Apr 30, 2012 11:07 AM
79	X					I fully appreciate the need for curb side - road side pick up. Many people would be unable to dispose of their garbage otherwise, or disposal would be very inconvenent. No being at this stage however, I prefer a pay as you go system, including an accessible drop off option.	Apr 30, 2012 11:10 AM
80	X					No tax - No parcle tax! \$\$\$ per bag is the only fair way. Big garbage makers pay bigger (maybe they will cut back on garbage - good for all) Small garbage makers pay less \$\$ no differrent than long distant charges- use it you pay, don't you won't. Thank you.	Apr 30, 2012 11:14 AM
81	X					Reduce pick up pick up to \$5 and we would go back to doing that. \$8 too expensive.	Apr 30, 2012 11:15 AM
82	X					Pay for use only	Apr 30, 2012 11:16 AM

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83	X				X	a user pay system where people pay by the bag results in a minimum of garbage since we can recycle almost all of it. Taxation results in less consumer responsibility and more garbage. System should be user pay which saves tax collections cost, administration and wasteful government spending. Leave the system alone !!!! We don' t believe you. Where is the accountability for this servey.	Apr 30, 2012 11:24 AM
84	X					Removal of the drop off option, the imposition of yet another tax, and the provision of a zero bag fee for week day (ie non holiday) pick up will allow a huge proliferation of abandoned bags curb side or in the ditches from week enders who don't care what the Island looks like, after they have departed.	Apr 30, 2012 11:27 AM
85	X					1. I like the drop off option. My schedule varies and i am not always here on garbage pick up days. I like to dispose of my garbage before I leave the Island. Leaving garbage on the roadside for any length of time can lead to problems. 2. The fee for bag system works; if fact many communities are switching to this system. it encourages people to keep their non recycleable garbage to a minimum. 3. I have \$50 worth of garbage bag stickers fromthe gas station that are no longer valid. Arrangements should be made for a refund.	Apr 30, 2012 11:37 AM
86	X					No parcle tax it should be calculated in taxed the same way as everything else.	Apr 30, 2012 11:40 AM
87	X					I think MIID should still use a private contractor but at \$7.50 it seems a bit excessive and now that there are options, it seems to be a losing propostion. Road side pick up is certainly convenient but at \$7.50 we have been considering switching.	Apr 30, 2012 11:45 AM
88	X					The drop off system is important to week enders so that they have somewhere to put their garbage in a central location (ie gas station where there is a sealed garbage truck) rather than take it off the Island or dump it at the ferry terminal or other unsuitable places. With an excellent recycling depot and community and house hold gardens needing compost, the amount is or should be very little.	Apr 30, 2012 11:54 AM
89	X					The present system encourages people to be self reliant and find ways to look after their waste themselves. eg recycle	Apr 30, 2012 11:57 AM

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90	X					The current cost of \$7.50 per bag is very expensive for low income people. The current competition at \$5 is very helpful when the cost of groceries limits one can buy. I do not know what system is best to use but must be at a price that low income persons can afford. Otherwise some people will be digging holes in the backyard because they can not afford garbage prices.
91	X					Not willing to pay for service I can't use. I think we need to modify and license the current operators so that they are operation above board and paying a fee to do so. Users should pay the operator directly perhaps there should be monthly or annual rates that one can perscribe to
92	X					Not enough people present system to make it worth while. Pay by use and need, drop off garbage, weekenders, summer and full timers all have different needs
93	X					If we do end up getting a regular type garbage system with annual fee, it would be nice to also have a fee for drop off for those rare times when we do have more to get rid of.
94	X					Making it a parcel tax would mean everyone, full time or not, would feel entitled to get their moneys worth and produce/provide more garbage. The current system encourages recycling and discourages producing large amounts of garbage.
95	X					There is a down side: abuse of the system. There may be less incentive to reduce, clean and recyle, and irresponsible garbage makers will toss more bags by the roadside, infront of their house or not. USER PAY
96	X					I think weekly pick up is not necessary-waste of fuel- biweekly would be more appropriate and cost efficient for the contractor. I have used Mr. Griffin's service since he began and it is very satisfactory. Now that he now has a drop off, I have used it for convenience. The location is already industrial and does not impact close residential neighbours, unlike the service station which I did not use for that reason. For our house hold, after recycling and composting, we only produce one bag of actual garbage every 4 to 5 weeks. So pay as we go is most efficient for us.

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97	X					For me the system works fine. I really do not need any more costs to live on Mayne. If you could figure out how to redirect some of the money from the fire department I would be in favour of that.	Apr 30, 2012 12:40 PM
98	X					Inforing a tax seems very unreasonable the current contractor appears to be closely connected to MIID and I strongly feel this seems like nepotism. also from a health issue road side garbage is often opened and scattered along the roads. It also reduces any incentive to reduce garbage by paying per bag, there is an incentive to reduce garbage.	Apr 30, 2012 12:44 PM
99	X					Why did the current person quit? In spite of my complaints I need someone to pick up garbage... I also realize that costs have risen for the people who get rid of her garbage. I would rather pay the person directly rather than add anOther tax .	Apr 30, 2012 10:52 PM
100	X					Charging per bag forces people to think about how much garbage they have ... no fee would result in less diligence with recycle ... keep it the way it is perhaps with special assistance for the elderly	May 1, 2012 7:05 AM
101	X					the present system of garbage drop off is a good one	May 1, 2012 7:19 AM
102	X					I see nothing wrong with the present system, it's called democracy which includes competition, we don't need government controls.	May 1, 2012 9:01 AM
103	X					I use the current operator, Rick Dodds, for convenience AND because I have observed him picking up tourist waste and spilled waste in order to keep our island clean.	May 1, 2012 9:38 AM
104	X		X			I don't think it's appropriate to charge an annual tax for a service that is so differently used from one household to the next. I support the existing system of roadside pick up, the user pay system.	May 1, 2012 10:04 AM
105	X					Although we usually use driveway pick-up we believe that the drop off system has been beneficial and would encourage that this option continue. In as small community it sometimes feels like its about the people involved and not the services. If it becomes a tax levy what would be the harm in someone offering drop-off service which people then pay for out of their own pocket. Thank you for this survey and the information it provided. I had no idea that the MIID contracted out the garbage collection. Thank you.	May 1, 2012 10:21 AM

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106		X				I agree with the option of increase taxes to cover a garbage pick up through MIID because Mayne Island's full time population needs to be concerned first, in terms of works well for that portion of the islanders. However, I am concerned that a formalized garbage pick up maybe not help the p/t population. I am from Calgary, and I come & go often through-out the spring and summer months. Taking my garbage to a drop-off has been very convenient. I means that I can leave whenever I need/want. With a weekly, formalized pick up, I would have to plan my departures around garbage pick-up, or take the chance of leaving a garbage can on the road, and/or depend on neighbours to put it away. Without a drop-off, I may be back to taking my garbage off the island with me. In the past, that has meant dropping it off somewhere along the way, or having my garbage come back to Calgary, and none of that would be my preference. I wonder if the MIID could consider a formalized, safe and secure drop-off bin - and that bin is just another pick up point for the garbage truck?	May 1, 2012 11:07 AM
107	X					Definitely no parcel tax garbage	May 1, 2012 11:32 AM
108	X					We feel that fee by taxation would remove the connection of the fee to actual disposal which would encourage more to be put in garbage consequently less to recycling. We MUST continue our high recycleing volume on Mayne.	May 1, 2012 2:30 PM
109		X				Drop-off services are ideal for part-time residents, many of whom are not on-island on garbage pick-up day.	May 1, 2012 2:35 PM
110	X					do not want any involvement of government of any type	May 1, 2012 5:59 PM
111		X				I would be willing to pay an annual fee to have a place I could drop garbage on the island on the weekend. I am not sure I would be comfortable leavin garbage on the street overnight when I am not there, in case animals got into the garbage and made a mess that we could not clean up for many weeks when we are next there.	May 1, 2012 7:37 PM
112	X					A drop off or transfer station would work just as well as pick-up	May 2, 2012 7:16 AM
113		X				Because we are only part-time residents I prefer to keep taking the garbage off the island. Is it too difficult to have this system of tax levy for permanent residents only and not for those who take their garbage with them??	May 2, 2012 8:54 AM

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114	X				X	realizing the permits are not in place on Bennett's property, I like the idea of being able to drop off but there might also be a way of pick up at residence for those of us elderly people unable to drive or unable to pickup and carry these bags. May 2, 2012 11:31 AM
115	X					Get your letters of patent changed to remove garbage service. May 2, 2012 3:40 PM
116	X					because of the high cost of roadside garbage it forces me to be vigilant with recycling. This is a good thing May 3, 2012 9:01 AM
117	X					There are those who wish to pick up household waste for residents. There are places to deposit garbage if one wishes to at any time of day. One can hire someone to take large amounts of waste away in bulk. What's the problem? Legalize an area to hold waste that's secure and don't tax everyone for a service that's not needed. Thank you May 3, 2012 9:41 AM
118	X					We pay enough taxes. We are very good recyclers and should not have to subsidize those who choose not to. May 3, 2012 10:54 AM
119	X					The Trust declined a TUP from the Gas Station for garbage drop-off. Excellent decision! Griffin is advertising the same service, now deemed "illegal". Both operations should be closed immediately (and perhaps fined) ! Until the MIID can shift to a taxation scheme, Mr. Dodds' service must be given continuation rights. May 3, 2012 5:34 PM
120	X					The present system also offers flexibility, when we are away for vacations, etc May 3, 2012 6:40 PM
121	X					Garbage pick up would just encourage "some" people to no longer recycle - please do not go this route...the current system works just fine and is quite cost effective for the residents. May 3, 2012 6:50 PM
122	X					I think the user pay system, whoever the runs the service is a method of encouraging people to reduce the amount of garbage they produce. Produce less, pay less to get rid of it. A household tax makes everyone pay equally, where some who choose to buy only responsibly packaged goods should be encouraged and rewarded, and not have to pay for those who continue to produce the bulk of the garbage. Maybe it could be set up like the Recycling Depot and be run on a membership basis. That way those who use the service can be the ones who fund it.y May 4, 2012 2:16 PM

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123	X					I think going to a parcel tax would do nothing to encourage residents to recycle. It would also be unfair to those that make an effort to recycle and could also reduce the recycling stations ability to make a buck. May 5, 2012 1:39 PM
124	X					Can the MIID opt out of the letter patent regarding garbage. It should be left open for free enterprise. May 5, 2012 3:47 PM
125		X				Let private enterprise run this, without MIID involvement. If it is profitable for someone to do, they will do it, otherwise it won't. May 6, 2012 8:08 AM
126	X					no questions as to how much people recycle; too much emphasis on taxation as a solution; keep it on an individual cost basis solution i.e. if you are responsible with your garbage you pay only when absolutely needed; hopefully the results of this survey will not be the deciding factor as this survey is skewed to certain responses May 6, 2012 8:58 AM
127		X				Reliable service would be just great! May 6, 2012 5:14 PM
128		X				Let the market dictate the value proposition May 6, 2012 6:58 PM
129		X				Why is MIID involved in this at all? Let local business take care of garbage collection, as is done for commercial and apartment collection in Vancouver City. May 6, 2012 7:01 PM
130	X					The system has worked well. If other operators wish to participate or compete that's fine. Competition is okay. There simply have to be enforceable ground rules. May 7, 2012 10:00 AM
131	X					We are between systems? Drop off yes. Full time. So not agree with parcel tax! This board seems extraordinarily enamoured with parcel taxes. We have managed with no problem until the new islander arrived. We do need something, permanently settled, and a contracted signed for whatever we end up with. There is one person picking up privately if you call in. This is good for seniors and disabled. Should be considered for inclusion in the drop off plans. May 7, 2012 10:07 AM
132	X					I do not want another parcel tax! I think the weekly pick up is good especially for seniors and people without vehicles. A combination of pick up or drop off should work very well. No parcel tax whatever! Pay by bag for pick up or drop off. The current system works well carry on with it! No parcel tax! May 7, 2012 10:12 AM
133	X					A drop off system would be sufficient. May 7, 2012 10:14 AM

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134	X					We create one bag of garbage in a 2 month period. What is wrong with a drop off system? Like the gas station or John Griffin.
135	X					The present system works for most people. However for frugal people like myself I generate 1 bag garbage per 2 months. 6/year. The gas station was perfect through prejudice, lies and plain B.S.(Rats) this option has been removed. Go to the Springwater and the rear of Tru Value.
136	X					We already pay too much taxes for little service! Just look at our roads! Too high wages for fire chief and his assistant for very little work!!! High cost for maintenance of Health Centre! No sewer, street lights or garbage collection or water.
137	X					Griffin is willing and able to carry on the service. Let it happen.
138	X					There is a company willing and able to continue service as is. Please support this work.
139	X					Since I put out garbage 4 times a year only, I am not interested in being taxed for the people who do not compost or recycle.
140	X					I would be in favor of a \$60 annual tax to landowners for garbage pick up, but if this is decided against, the present system works well however, as a renter, I don't believe I am authorized to answer question 9.
141	X					Buy Ricks truck and lease it to an independant contractor. A parcel tax would include vacant lots which would be unacceptable and unfair. Do not start another war over garbage. Read section 3 of the letters patent.
142		X				As a part time resident, I am unable to take advantage of a scheduled garbage pick up which takes place during the week. I am concerned that if I left garbage at the roadside on a sunday afternoon, it would be distributed all over the road by crows, raccoons, etc and vermin would thrive. I value the recycling depot and the work of the volunteer staff, therefore and I'm sure that composting and such can go far towards dealing with garbage issues of full time residents without another punitive level of taxation.

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143		X				Charging a fee per bag provides a greater incentive to recycle, compost and reduce garbage. Having a no fee bag pick up may increase amount of garbage. A taxation system penalizes part time residents who would be unable to benefit from the system, as they would not want to leave bags out unattended, waiting for garbage pick up day.	May 7, 2012 10:44 AM
144		X				The present system works fine. I will not pay for a new tax system. This survey should have been mailed to all property owners and since it is not, must not be used for decision making purposes. Part time residents must not be burdened with garbage pick up costs of full time residents the new proposed system is not an incentive to increase recycling if there is a fixed tax charge.	May 7, 2012 10:47 AM
145	X					Please pull your heads out of your tails - free enterprise and competition go hand in hand with democracy (which you claim distinguishes you, and that is another yard and a half of manure; you are neither democratic or transparent). This is a survey NOT a referendum, right? Let us choose and pay for what we use when we use it. Not one person I have spoken to is in favor of a tax levy - in fact are very much against it, and you already know this, don't care, and this is all just a polite formality, right??	May 7, 2012 10:51 AM
146	X					Before MIID tackles the garbage collection issue it needs to show better management of our tax dollars. ie. Clean up the problem of overpaid/overinflated salaries of the current fire chief and his assistant plus the bogus position of Emergency co ordinator. If Bennett/Griffin becomes a monopoly for garbage removal what will stop them from increasing the price?	May 7, 2012 10:53 AM
147	X					TAX ALREADY TOO HIGH - TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT ON MAYNE.	May 7, 2012 10:55 AM
148	X					MIID taxation has resulted in a fire chief with a part time job that costs tax payers a hundred and ten thousand per year - Outrageous!!! We are taxed way to much already! Private enterprise works well on all the islands - why should Mayne be any different?	May 7, 2012 10:57 AM

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149	X					I recycle and shop to produce minimal waste. 1. NO - no more annual parcel taxes. 2. There are 2 businesses available to receive garbage bags as needed. 3. Since 1964 we have taken care of our own garbage - leave us alone and let private existing businesses take up as needed for this should be voted on.	May 7, 2012 11:00 AM
150	X					Paying per bag encourages people to recycle and compost. I would support an initiative to pick up recycling for people who don't have vehicles and to cut down on traffic at the recycle depot.	May 7, 2012 11:01 AM
151	X					We have been very satisfied with the current garbage collection, dependable, courteous and always on time.	May 7, 2012 11:03 AM
152	X					If you mean how much tax I'd be willing to pay - The answer is zero. Otherwise, I am content with what I pay now to dispose of my garbage myself.	May 7, 2012 11:06 AM
153	X					If it ain't broke don't fix it - Rick has been totally reliable for the past 10 plus years.	May 7, 2012 11:07 AM
154	X					I would like Rick Dodds to be the contractor for garbage pick up	May 7, 2012 11:09 AM
155		X				There is no cost of disposal of zero garbage in periods of none residents. A person who is not here part of the time should not have to pay anything for that part of the time. Therefore no tax. Payment should be piecemeal for services actually provided.	May 7, 2012 11:12 AM
156		X				People who generate more garbage should pay more as in the current system.	May 7, 2012 11:13 AM
157	X					User pay period. I am happy with no curb service and just drop off. It is of no value to me to have a tax levy as all that means is I am subsidizing other people. I reuse, recycle, reduce, compost and do not think I should be penalized for doing so.	May 7, 2012 11:17 AM
158		X				Compost! Lobby governments re packaging, that I'll pay for.	May 7, 2012 11:20 AM
159	X					We recycle 90% of our "garbage" and compost. We don't generate the equivalent of one green garbage bag more than once every three months or more.	May 7, 2012 11:22 AM
160		X				See 7 above I find this question confusing because "present system", is not defined	May 7, 2012 11:28 AM

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161	X					I believe that the parcel tax would serve to discourage composting and recycling. Those who do compost and recycle those who find it easier at the road side; possibly 1 to 2 bags per week. I am very much opposed to the implementation of a parcel tax. I am a single senior and do not feel it fair to force me to pay the same as a family.	May 7, 2012 11:43 AM
162	X					One bag per month..No taxation	May 7, 2012 11:57 AM
163	X					I want private pick up - I am happy to pay per bag rates as I have very little garbage each year. The introduction of a tax levy system, in my opinion, is counter productive to the recycling program we now have. I think people (some) will recycle less and throw away more as they have to pay for the service anyway.	May 7, 2012 11:59 AM
164		X				Property taxation- not thanks! enough already. Contractor charges; He gouges us \$7 plus. Competition from other business: which is good! Continuity and reliability: drop is reliable and convenient and available to tourists/visitors too which pick day per week is not. Paying per bag makes me responsible for limiting garbage through more careful recycling, composting and reusing practices.	May 7, 2012 12:04 PM
165	X					Create a community compost site. Educate new arrivals on dealing with their own garbage. Reducing recyclable waste through conscience effort of residents. Waste garbage is a world problem created by humans, make those responsible for creating the waste also responsible for moving it. I have minded my own garbage for 40 years and do not want to pay a tax so the lazy and irresponsible can continue to create garbage that I will have to pay to have removed. Whatever you decide in the end you should not be regulating through a community tax where the ignorance of the many is going to be paid for by the conscious few on this Island. As I know by the Health Centre levy the cost rises with increases to property assessment. I live on rural land, You should be taxing the subdivisions for this service.	May 7, 2012 12:12 PM
166		X				We have a fantastic recycling center and if we are mindful and aware of how much waste we produce we can recycle so much. I have noticed that when I am in the city I throw so much stuff in the garbage yet here on the island, I take great care not to do this, because of the system currently in place on the Island. So I feel the present system is best as it encourages me to think more "environmentally". Thanks	May 7, 2012 12:16 PM

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167	X					Contract present "drop off" provider (Bennett/Griffen) to pick up residential roadside using a two price structure one for residential and one for drop off. Purchase Rick's truck and lease to contractor this will allow full time residents to continue present service and allow part timers to drop off as required. A tax is not fair to owners of vacant lots (who never use the service) or part timers. May 7, 2012 12:20 PM
168	X					No More Taxes!!! May 7, 2012 12:24 PM
169	X					Taxation: this has become necessary because it is the only method to provide reliable pick up service. Unfortunately, unless a tax is mandatory, self interest will always prevail as has been evident in the past. As too many permanent residents choose to save up their garbage to take off Island to save a paltry few dollars they have made it impossible for a local contractor to make an honest living. No everyone is able to transport their garbage to the dump and value the efficiency and service provided. This is another topic! I also wish more people were more conscientious in recycling-this service is invaluable!! May 7, 2012 12:32 PM
170	X					Could not complete this on line because there was not a category in # 9 May 7, 2012 12:34 PM