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Bernard F. Lynch
City Manager

TO: Mayor Edward Caulfield
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

FROM: Bernard F. Lynch, City Manager *BFL*

DATE: May 7, 2009

SUBJECT: **MOTION OF 4/14/09 BY COUNCILOR KAZANJIAN
"REQUEST THE CITY MANAGER REPORT ON THE NEW
TRASH/RECYCLING PROGRAM".**

In regards to the above mentioned motion I have attached a report from Assistant City Manager / DPW Commissioner T.J. McCarthy regarding the City's still relatively new solid waste program.

As you can see by the number in the report the new program seems to be successfully achieving the desired effect of reducing the City's solid waste tonnage. A year to year comparison for March and April indicates that tonnage has been reduced by approximately 1900 tons. Extrapolating this trend over the entire year produces a reduction of over 10,000 tons producing savings of over \$700,000.00.

I am also pleased to report that I have renegotiated our contract with Wheelabrator, our solid waste disposal site. Under the new contract our per ton cost for disposal has been reduced by \$9.00, from \$73.00 to \$64.00. This new price which goes into effect on July 1st will produce savings of approximately \$300,000.00.


Together the new program and the new contract will save the City approximately \$1 million.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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TO: Bernie Lynch, City Manager

FROM: TJ McCarthy, Asst. City Manager 

DATE: May 7, 2009

RE: Update on Solid Waste Automation Program

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the first two months since Bin-Dependence Day, the beginning of the automated residential trash program.

In the monthly comparison of trash tons collected in March and April of 2009 vs. 2008, there has been a combined reduction of 1,904 tons of trash collected. At the city's current tipping rate of \$71.50 per ton over \$136,000 has been saved since the new program began.

Providing the average monthly collection rate of 2,430 tons (which was achieved in the last two months) is sustained, it can be projected that the city will dispose of 10,000 tons less annually and save between \$700,000 to \$850,000.

At the time of this report, not all of the recycling data has been collaborated; however, it would appear that the April's recycled, or diverted tonnage, has doubled and should be close to 15%.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please let me know. Thank you.