

Metroland Letter to Editor

Better garbage policy needed

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To the editor:

Re: Garbage policy "stinks" says Cullen, March 22.

As a resident of Oshawa for more than 10 years now, I have not seen any improvement in the garbage pickup system in all that time. Now we are going to have to pick up tags in downtown Oshawa in order to get rid of our unwanted items. As a conscientious senior who sorts the garbage as requested, I resent this new fee and "non-user friendly" approach that has been taken regarding pickup of large items. All this is going to do is drive people to "dump" their unwanted items in the local parks and ravines, and let the City worry about picking it up.

What are you people thinking of when you come up with these "hair-brained" ideas.

I also read recently that we are now going to have to change to clear garbage bags instead of the green garbage bags now in use, because some of the people in the city of Oshawa refuse to sort their own garbage and are putting everything out in green garbage bags. Why is everyone going to be punished because of the few lazy, uncaring people who live in our city.

The garbage people know who these people are, because there is never a green bin or blue box out at the end of their driveway, only green garbage bags every other week. Why can't the garbage collectors make note of these houses and fine them accordingly. It wouldn't take them that much longer on their route to jot down a few numbers.

Surely there are a few politicians in our area who can come up with some concrete ideas that aren't going to cost the masses a fortune and are far more practical than what has been suggested here.

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