



AGENDA ITEM #10.2

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

Report Prepared by: Nancy Malecha

Date: November 5, 2019

Subject: SCORE (Recycling) Funding Update

Report: At the October 1st City Council Meeting, the Council directed me to send a letter to the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners requesting to reinstate the City's 2020 SCORE (recycling) funding allocation in the amount of \$13,250. Attached is the letter sent on behalf of the City as well as the County's response. The County has decided to discontinue funding for curbside recycling.

Council Action Requested: No Council action requested.



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October 2, 2019

Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners
c/o Tim Houle, County Administrator
Crow Wing County Courthouse
326 Laurel Street, Suite 13
Brainerd, Minnesota 56401

Dear Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners:

On behalf of the Pequot Lakes City Council, please accept this letter as our request for the County to reinstate the 2020 recycling funding allocation in the amount of \$13,250 to the City of Pequot Lakes. Recently, we were contacted by a few of our refuse haulers as to how the elimination of these funds will create an undue financial hardship to their businesses and customers. This, along with the inadequate and untimely email notice from the County regarding the elimination of our recycling funding are the bases for our request.

It is our hope that you will reconsider funding our curbside recycling program in the amount of \$13,250 as was discussed at the annual recycling funding meeting with Doug Morris, Ryan Simonson, and myself on May 6, 2019.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Malecha".

Nancy Malecha
City Administrator
nmalecha@pequotlakes-mn.gov



October 24, 2019

Nancy Malecha
City Administrator
4638 Main Street
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Dear Administrator Malecha,

This is in response to the letter received by the Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners on October 2, 2019 from the City of Pequot Lakes regarding an increase in curbside recycling funding. Due to the recent decline in recycling markets, and the associated increase in costs, the County has been reviewing every aspect of the recycling program to look for ways to create efficiencies and lower costs. The County has decided to discontinue funding for curbside recycling.

We will continue to evaluate the overall recycling program and we plan to create a more efficient system in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.