



# Highway 118 Community Survey Summary

→ District of Muskoka  
Bin Site Transition Plan  
September 2022



# About the Survey

This community survey was undertaken to seek feedback for long-term waste servicing options for residents that use winter dumpsters along Highway 118E at four locations.

- At the Direction of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, unlicensed bins (dumpster sites) must be removed.
- This survey has been developed in consultation with lake associations and community members and made available on EngageMuskoka
- The survey was sent by the District via email to approximately residents who registered on EngageMuskoka and promoted by community stakeholders.



# About the Survey

Four dumpsters provide winter service to residents on and near four lakes:

- Wood Lake: 250 summer and permanent households (Bins 49, 69 & 10)\*
- Bird Lake & Bigwind Lake: 117 summer and permanent households (Bin 10)\*
- Clear Lake: 63 summer and permanent households (Bin 11)\*

Bin 69 also provides summer service for water-access residents in Wood Lake.

The District is working with the Wood Lake Cottagers' Association and Wood Lake Islanders' Association to provide summer collection for Wood Lake water-access residents beginning in spring 2023.

Wood Lake water-access residents can **register online** to receive updates about service for water-access residents

*\*Includes summer residents that do not use dumpsters in winter*



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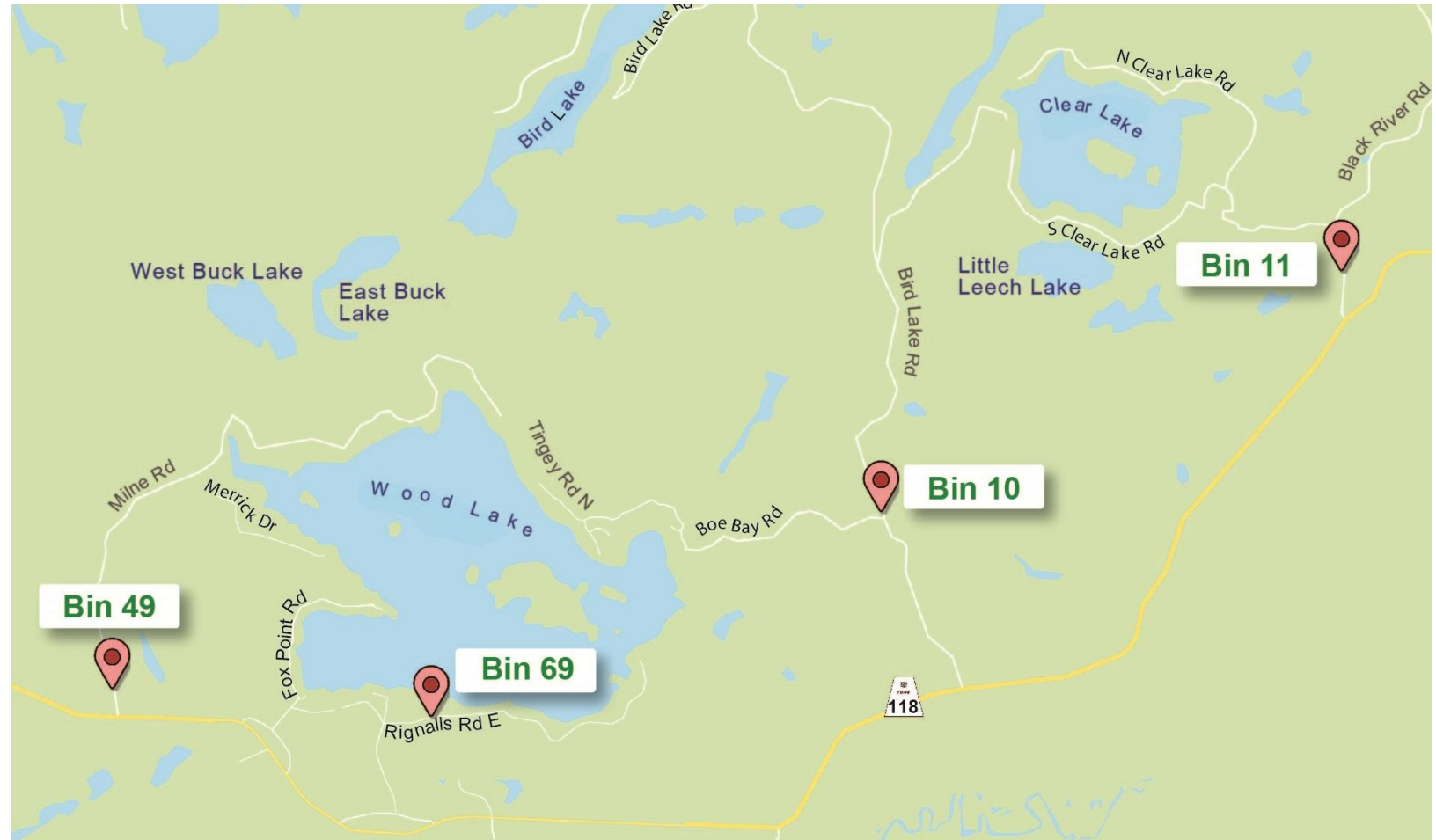
## Option 1: Lakeside Waste Collection

With this option, residents would bring their garbage and recyclables to convenient location(s) along Highway 118 E once a week where a collection vehicle would be parked to collect waste. The collection location(s) may or may not be at the current bin locations.

The collection vehicle would be parked and supervised for a pre-determined window every week from Thanksgiving to Victoria Day (e.g., 1-2 hours on Sunday).

Winter Lakeside Collection was provided in 2021/2022 on Lorne Road and Fraserburg Road servicing Pine, Leech and Bigwind lakes on Sundays.

If residents require waste disposal outside of the collection window or have bulky items, you can visit a District transfer station such Rosewarne Transfer Station in Bracebridge



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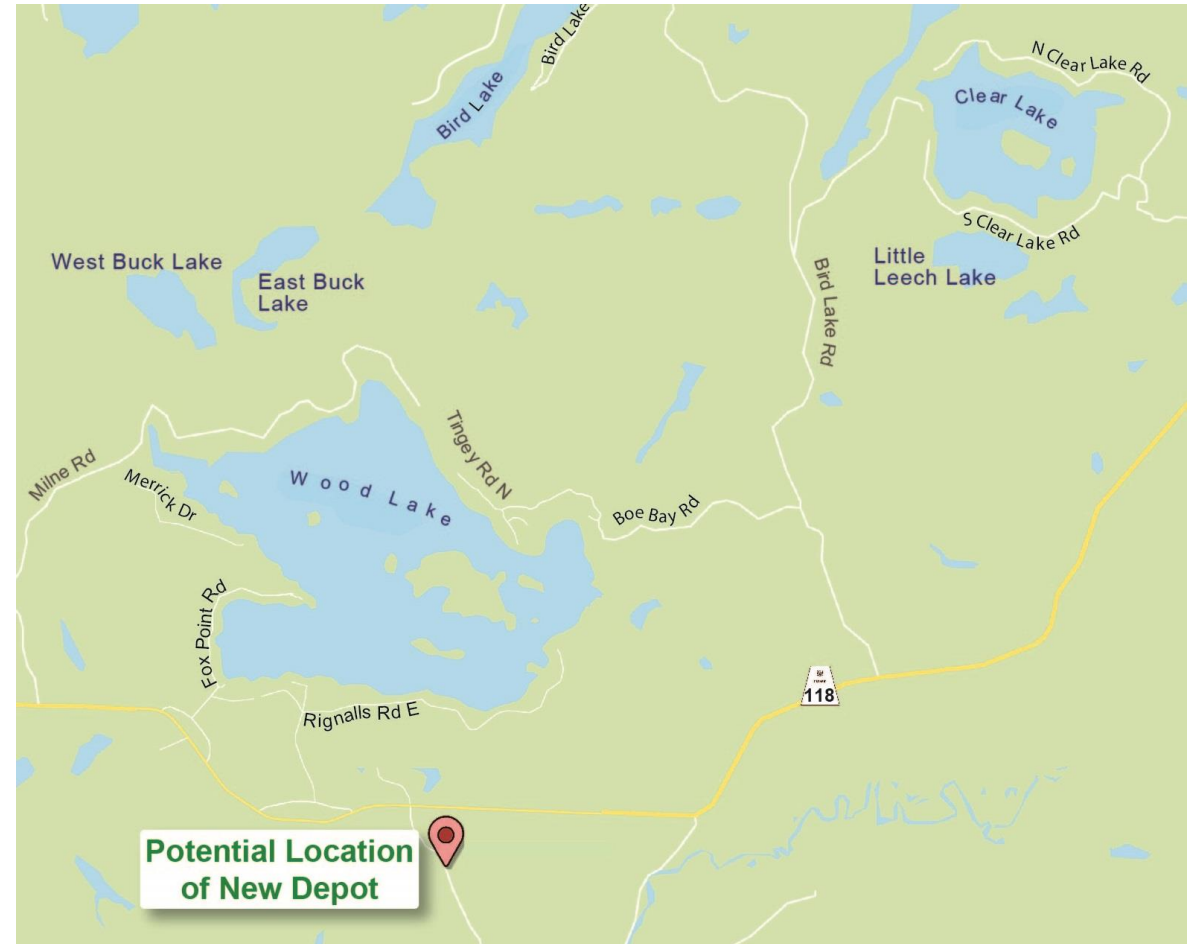
## Option 2: Establish a New Waste Depot

With this option residents would bring their garbage and recyclables to a new supervised waste depot site.

The new depot would have longer hours of operation than Lakeside Waste Collection (e.g. Sundays from 12:00 to 5:00 pm and potentially Saturday or weekday hours). This option also has the potential to be open in the summer.

The depot would be fenced and staffed when open. During operating hours, residents would drive in and dispose of their garbage and recyclables in designated bins. Similar to Lakeside Collection, if residents need to dispose of waste outside of the hours of operation or have bulky waste, they can visit another District transfer station.

The new depot would likely be located at a former landfill property on Vankoughnet Road south of Highway 118 E (see map), subject to further site-specific investigations, consultation, and approvals. Since the approvals and construction process for transfer stations usually takes 1-2 years, Lakeside Waste collection would be provided while the depot is constructed.



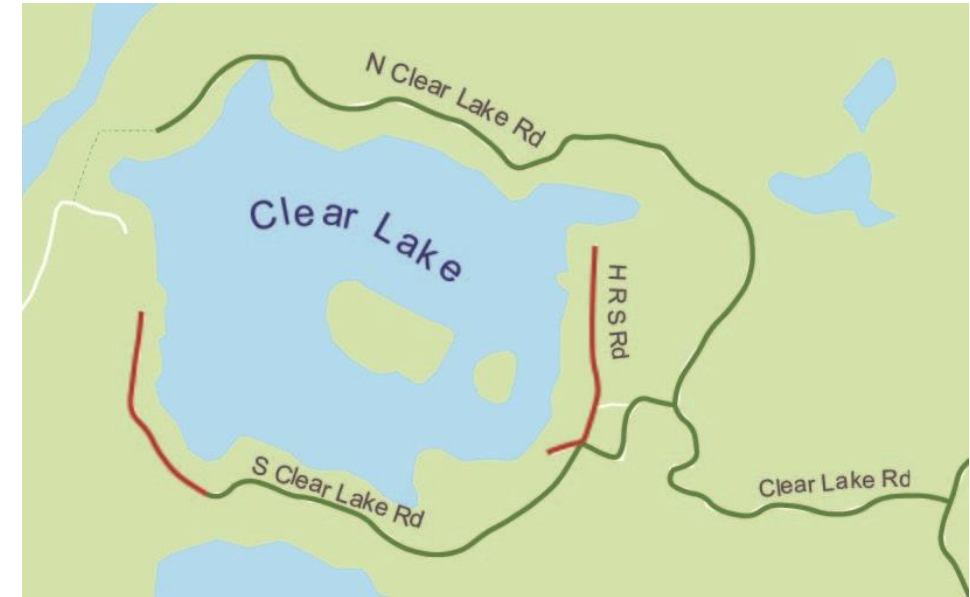
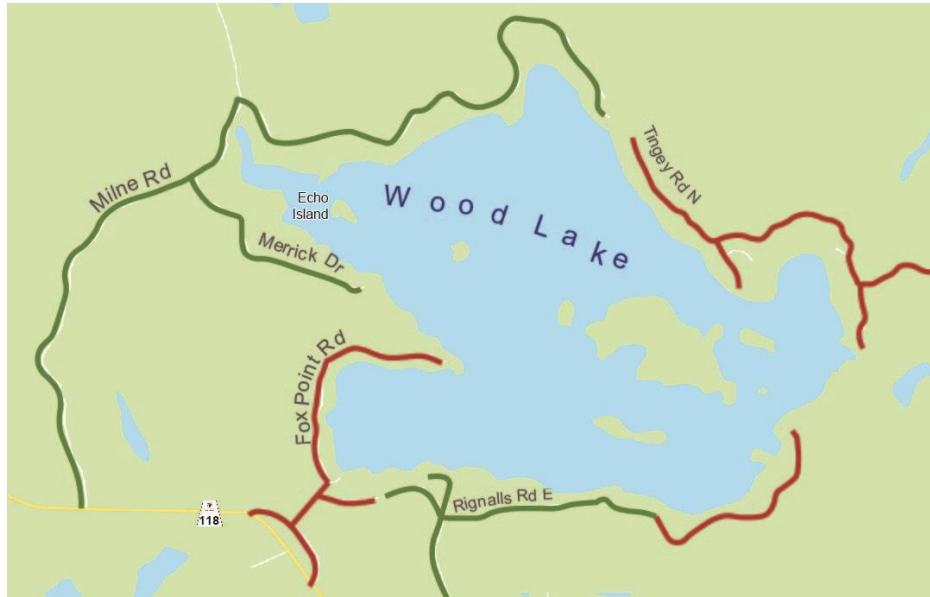
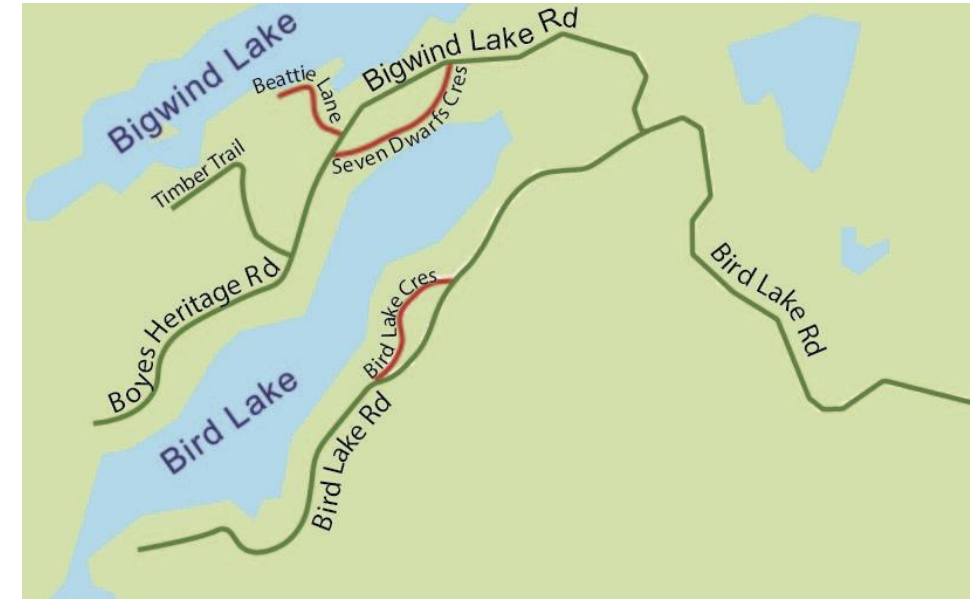
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## Potential for Year-Round Curbside Collection

Year-round weekly curbside collection may be available on some roads. The District is investigating the feasibility of year-round curbside collection on Milne Road, Merrick Drive, portions of Rignalls Road East, North Clear Lake Road, portions of South Clear Lake Road, and Bird Lake Road. These roads are shown in green on the maps below

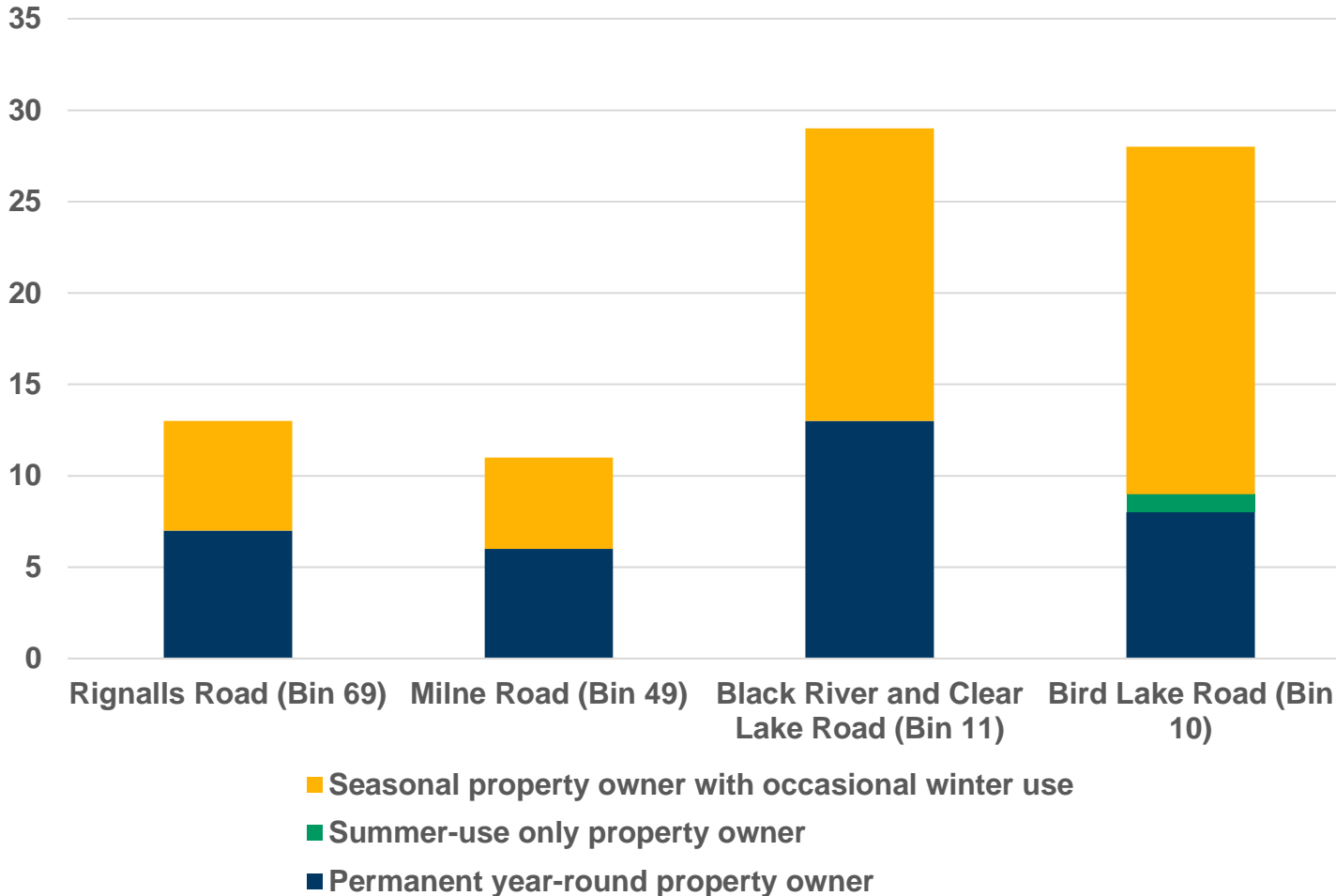
Other roads in this area are not currently wide enough or do not have turnarounds for curbside collection. These include Rignalls Road West, Fox Point Road, Tingey Road, and Beattie Road. These roads are shown in red.

Curbside collection on private roads requires the cooperation of road owning associations to keep roads plowed and sanded in the winter, keep roads maintained to a minimum standard, and provide an area where the collection vehicle can turn around.



# Survey Respondents

## Bin Use and Type of Resident



89 responses were received from 81 different properties

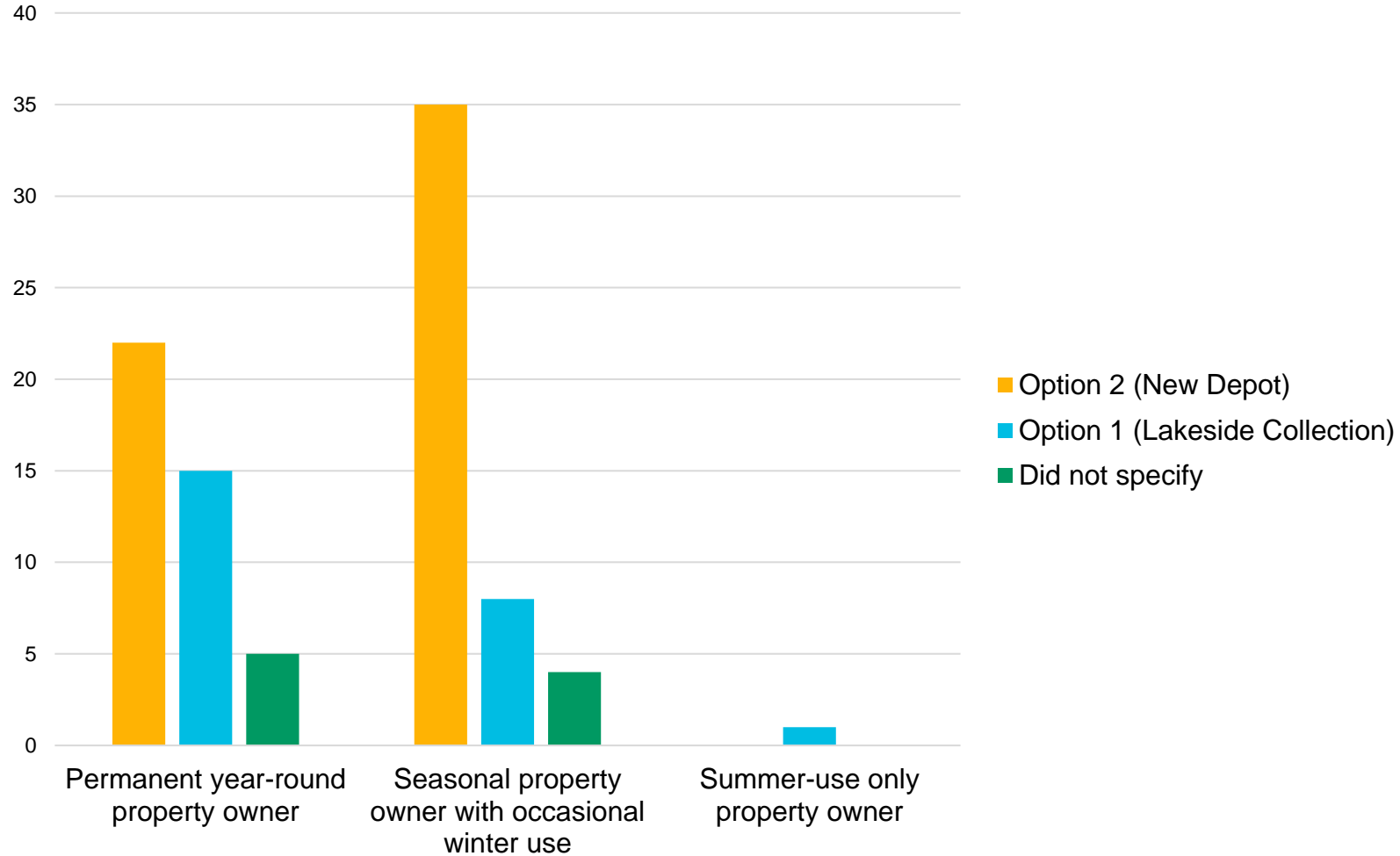
### Respondents by Bin use:

- 11 Bin 49 Milne Road (Wood Lake) respondents
- 13 Bin 69 Rignalls Road (Wood Lake) respondents
- 29 Bin 11 Black River and Clear Lake Road (Clear Lake) respondents
- 28 Bin 10 Bird Lake Road respondents (20 on Bird Lake, 5 on Wood Lake, and 3 on Bigwind Lake)

### Respondents by Type:

- 42 Permanent year-round property owners
- 47 Seasonal property owners who use bins occasionally

# Option Preference

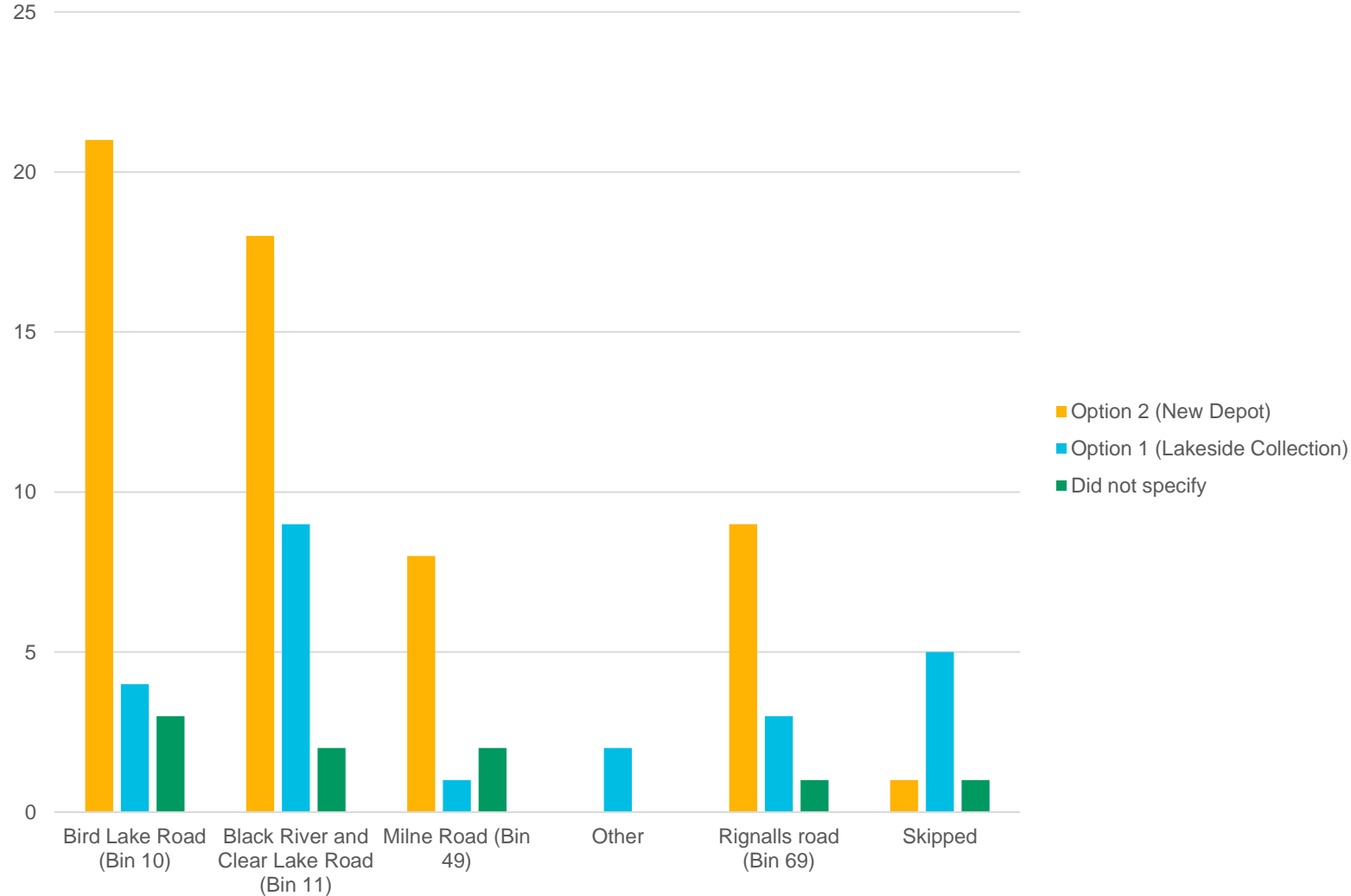


Both permanent property owners and seasonal property owners preferred the New Depot Option

Some individuals did not identify a preference, typically noting their desire to keep the existing bins



# Option Preference



The preference for a new depot compared to Lakeside Collection was consistent among users of all bin sites.

## Comments Regarding Lakeside Waste Collection:

### Like

- Preference for weekend collection
- Serves many people in 1 large area
- Minimizes incorrect use
- Supervision will discourage illegal dumping (at the site)
- Preference for Lakeside in the short term
- Less expensive for tax dollar use

### Dislike

- Time constraints
- Difficult to plan for
- Long wait times/ line ups
- Bad weather causes concerns
- Seasonal users not up at same day/time week to week
- From an energy consumption/environmental perspective it seems much better to have one vehicle travel than a number of vehicles
- Location too far away

### Questions

- Consideration: It would be OK to manage, depending on the location
- Consideration: Should allow for additional bags in case residents do not make the weekly collection

## Comments Regarding Establishing New Waste Depot:

### Like

- Longer hours of operation
- Flexibility
- Does not take up space lakeside
- More staff on site
- Road safety
- Preference for New Depot in the long term

### Dislike

- Do not want to transport waste in personal vehicles
- Operating hours of new Depot (concern it will only be open business hours)
- Would have to wait a few years for the new depot to open- what to do with waste until then?
- Further distance to travel
- Properties negatively affected if right next to the new depot (Odour, noise, traffic, etc)
- Reopening the previously closed site is not good
- Do not want to lose curbside pick up to this option
- Concern for return of bears near depot

### Questions

- Would residents have to pay an extra fee for this service?