

Cremona council keeps recycling centre open

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Cremona council decided Feb. 16 to keep the recycling centre in the village open for businesses and rural residents if Mountain View County contributes \$600 per month, plus mileage for when staff members have to take garbage to the landfill in Didsbury.

Luana Smith, chief administrative officer for the village, said officials were planning to close the centre, but Mountain View County officials asked the village to keep it open for rural residents.

Cremona council gave village officials the go-ahead

to purchase recycling and composting rollout bins for village residents last year and officials were planning on closing the centre once residents received their new bins.

They currently have garbage and recycling bins and will be receiving composting bins in the spring for curbside service.

She said there will no longer be a need to keep the centre open, except for the few businesses in Cremona that use it, as well as rural residents.

She said public works staff members spend about two hours a day cleaning the centre because of illegally dumped garbage, which costs the village money and takes away from other work that needs

to get done.

The village proposed a few options to the county, including a \$600 monthly contribution, plus tipping fees at the landfill, plus mileage.

But county council decided during a recent meeting to contribute \$600 a month without any additional money for landfill costs or mileage.

Smith said she plans to negotiate the agreement with Mountain View County's chief administrative officer.

She said there are times when staff members have to take three trips to Didsbury's landfill to clean up garbage that's been dumped at the centre.