



Did you hear the news? What news? The Tribe's Solid Waste Program recently received delivery of their new garbage truck on Kentenhko:wa/November 30. This means two blue/white garbage trucks will be cruising the roads of Akwesasne.

We caught up with Laura J. Weber, Solid Waste Program Manager, for the Tribe on the 30<sup>th</sup> and asked her why the Tribe needed another truck. She said "the Tribe continues to expand their Solid Waste Program services and we were at maximum usage with our older truck. The new truck will allow us to continue offering quality services at prices that the community can afford." Weber went on to share that the new truck has the ability to provide roll-off container service. The new truck is a hook & lift truck, which means the blue box can come off and be replaced with a roll-off container. Weber anticipates the Tribe ordering roll-off containers in early 2008 and begins offering the roll-off container service in early Ennisko:wa/March.

We certainly are impressed with the Tribe's Solid Waste Program and how it has evolved over the years. When we first came on the scene in 2002, the Tribe had just begun offering curbside collection of garbage through their blue bag program. The blue bag program allows residents to pay only for the garbage they throw out by purchasing the Tribe's blue bags. And guess what? Our picture is on the blue bags – way too cool for us!! Blue bag customers use the Tribe's recycling depot, which is located, across from Wild Bills, to deposit their recyclables free of charge. Since 2002, the Tribe's Solid Waste Program opened their transfer station where residents can bring their garbage, bulky items, and recyclables directly to the facility for disposal and recycling.

Wow, Kwis, I didn't know that the Tribe offered all these services! Yea, Diio, they really offer a lot. Hey, let's go have a look at the new truck and maybe, just maybe we can get a ride in it.