



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Sean McGhee
DATE: 19/03/2018
SUBJECT: Amendments to Waste Management Service Delivery
ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Waste Management Contract, Proposed Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Director of Public Works, dated March 19, 2018 regarding proposed amendments to the Township of North Huron recycling collection program;

And That, the proposed changes to the delivery of curbside waste and recycling collection be adopted and implemented effective May 1st, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Last year, a Request for Proposal for the delivery of curbside waste and recycling collection services was released. The RFP required respondents to submit pricing on a number of service level options.

Following a review of the options presented at that time, a contract was awarded for delivery of the existing curbside collection service model. This provides weekly waste and recycling collection for urban properties with bi-weekly waste and recycling collection for all rural residents.

During the 2018 budget deliberations, Council instructed staff to review operations and consider existing service delivery levels in order to identify potential efficiencies. This prompted a review of the waste management contract. During this exercise, a service model that was not previously considered was identified. Specifically, maintaining existing waste collection practices while providing unilateral bi-weekly recycling service to all residents had not been previously considered.

Discussions with the service provider surrounding this approach were undertaken which led to the price and service level proposal being presented through this report. The proposed change represents an overall curbside collection cost reduction of \$18,226.⁰⁴ plus applicable taxes per year over the current service model.

The service provider has agreed to changes in the service delivery and reduction in cost providing that the Contract start and end date be amended to reflect a new start date. The existing contract was from October 1st, 2017 to September 30th, 2020. Under this new arrangement, the contract would run from May 1st, 2018 to April 31st, 2021. Weekly urban curbside waste and bi-weekly recycling collection will commence May 1, 2018, subject to Council's approval.

DISCUSSION

This proposal represents a reduction in recycling collection frequency for the urban centers and will require a change in approach on the part of urban users. Additional recycling bins are available at

the Township Office at a nominal charge for those residents requiring additional storage capacity for recyclable goods. The recycling depot remains in operation at the Wingham Landfill Site.

In order to ensure cost effective delivery of the service, and to maximize the savings available to the Township, the service provider will require the following staggered approach.

Week 1

- Waste & Recycling: Blyth, Hutton Heights, Belgrave, and East Wawanosh
- Waste Only: Wingham

Week 2

- Waste only: Blyth, Hutton Heights, Belgrave, and East Wawanosh
- Waste & Recycling: Wingham

Subject to Council's approval, the schedule will be provided to all residents through a newspaper ad, a mail out, social media and website advertising. A sample of the schedule is appended to this report for Council's review.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The current curbside collection program has an associated net cost of \$204,402.³⁰ per annum. The operating proposal being presented is priced at \$185,855.⁴⁸ taxes included per year which represents a net reduction in overall municipal operating cost of \$18,546.⁸².

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

There are significant changes to the Ontario's Blue Box recycling program being proposed by Stewardship Ontario. The proposed changes will place the responsibility for cost associated with paper products and packaging materials on the producers of those materials. While this will prompt changes in the way municipalities recycle, it is not expected to be fully implemented until 2025.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This project relates to **Goal No. 4** of the Strategic Plan in that the administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence,



Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works



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