



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

Report No.
PW-2024-05

REPORT TO: Reeve Heffer and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Gregg Furtney, Director of Public Works and Facilities
DATE: 05/02/2024
SUBJECT: PW-2024-05 Waste Management Recycling Contract Extension
ATTACHMENTS: By-Law No. 032-2021

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Public Works and Facilities, dated February 5, 2024, regarding the Waste Management Recycling Contract Extension, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes the Reeve and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk to execute the necessary documents to extend the contract with Waste Management of Canada Corporation until April, 2025 for continued curbside collection and processing of recyclable materials.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to extend the contract with Waste Management of Canada Corporation for continued curbside collection of recyclable materials until April of 2025.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In late 2020, staff presented a report (Report No. PW-2020-32 Recycling and Waste RFP Contract) for Council's consideration regarding North Huron's curbside collection of residential waste and recyclable materials contracts with Waste Management of Canada Corporation. At the time, these contracts were expiring at the end of May, 2021. Staff issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the industry in October 2020 for recycling services collection and processing services, as well as waste collection services. A total of four (4) recycling and five (5) waste contractors obtained the tender documents, with only one contractor returning a completed bid.

At the December 7, 2020 meeting, Council awarded Waste Management of Canada Corporation a new curbside collection of recyclable materials and waste services agreement. A three (3) year agreement which took effect on May 1, 2021 was signed between the two parties under By-law No. 032-2021 for curbside collection of recyclable materials. This agreement is set to expire on April 30, 2024. A five (5) year agreement was also signed between the two parties under By-law No. 031-2021 for curbside waste collection. This agreement took effect on May 1, 2021 and expires on April 30, 2026.

At this time, staff are seeking Council's approval to extend the curbside collection of recyclable materials agreement in accordance with Section 4 of the agreement until April, 2025. Section 4 (Duration of Contract) of the recyclable materials agreement reads as follows: "Both parties shall mutually agree to extend the term of this contract for up to two (2) additional terms of one (1) year

each, such extension to be based upon satisfactory performance by the contractor and the continuing competitiveness of pricing and services”.

DISCUSSION:

As mandated by the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*, through Stewardship Ontario, the Township of North Huron is scheduled to transition its curbside collection of recyclable materials to the Provincial “Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program” in April 2025. This new model/approach holds the “producers” (i.e. food and beverage manufacturers) responsible for product management through the product’s lifecycle (i.e. a circular economy). This means the costs associated with the curbside collection of recyclable materials will now be borne by the product manufacturers and not municipalities.

The Municipalities of Central Huron, Bluewater, Goderich, Huron East, Morris-Turnberry, South Huron, and Howick transition to this new program in April, 2024. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Township of North Huron transition in April, 2025. The full transition of all participating Ontario municipalities is January 1, 2026. Under the new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program, there will be additional waste diversion. The new program will be collecting more items than what they do currently. There is also a chance that the Municipality will be able to transition from the traditional blue boxes to the 65 Litre or 90 Litre bins with wheels, at the program’s expense.

As noted above, North Huron is one of two Huron County municipalities scheduled to transition to the Extended Producer Responsibility program in 2025. For this reason, it is recommended Council approve a one (1) year extension of the existing agreement to April 2025 to mitigate a service disruption. Staff have been in contact with Waste Management of Canada Corporation, and they have indicated that they are amicable to the one (1) year extension. They are hoping also to be awarded the contract for the collection of recyclable materials through Stewardship Ontario and The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program that would include North Huron and other local municipalities within a certain catchment area. Once North Huron staff are aware of the winning vendor for the EPR program for our catchment area, staff will consult with the vendor to gather program transition details and public education information prior to the transition.

Details on the existing curbside residential waste collection contract are also being discussed between North Huron Staff and Waste Management of Canada Corporation staff. Before that contract expires, staff will bring an additional report to Council for their consideration and direction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this report. The 2024 Operating Budget is already set and prepared to manage the curbside collection of waste and recyclable materials contracts.

FUTURE/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

As more details become available on the EPR Transition Plan and the winning vendor for the collection of recyclable materials, staff will update Council and the public as necessary.

OTHERS CONSULTED:

Waste Management of Canada Corporation Staff

Dwayne Evans, Chief Administrative Officer
Carson Lamb, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Chris Townes, Director of Finance/ Treasurer
Jenna McDonald, Public Works Administrative Assistant

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal # 6 – Our goal is to protect our natural environment, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support a healthy ecosystem



Gregg Furtney, Director of Public Works
and Facilities



Dwayne Evans, CAO