



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Jeff Molenhuis
DATE: 06/03/2017
SUBJECT: Curbside Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables – Survey Results and RFP Report
ATTACHMENTS: Survey Results

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the Curbside Collection of Solid Waste and Recyclables – Survey Results and RFP Report for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a follow up to the Public Works report to Council in February regarding curbside collection of solid waste and recycling, Staff proceeded with forming the RFP document taking in to consideration the preliminary results of the survey. The survey closed on February 6th, with considerable response from residents. The RFP was issued on February 24th, and will close on March 16th.

DISCUSSION

The current contract for garbage and recycling collection expires on September 30, 2017. As noted, the public survey was issued in January. The public engagement resulted in 380 survey responses. The survey included questions in regard to waste generation, streams, services used, level of service options, as well as communication. The surveys were available electronically and at various locations throughout the Township in hardcopy. A large majority of responses were received in electronic format (submitted directly online). There was an open comment section that is still under review, but some comments received were helpful in establishing some sections of service and items for bidding. The results of the survey indicated the following:

- Majority of respondents generate a single bag of waste per week
- Majority of respondents did not prefer the bag tag system
- Majority of respondents showed interest in using wheelie bins
- Majority of respondents preferred weekly collection
- Majority of respondents were willing to pay between \$1-10 per month for curbside services

With the results, we formatted the RFP with three options for consideration for curbside collection. We also formatted the RFP pricing such that weekly container collection at the landfill site is addressed. Finally we included a provisional item for a Waste Audit, which will help the Township understand waste streams, waste diversion rates and methods to improve the service for best practice and to optimize cost-recovery.

- Option A – Weekly Collection of Solid Waste & Recyclables
- Option B – Bi-Weekly Collection of Solid Waste & Recyclables

- Option C – Weekly Collection of Solid Waste and Bi-Weekly Collection of Recyclables
- Option D – Weekly Collection of Recyclables from containers at Landfill Sites
- Provisional Item – Waste Audit Report

The intent would be to award the RFP for one of Options A, B or C, AND Option D. Award of the Waste Audit Report would be provisional on responses received and desire of Council to include.

The RFP was issued for a 3 year contract period. The RFP asked for contractors to outline their services related to the following, all of which would be included in the cost submitted for the Options outlined above:

- Start-up planning and resident engagement
- Operational plan
- Contingency or Emergency planning
- Communication and Education
- Value Added Services

After the closing of the RFP timeframe, a summary report will be submitted to Council for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact at this point to the Township.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Pending the proposals received Council will have to consider the level of service it wishes to provide to residents and business owners within North Huron.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #2 the Township's residents are engaged and well informed. Goal #4 the Township is fiscally responsible.



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Sharon Chambers, CAO