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The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Timber Harvesting Agreement

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Department: Public Works

Date: Jul. 3, 2023

Report Number: PW-2023-07-41

File Number: C11 PW 23

Attachments: Timber Harvesting Agreement, Site Map

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number PW-2023-07-41, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER agrees to enter into an agreement with Bauman Sawmill Inc. for the harvesting of timber on the unopened road allowance located between Con. 7 Lot 15 and Con. 7 Lot 16 Kinloss;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law comes forward.

Background:

Township staff have been in discussions with Bauman Sawmill regarding the harvesting of approximately 80 standing dead ash trees in the north end of an unopened road allowance located between Bruce Road 6 and Kairshea Ave, 2 km east of Holyrood (see attached map).

The Township has been offered \$500 for the value of the timber, which is estimated to be 7,300 board feet.

Discussion:

Although the value of ash timber is currently \$400 per thousand board feet, this is assuming the trees are in fairly good condition. The trees being removed appeared to have been dead for several years, the value has diminished significantly.

Based on the condition of the trees, Township staff believe this offer is of fair value and eliminates a potential expense for tree removal in the future for this area.

Financial Impacts:

\$500 revenue.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural resources by being aware and taking responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works, C.E.T.

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer