



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2025 Consolidated Fees

Date: Jul. 7, 2025

Report Number: PW-2025-37

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW 25

Prepared By: Cory Dulong

Attachments: Proposed Changes to Rates and Fees By-law

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number PW2025-37 prepared by Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services; AND FURTHER approves an amendment to the Consolidated Rates and Fees By-Law for agricultural plastics/bale wrap; AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law to come forward.

Background:

In January 2025, Township staff was notified that the Cleanfarms Agricultural Plastics Recycling program would be ending. Since that time, we have been in contact with an alternative company, Switch Energy, that provides bale wrap collection services with the potential of adding other materials.

The final pick up by Cleanfarms was on June 3, 2025.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Switch Energy sells the rolls of plastic bags to customers for \$6 per bag, which includes collection. The materials that will be accepted are bale wrap, bunker plastic, shrink wrap (commercial packaging), shavings bags, water softener salt bags (and some other mineral bags), greenhouse poly (white only), and baler twine. Each type must be bagged separately and clean from debris and other materials.

Our plan is to purchase the bags from Switch Energy and provide them to our customers free of charge and recover our expenditure when the materials are brought to the Huron Landfill for disposal. Staff recommend applying the same tipping fee as other waste at the Huron Landfill (currently \$140/tonne).

There has been very little agricultural plastics brought to the landfill since the program ended at the beginning of June, but we will monitor the new program closely to ensure cost equals the expenditures and adjust as required to ensure cost continues to equal expense.

Financial Impacts:

Our goal is to operate this program as a full user fee recovery model. If the proposed fee is not sufficient to achieve this, then Staff will recommend amendments in the future.

Strategic Area:

- Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle
- Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
- Prepare for Inclusive Growth
- Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment

Respectfully Submitted By:

Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer