



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Waste Management Report November 2025

Date: Nov. 3, 2025

Report Number: PW-2025-53

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW25

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-53 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

Background:

Blue Box Transition

The transition of the operation of the Blue Box Program in Ontario is scheduled to be completed on Jan. 1, 2026 with Circular Materials taking over the operation of the program from municipalities.

A list of materials that will be accepted in the residential collection program is included on their [website](#). The new program is being expanded to include various materials that are not currently accepted including aluminum trays, coffee cups, Styrofoam and various types of plastic bags and packaging.

Circular Materials is planning to implement their public communication plan in November to explain the new program to residents.

Township staff are currently in the process of engaging with local businesses to explain the new non-eligible source collection program in Huron-Kinloss.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Blue Box Transition

The transition process is going to be a challenge for Township staff, residents and businesses. Residents that regularly use their existing curb side service will stand to benefit from this new program, however, everyone else will have to adapt.

We will be taking steps to ramp up our communication with businesses and residential customers at our Landfills as we get closer to Jan. 1st.

Financial Impacts:

The new Blue Box Program should result in significant savings in our operating expenses, however, it's possible that more recycling will end up in our landfill as there will not be any public recycling facilities available.

Performance Measurement:

We will be recording recycling quantities that are received at the Huron Landfill from non-eligible sources, however, we will no longer be able to measure the amount of recycling collected through the residential program since this material will be mixed with materials from other municipalities.

It may be impossible to determine what our recycling diversion rates are in the Township after the transition.

Strategic Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer