



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Waste Management – March 2026

Date: Mar. 2, 2026

Report Number: PW-2026-14

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW26

Prepared By: Geoff Aitken, CET, Manager of Environmental Services

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2026-14 prepared by Geoff Aitken, Manager of Environmental Services.

Background:

Bale Wrap

In January 2026 the Township (Twp) launched a new program for the collection of agricultural plastics.

Kinloss Landfill

The Kinloss Landfill currently functions as a seasonal (April through October) transfer station owned and operated by the Twp. The only materials accepted at the transfer station are the stockpiling of materials such as brush, scrap metal and tires.

Huron Landfill Non-Eligible Source Blue Box Depot

In December 2025 the Twp engaged the services of Waste Management Canada for the installation of bins at the Huron Landfill. The bins are for the collection of recycling from non-eligible sources primarily businesses. The Huron Landfill is open Monday's and Thursday's from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon) specifically to accept blue box materials from businesses.

Huron Landfill Eligible Source Depot

In January 2026, Township Council approved entering into an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) for the operation of a blue box recycling depot at the Huron Landfill for eligible (residential) sources.

Since receiving this direction from Council, Township staff have sent this agreement for insurance and legal review before execution. On February 17, 2026, we had received comments from both insurance and our solicitor. The comments were relatively minor in nature. The revised contract has been forwarded to CMO.

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous Waste collection is managed through Bruce County. The County offers event collection dates throughout the course of the year in various communities thought out Bruce County.

Yard Waste

The Twp owns and operates two (2) seasonal yard waste depots. One (1) is located immediately east of the Huron landfill, with the second depot by the Lucknow soccer fields.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Bale Wrap

Currently, the Twp has completed a soft launch of the program. To date, none of the bags have been picked up. Once the eligible source recycling depot is established, the Twp will do a hard launch of both the bale wrap program and the recycling depot.

Kinloss Landfill

The Twp is in the preliminary stages of ramping up seasonal operations in April (weather dependent). Hours are anticipated to remain the same; Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2 pm.

Huron Landfill Non-Eligible Source Blue Box Depot

No significant issues were encountered at the Huron Landfill because of this program. There is a learning curve for the non-eligible sources (businesses). During the month of January there was a total of twenty-one (21) users with a total tonnage of 1.39 tonnes.

We currently have ten 6 yard bins in a fenced off area. Initially, the schedule called for weekly collection (servicing of the bins). Based on only 1.39 tonnes being collected, the collection/servicing schedule has been reduced to once every three (3) weeks. We will evaluate usage over the coming months and adjust to align operational costs with customer demand.

Huron Landfill Eligible Source Depot

We are anticipating that the revised agreement with CMO will be completed by the end of February. When possible, those with curb side collection are encouraged to use the curb side collection as their main strategy to dispose of recycled materials.

Township staff have worked out an arrangement with the single property that does not have curbside blue box recycling until the Eligible Source Depot is in place.

Hazardous Waste

Bruce County has set the 2026 dates and schedule for hazardous waste collection events. See attached links for schedule and acceptable materials. Of interest to Twp residents are the events scheduled for Kincardine on May 9 and July 11; Lucknow, September 12; and, Teeswater, August 8, 2026. See below links:

2026 Hazardous Waste Event Schedule Hazardous Waste Accepted Materials

Yard Waste

Weather dependent, staff are gearing up for a mid April opening of both yard waste depots. It is anticipated that both depots will be open until mid November.

Financial Impacts:

The cost to operate the Non-Eligible Source Depot is currently \$300 per week, but the schedule to empty the bins has been reduced. It is anticipated that there is an offsetting reduction in expense.

The Eligible Source Depot agreement with CMO allows the Township to collect an annual revenue of \$26,719.

Performance Measurement:

We will be tracking the amount of recycling received at the Huron Landfill and the amount of waste landfilled to determine how this program is impacting our diversion rates.

Strategic Area:

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

Strategic Goal: Encourage strong communication and community engagement

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Report Approved By:

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