



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Yard Waste Depots**

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**Department: Public Works**

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**Attachments: Report PW-2021-01-1, April Photo, May Photo, June Photo, Yard Waste Site Plan**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report Number PW2021-02-15 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND directs staff to proceed with Option \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Background:**

At the January 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council supported the staff recommendation to proceed with the continuation of the yard waste disposal areas, however the number of sites would be reduced from three in 2020 to two in 2021. One site was to be located in Lucknow and a second site was to be located in a rural area of the former Huron Township, such as the Huron Landfill. The Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> report is attached to this report for reference purposes.

Since the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, Township staff has received some complaints from Point Clark area residents including a letter from the Point Clark Beach Association that was brought forward at the February. 16, 2021 Council meeting regarding this decision.

### **Discussion:**

As explained in the January 8<sup>th</sup> staff report, the cost to maintain the disposal site in Point Clark in 2020 was \$32,650, which was significantly higher than anticipated when the site was established. Township staff do not believe this is sustainable with our current budget constraints even if we continue to operate the sites that were provided in 2020.

Furthermore, Township staff do not recommend using the Point Clark Community Centre (PCCC) because it will interfere with traffic using the parking lot when the facility is being used regularly. The attached photos were taken at the Point Clark disposal site in the months of April, May and June 2020, which show that debris often encroached onto the parking lot and could become a liability issue for users of the Community Centre and the adjacent dog park. These photos were all taken on Monday mornings after the site was emptied on either the Thursday or Friday prior. There is also concern that potential renters of the PCCC will be reluctant to host events with the unsightly pile of debris nearby.

Therefore, the options outlined below includes a new site at the south limit of the PCCC property and not at the location provided in 2020. The attached map shows the approximate area that could be used to set up an adequate disposal area. This is contingent on approval from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) because this area of the property is within their screening area. Some tree clearing will be required to construct an access road and a gravel surface to stockpile and process the material. If this site is deemed to be unsuitable for this purpose, then Township staff will bring back a recommendation for another location in the Point Clark area.

**Option 1:** Continue to operate the Lucknow site and create a new disposal site at the Huron Landfill with 24/7 access from April to November (total estimated cost = \$45,000 in 2021 and \$18,000 in 2022).

**Option 2:** Continue to operate the Lucknow site and create a new disposal site within the southern portion of the PCCC property if approved by SVCA (total estimated cost = \$90,000 in 2021 and \$45,000 in 2022).

**Option 3:** Continue with the Lucknow site, create a new disposal site at the Huron Landfill and create a new disposal site within the southern portion of the PCCC property if approved by SVCA (total estimated cost = \$125,000 in 2021 and \$52,000 in 2022).

When evaluating these options, staff would like to caution Township Council that residents located in other geographic areas of the Township may request a disposal site in their area in the near future.

### **Financial Impacts:**

The proposed 2021 Operating Budget includes \$35,000 for the construction of a brush and yard waste site at the Huron Landfill and \$10,000 for the operation of the Lucknow disposal site. Any additional costs incurred will need to be added to the 2021 budget.

### **Strategic Alignment / Link:**

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations contribute to our goals in achieving an accessible community by being open and transparent.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer