



Staff Report

Report Title: Yard Waste Depots

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report Number PW2021-04-29 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND authorizes staff to proceed with the construction of the yard waste disposal area on a time and materials basis AND FURTHER authorizes an exemption to the Purchasing and Procurement Policy.

Background:

At the Feb. 26, 2021 Budget meeting, Council directed staff to construct a yard waste disposal area at the Huron Landfill in addition to the existing site in Lucknow.

Discussion:

Township staff have discussed the construction of the new yard waste disposal site with the contractor that is most familiar with the Huron Landfill site, Bill & Tom Kempton Construction Ltd. and a plan has been put in place that should provide adequate space for this site, however, there are some unknowns on the site, such as the volume of the topsoil stockpile that will need to be removed or relocated, the amount of fill required to construct the access road, the number of trees that will need to be cleared to facilitate the construction of the site. Based on experience with other projects, tenders with unknown earthwork quantities often result in bids that are significantly over budget.

Furthermore, the contractor completing the work will be generating excess clean fill at another project which can be used to construct the access road. This will greatly reduce the cost of importing in the fill required to elevate the disposal area.

Staff recommend that we monitor the project and make adjustments to stay on budget rather than expending additional time creating a more detailed design and completing the tendering process, which will further delay the opening of the depot. Public Works can also provide some additional labour, equipment and materials to further reduce the overall cost of the project.

If staff are authorized to proceed with the project as described, the site should be open by late April or early May, weather depending.

Financial Impacts:

The 2021 Operating Budget includes \$35,000 for the construction of a brush and yard waste site at the Huron Landfill.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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