



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Snobelen Ag Services Algae Harvesting Agreement**

**Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services**

**Department: Community Services**

**Date: Mar. 1, 2021**

**Report Number: CS-2021-03-14**

**File Number: C-11**

**Attachments: Schedule of Dates, Draft Agreement**

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**Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS-2021-03-14 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services AND authorizes entering into an algae harvesting agreement with Snobelen Ag Services AND FURTHER approve the appropriate By-Law come forward.

**Background:**

Snobelen Ag has been contracted for Algae Harvesting since 2008 for the shores of Lake Huron within the Township. The removal of algae is to ensure the health and safety of the public and provide recreational day use of the beaches while protecting the ecological integrity of the beaches and sand dunes.

The high lake levels since 2017-2019 have been problematic with the equipment accessing the shoreline, due to limited width of beach. The Point Clark Beach has been the only beach accessible for equipment since 2018. The projected lake levels would indicate similar issues for 2021. Since 2018, the Township rented a bin to stockpile the algae rather than it being piled on the ground. This practice proved successful and compliments were received by the public, and staff have included this in the 2021 budget.

**Discussion:**

The tentative schedule and agreement are attached for review. Staff recommends entering into an agreement with Snobelen Ag for 71 hours at a rate of \$200 per hour with the understanding that some service dates, may be cancelled or rescheduled.

**Financial Impacts:**

As noted.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.  
By being open and transparent

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer