



Staff Report

Report Title: County of Bruce – Ag Plastic Recycling Pilot Project

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2021-09-67 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Background:

At the August 16, 2021 Council meeting, Council requested additional information on the Agricultural Plastic and Materials Recycling Pilot Project.

On November 23, 2020, Bruce County's Transportation and Environmental Services Committee approved the [Cleanfarms Inc. pilot project](#) for agricultural plastic waste collection in Bruce County.

The pilot project aims to determine how farmers currently manage plastics such as bale wrap, twine, and silage tarps and/or bags, understand the regional attitudes and barriers for recycling agricultural plastics, and quantify agricultural plastics used in the region.

Discussion:

Farmers will be able to pick up collection bags at four sites in Bruce County that they can fill with the materials and return to the sites to be collected and recycled by an organization called Cleanfarms. The program is part of a three-year pilot project, which is open to everyone who uses the plastic materials in Bruce County.

The following Landfills are participating in the Pilot, Arran Landfill in Tara , the Eastnor Waste Disposal Site in Lion's Head , the Brant Landfill in Elmwood and the Greenock Landfill in Chepstow.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts related to this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community by strengthening our agriculture and agri-business sector.

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer