



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Timber Harvesting Agreement**

**Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works**

**Department: Public Works**

**Date: Sep. 8, 2021**

**Report Number: PW-2021-09-73**

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**Attachments: Site Map**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number PW-2021-09-73, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND authorizes entering into an agreement with 1567202 Ontario Inc. for the harvesting of timber at the Lucknow Wastewater Treatment Facility property AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law comes forward.

### **Background:**

Township staff have been in discussions with 1567202 Ontario Inc. (operating as RJ Tree Farms) regarding the harvesting of approximately 80 mature ash, cherry and maple trees in the wooded area northwest of the Lucknow Wastewater Treatment Facility (LWTF) (see attached map). The proposed work is consistent with good forest management practices of allowing younger trees to have access to sunlight by removing some mature trees.

### **Discussion:**

The value offered to the Township is \$1,200 per thousand board feet for hard maple, \$400 per thousand board feet for ash and \$500 per thousand board feet of cherry.

RJ Tree Farms will be using select cutting methods that will avoid damage to trees that are not being harvested. They will also be working outside the fenced area of the LWTF, so security will not be a concern. Access will be provided from the neighbouring gravel pit property that is also included in this project. This agreement is contingent on a permit from the County of Bruce.

### **Financial Impacts:**

The estimated payment to the Township for the timber harvested is \$18,000.00. The actual amount will be determined once the logs are measured during the harvesting process.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural resources by being aware and taking responsibility.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works, C.E.T.

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer