



Staff Report

Report Title: Waste Management November 2020

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receives for information Report Number PW-2020-11-79, as prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

Background:

Yard Waste Depots

In April 2020, the Township created two new temporary yard waste disposal sites in the communities of Ripley and Point Clark in addition to the existing site in Lucknow that allowed residents to dispose of brush and yard waste that is not chargeable at our Landfill sites. The purpose of these sites was to provide a location for residents to disposal of leaf and yard waste because at that time, the Kinloss Landfill remained closed and the Huron Landfill was only open to contractors. Once these sites returned to normal operations, these depots reduced the amount of traffic at the Landfill sites during the ongoing pandemic situation.

Blue Box Program Transition

On Aug. 15, 2019, the Province of Ontario announced plans to transition the responsibility for the Blue Box Program from municipalities to producers between 2023 and 2025. On Oct. 19, 2020, the Province announced a new regulation proposal under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*. The details of the proposal can be found [here](#).

Discussion:

Yard Waste Depots

These three sites were very well used by residents and Township staff received numerous positive comments from residents about these sites and how helpful they were. There have also been several residents (especially in the Point Clark area) that asked for them to be re-instated in the spring. The three sites are scheduled to be closed on November 5, 2020.

While these sites proved to be quite popular, unfortunately, we received a significant quantity of stumps and logs that are to be charged by weight at the Huron Landfill. There was also evidence of contractor use which was not permitted at these sites. This is in addition to the significant amount of contracted and Township staff time to regularly clean out these depots.

Blue Box Program Transition

The proposed regulation is intended to expand the scope of blue box materials collected and create one common curbside collection system across Ontario. It would also allow for the collection for a consistent set of materials in blue boxes across the province and expand blue box services to multi-unit residential buildings, schools, retirement homes, long-term care homes and some public spaces.

The consultation period closes on Dec. 3, 2020 and if passed, this would be a positive development for all rural municipalities that are not able to include the same variety of materials in blue boxes as in larger centres.

The blue box transition date for the member municipalities of Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling (BASWR) is in 2025.

Huron Landfill Incident

The Huron Landfill scale house was forcibly entered after closing on Oct. 24th and the morning on Oct. 26th. The incident is under police investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the OPP.

Financial Impacts:

The cost to date to have the Point Clark yard waste depot cleaned out is \$24,526.69 and Township operations staff have spent a total of 249 hours cleaning out the Ripley and Lucknow sites so far. Township staff are currently looking into the loss in revenue generated from the disposal of stumps and logs at the Huron Landfill in 2020 compared to 2019. This will be included in a future report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer