



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
Date: 2020-06-11
Report: 2020-03
Subject: Municipal Wide Solid Waste & Recycling Curbside Collection

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services re: Municipal Wide Solid Waste & Recycling Curbside Collection; and

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the expansion of solid waste and recycling curbside collection starting August 1, 2020; and

That West Elgin Council hereby approves a prorated flat fee of \$50.00 be added to the final tax bill to all additional Residential and Commercial Properties that will receive solid waste and recycling curbside collection beginning August 1, 2020; and

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the cost of municipal wide solid waste and recycling curbside collection be added to the base tax rate for all properties in West Elgin beginning in the 2021 tax year.

Purpose:

To provide Council with an update and seek approval for the planned expansion of curbside waste collection to all residents of West Elgin.

Background:

At the February 13 Council meeting, staff reported their findings regarding the public information session and surveys conducted to gauge response to municipal wide curbside collection. It was concluded that most people supported the move and understood it was necessary to help extend the life of our municipal landfill. At this time, Council directed staff to enter formal negotiations with the current contractor (Waste Connections Canada) and see what could be done to implement the requested strategies.

Over several months, municipal staff provided the contractor with requested information and, they in turn completed extensive legwork to compile the necessary data to complete this quote. Based on mileage and stops, draft routes were formulated and test runs were completed. The London branch of Waste Connections also took steps to acquire additional resources in order to service

these extra routes. Although there are slightly fewer stops in the rural area, this expansion would take us from 2 day/week (currently) to a five day/week collection cycle due to added distance and increased travel times.

The contractor provided us with a quote on May 21, which stated they are willing to work within the parameters of the current contract, provided the municipality agree to an extended term. The current agreement for collection services officially ends in April of 2022 but does carry two (2) one-year extensions. The contractor would like to see this extended to August 1, 2025 with the same two (2) one-year extensions, providing an optional end date of August 1, 2027. There will also be language included in this amendment, which allows the municipality to cease recycling collection services with Waste Connections on the transition date set out for West Elgin by the Province of Ontario. Although we will be supplying the government with a preferred transition date, it could be any one of three years (2023, 2024 or 2025). This contract extension with Waste Connections provides West Elgin with security during these uncertain times.

Waste Connections originally proposed a July 1, 2020 start date for these new collection services but that was not achievable, as we had to secure recycling bins for all rural residents. Those bins have been ordered and will arrive in early to mid-July; therefore, we have negotiated a start date of August 1, 2020. Bins will be delivered to all rural homes and updated collection schedules will be sent out shortly to reflect the added collection routes. While August 1 is still a tight window to have things in place, this will give the contractor time to work out any inevitable kinks in the new routes before Old Man Winter makes a return to our area.

Financial Implications:

Waste Connections' quote for the additional collection has come in at \$184,296.24 per year. When blended with the current contract, this will represent a small increase of approx. \$0.90 per stop. As collection costs for urban residents have already been calculated for 2020, the suggested method would be to prorate rural residents based on 5 months (Aug – Dec) of the contract increase. This will amount to a one-time fee on the 2020 final tax bill of \$50.00 for properties who are not currently receiving waste collection services. These numbers are in line with projections given during recent reports and the public information session held in January. Staff have also been working on an updated approach to calculating and recording waste collection costs moving forward in 2021. These options will be discussed during 2021 budget deliberations.

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Jana Nethercott