



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Magda Badura, CAO/Treasurer
Date: 2020-11-26
Subject: Agreement Renewal Ontario Clean Water Agency

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from M. Badura, CAO/Treasurer re: Agreement Renewal Ontario Clean Water Agency and s

That West Elgin Council hereby approves the Service Agreement between the Municipality of West Elgin and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for a:

- a) five-year period (with option of 5-year renewal) or
- b) ten-year period; and

That West Elgin Council hereby directs staff to bring forward and adoption by-law at the next regular Council meeting.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to secure Council's approval to renew the Service Agreement between the Municipality of West Elgin and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) based on the options listed above.

Background:

Since 2010 OCWA has been providing the municipality of West Elgin with the following services:

- operate the Municipality's water/wastewater facilities to meet all provincial/federal regulatory requirements.
- provide full-time staff to operate and maintain water and wastewater facilities including pumping stations
- undertake regulatory reporting requirements
- provide capital project recommendations

The contract is due to expire on December 31, 2020.

Essentially, there are 2 options open to the Municipality. They are:

Option 1: renew for a 5-year period, which includes the option of a 5-year renewal or

Option 2: renew for a 10-year period

The Municipality is currently getting ready for \$2.8 million multi-year upgrade to the Rodney wastewater treatment plant. This capital initiative provides a strong rationale for extending OCWA's

contract for a 5-year term.

OCWA has managed the Municipal water/wastewater infrastructure for the past 10 years, they are completely familiar with the Municipal network and its operational demands. The Ontario Clean Water Agency has the expertise base of over 500 certified water and wastewater system operators across Ontario. This knowledge base will provide the necessary stability and continuity of operations needed by the Municipality over the next 5 years.

Since 2010, OCWA has been operating and maintaining the Municipality's systems safely, securely and without compromise. They have gone above and beyond in many occasions in regard to customer service and emergency repairs.

In view of the benefits detailed above with respect to renewing OCWA's Services Contract, staff recommends that Council agree to one of the options listed above.

Financial Implications:

2021 Operating Budget