



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services & Jana Nethercott, Clerk

Date: 2022-08-11

Subject: Recycling Collection & Depot Operation During Transition Period 2023-2026

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services and Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: Recycling Collection and Depot Operation during transition period of July 1, 2023 to January 1, 2026 for information purposes; and

That West Elgin Council delegate authority to Staff to negotiate and enter into a master service agreement with Circular Materials to provide residential and facility collection of blue box materials and depot collection master service agreement.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on West Elgin's recycling collection and depot operations at the point of transition on July 1, 2023 and receive direction to negotiate and enter into master service agreements to provide curbside recycling collection and depot collection.

Background:

Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act lists West Elgin's transition to full producer responsibility for the blue box collection as of July 1, 2023, as part of phase one of the transition. The organization representing the majority of producers, Circular Materials had asked Municipalities to inform them of their interest in or non-interest in providing curbside collection services and depot collection services during the transition period of July 1, 2023 to January 1, 2026. Opting in meant that West Elgin would maintain our contract with Waste Connections to provide not only garbage, but also recycling collection. Opting out would mean that West Elgin would be listed amongst the municipalities in Ontario who chose to opt out, in an RFP being issued by Circular Materials to provide services for residential and facility collection of recycling and no longer being able to accept recycling materials at the landfill.

As part of this process Circular Materials provided some calculation models and contract outlines for Municipalities to see what options worked best for them. Staff at West Elgin were in a unique position as the models provided only considered the collection costs reported for 2020 and then used CPI and fuel cost escalators to calculate what each municipality would receive should they continue to provide collection services. West Elgin transitioned to full municipal curbside collection in August of 2020 and therefore the reported costs do not accurately reflect what the costs are today or in the future.

Staff were able to reach out to Circular Materials and negotiate with them a more accurate calculation based on the October 2020 collection costs, multiplied by 12, to come up with a proposed payment rate for residential curbside collection of recyclables.

Staff feel that maintaining the current service of one company providing the curbside collection of the garbage and recycling is the best for residents and the proposed numbers provided by Circular Materials currently cover our costs for collection of blue box materials as well as operation of a recycling depot at the landfill.

Master Service Agreements and payment information will be finalized as we get closer to the transition date.

Financial Implications:

The transition to producer responsibility will affect the 2023 budget as payments for contract management for us to facilitate the contract with Waste Connections will not begin until July 1, 2023.