



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer

From: **Don Giberson, Director of Infrastructure & Development**
Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services

Date: August 10 2020

Report: ESD.20.26

Subject: South Huron Landfill Site – Recycling agricultural bale wrap

Recommendations:

That South Huron Council receives the report from D. Giberson, Director of Infrastructure and Development and Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services Re: South Huron Landfill Site – Recycling agricultural bale wrap.

Purpose:

For information

Background and Analysis:

Agricultural bale wrap and silage tarps have not been accepted at South Huron Landfill Site since 2017. Since that time we have encouraged farmers and businesses to recycle this material and have provided information from a local company, Switch Energy Corporation, regarding a recycling option.

Switch Energy Corporation is located on Highway #8 near Clinton and will deal directly with the farmer or business to pick up agricultural bale wrap and silage tarps from their farm or place of business. Switch Energy will send collection bags to the farmer or business and arrange to pick up the bagged bale wrap at their farm or business. Switch Energy offers this service

for a pay-as-you-go fee. For each new pouch of 15 collection bags, customers receive by mail an invoice directly from Switch Energy. Their fee entitles customers to continue to receive farm/business pick-up from Switch Energy. Tied bags are not to exceed 40 pounds and payments are made directly to Switch Energy Corporation.

More information regarding this Bale Wrap Recycling Program can be found at Switch Energy's website www.switchenergycorp.com.

This is a good option for the Municipality, as we are not involved in the recycling process and do not incur and costs. Not only is this good for the environment, the Municipality benefits from this waste diversion by extending the life of the landfill site.

Operational Considerations:

No options were considered, as this report is for information only.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

The recommendations and actions outlined in this report are reflective of the following strategic objectives:

- ✓ Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility
- ✓ Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership
- ✓ Transparent, Accountable and Collaborative Governance
- ✓ Dedicated Economic Development Effort

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

Policies/Legislation:

1. Environmental Protection Act
2. Ontario Regulation 347 – General Waste Management
3. Ontario Regulation 232/98 – Landfilling Sites
4. South Huron Landfill Site MOECC Environmental Compliance Approval A161501

Consultation:

Switch Energy Corporation and Bluewater Recycling Association

Related Documents:

None

Respectfully submitted,

Don Giberson, Director of Infrastructure & Development

AND

Shawn Young, Manager of Environmental Services

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