



Staff Memo

To: South Huron Council
From: Sandy Becker, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
Date: February 16, 2021
Re: **Local Authority Services (LAS) Natural Gas Procurement Program Agreement**

The Municipality of South Huron has had an agreement with Local Authority Services (LAS) to provide professional services regarding the procurement of natural gas since 2002.

LAS, through their procurement process solicits and analyzes offers, negotiates and enters into natural gas agreements to procure natural gas for its members.

LAS has presented an updated agreement to identify their role as the exclusive agent and to allow them flexibility with service providers. The words identified in bold in the clauses below reflect the changes identified in the new agreement;

- *Section 1.1 LAS is identified as the **exclusive agent** in respect of all matters specified in this Agreement including the solicitation and analysis of offers, negotiating and execution of Natural Gas Agreements and the management and administration associated with the Natural Gas Agreements*
- *Section 2 LAS Obligations, Section 2.1 (d) states LAS will **nominate natural gas on a timely basis with Third Party Service Providers**, which in the current arrangement is ECNG.*

The bylaw and agreement are attached for Council adoption.