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Council Report

STAFF: Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent **DATE:** February 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Curbside Household Waste Pickup Proposal

Recommendation

That Council approve the proposal from Waste Management to provide curbside household waste pickup at a cost of \$127,400 plus H.S.T. for 2025. The contract will be for a five-year term, with a 5% annual escalator. Should this proposal be approved, staff will present the contract at a future Council Meeting for formal authorization.

Background

The Township is currently under contract with Waste Management for curbside household waste and recycling pickup. Pickup is alternated every Monday, with half the Township receiving household waste and recycling pickup on alternate weeks.

Starting in May 2025, Waste Management will continue to handle the Township's recycling pickup, following the transition to extended producer responsibility. Waste Management was the only contractor to bid on the Township's catchment area for this service. This recycling pickup will be provided at no cost, but the Township will no longer receive funding to support the Blue Box program.

Comment

Township staff have received two proposals from Waste Management:

1. Status Quo Proposal: Curbside household waste pickup every two weeks at a cost of \$127,400 plus H.S.T. for 2025, with a five-year term and a 5% annual escalator. This proposal includes the cost of carts for each household.
2. Weekly Pickup Proposal: Curbside household waste pickup every week at a cost of \$454,441 plus H.S.T. for the same term and annual escalation.

In comparison, the current cost for household waste (excluding recycling) is \$81,267.60 plus H.S.T. based on the Waste Management invoices received. This amount reflects the cost under the existing contract, as the Township will no longer incur charges for recycling services after April 2025.

Additionally, Township staff reached out to Bluewater Recycling Association for a proposal. Their quote for a status quo service (every two weeks) was \$449,324.71 plus H.S.T. per year. Bruce Area Recycling declined to submit a quote, citing that the service area is outside their territory.

It is staff's opinion that going to tender for this service will not result in any additional interest or lower costs.

A representative from Waste Management will be present at the upcoming meeting to discuss the proposal in more detail and address any questions from Council. The proposal includes an option for a five-year extension.

Others Consulted

Mark Becker, CAO

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

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