



## **Report to Council**

To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management  
Date: January 17, 2025  
Subject: Curbside Garbage Collection Renewal

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### **Recommendation:**

The Township of North Kawartha exercise the current curbside garbage collection agreement's one year renewal option from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, with Waste Connections of Canada, for the amount of \$240,690.89, plus taxes and 7% fuel surcharge, only if applicable.

### **Background:**

The Township's current agreement with Waste Connections of Canada for the collection of curbside garbage, is five-year agreement with an additional three one-year renewal options. The current five-year agreement started February 1, 2019, and ended January 31, 2024, at which time the three one-year renewal options become available.

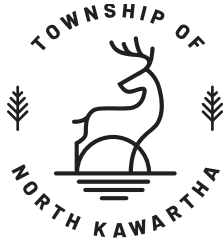
It should be noted that a detailed RFP was prepared and circulated in 2018 for curbside garbage collection services, however Waste Connections was the only bid submission received.

Although Waste Connections was the only bid received for the current curbside collection contract, it was still very competitive, maintained our Monday and Thursday collection days, and was committed to solving some of the private road and small fire route collection challenges that we often face in the summer.

Waste Connections also successfully navigated the additional collection experienced throughout COVID-19.

### **Analysis:**

At the November 7, 2023, regular meeting of Council, the Waste Connections curbside collection contract renewal options were discussed, and a motion was passed to exercise the first option from February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026. Although discussion was held and approved in principle to exercise this option to January 31, 2026, thereby aligning with the end of the Recycling Program transition and the start of



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the permanent recycling program contracts, a formal motion was never passed. The motion passed included up to January 31, 2025.

Therefore, as a housekeeping issue, it is recommended that a motion be passed to exercise the current curbside garbage collection agreement's renewal option to January 31, 2026, with Waste Connections of Canada, for the 2025 amount of \$240,690.89, plus taxes and 7% fuel surcharge, only if applicable.

For information, I had a meeting with Waste Connection's Division Vice-President in November 2024, and not only was our contract discussed, but also the future of garbage collection within Peterborough County. We will be meeting again in the summer of 2025 to discuss available options for North Kawartha moving forward including organic collection, if not facilitated by the County.

For information, currently it is the Provincial mandate to eliminate food waste from household garbage by the year 2030, in an effort to extend the life of landfill sites. It is reported that 'up to' 50% of household garbage, can be food waste.

For clarification, this does not necessarily mean that organics must be collected at the curbside, only that methods are available to remove food waste from the household garbage stream. Alternative methods such as, Backyard Composters/Digesters, FoodCyclers, and Waste Depot Molok's, are all currently available in North Kawartha.

**Financial Implications:**

Included in 2025 budget.

\$240,690.89 plus taxes and a 7% fuel surcharge (only if applicable).

**Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

3.2 Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.

4.1 Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship.

**Consultant(s) Sourced:**

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**Attachment:**

None