

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, September 17, 2010				Report Date	Thursday, September 9, 2010			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Waste Electronics Report #17/09/10/1201									

Subject: Municipal participation in Waste Electrical and Electronics Equipment (WEEE) Recycling program.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council adopt the following resolution authorizing staff to enter into a program to recycle waste electrical and electronic material at the Stonecliffe disposal site.

WHEREAS Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) is a service provider for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Waste Electrical And Electronic Equipment (WEEE);

AND WHEREAS OES is willing to provide a container for collection of material at our waste disposal site in Stonecliffe and compensate the municipality \$150 per tonne for their collection efforts;

AND WHEREAS municipal obligations are minimal and our participation in this program will further divert material from our waste disposal sites extending their life;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby authorize staff to contract with OES to begin a WEE collection site as soon as approval from OES is received.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: OES is legislated to provide WEEE collection in Ontario. They provide the containers and compensate collectors for their services. Our obligations would include:

- ◆ Providing a location for a container. A site inspection has already been completed as OES have specific requirements. It has been determined that a location adjacent to the existing recycling/reuse container would be ideal as it is close to the entrance for delivering/removal, on hard packed soil and near where our attendant is located.
- ◆ Monitoring material being placed in the container.
- ◆ Notifying OES when the container needs to be emptied.
- ◆ Invoicing OES.
- ◆ Providing liability insurance with OES as a named insured (no additional charges).
- ◆ Promotion and education (of which OES will reimburse 50% up to \$800).

Materials that will be diverted include all appliances/electronics that are normally used in an office or in home entertainment and communications equipment. Those items include:

computers, monitors, keyboards, phones, fax/copy machines, laptops, telephones, stereos, tvs, dvds, vcrs, radios etc.

Other household appliances have not yet been designated and are not acceptable. Those excluded are: power tools, vacuum cleaners, microwaves, blenders – anything normally used in the kitchen.

A complete list and training will be provided once we have approval and have signed an agreement with OES. Promotional and educational material will be provided to residents. Signage will need to be created.

There is some concern that with our population it might take some time before a container could be filled. We have been told that with cottagers and vacationers who often bring older equipment to the cottage and then look to dispose of it, we might be surprised with the volume received. Our challenge will be with getting the message to these people however; with our attendant at the site while people are disposing of their waste, she can divert this material to the WEEE bin as she currently does with the recycling.

Any materials brought to Bissett could be transferred to Stonecliffe by our attendant.

All materials collected have to be transferred to OES. They are end of life products and will be properly disassembled and disposed of.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact: OES will pay \$150/tonne for WEEE. There is no cost to us to have a container sit at the disposal site. Our only costs would be for our attendant to make sure that the material is stacked so as not to damage it and to ensure that unacceptable materials are not placed in the container.

The diverted material will be included in our Datacall, increasing the amount of material that we have diverted, increasing our compensation from WDO.

Policy Impact: Although not yet a formal policy (rfp to be awarded soon), this would add to our current practise of recycling and diverting material from the municipal landfill sites so as to extend their lives.

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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