

STAFF REPORT: Engineering and Public Works Department



REPORT TO: Engineering and Public Works Committee
MEETING DATE: March 11, 2008
REPORT NO.: EPW.08.35
SUBJECT: Presentation: Environmental Assessment
 Phase – Solid Waste Solution
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Report EPW.08.35 entitled “Presentation: Environmental Assessment Phase – Solid Waste Solution” for their information.

B. Background

The purpose of this Report is to review the work completed to date on the Solid Waste Solution study and to review the previous Committee recommendation to execute an agreement with Golder Associates Ltd. to conduct an Environmental Screening.

In Staff Report EPW.07.113 on November 13, 2007 (Attachment #1), a recommendation to execute an agreement with Golder Associates Ltd. was passed by Committee. This recommendation has yet to be forwarded to Council for final approval. This was intentional to allow for a public discussion and consideration of the potential options for future solid waste disposal/management infrastructure. The recommendation from Report EPW.07.113 will be forwarded to Council by Staff following the March 11, 2008 Engineering and Public Works Committee meeting.

As part of the public and stakeholder consultation, a public workshop was held on January 26, 2008. In this workshop the issues of potential waste diversion options, landfill mining, landfill expansion and other options were explored and discussed with the members of the public in attendance.

At the March 11, 2008 Engineering and Public Works Committee meeting Golder Associates made a presentation on the current status of the study (Executive Summary include as Attachment #2). The presentation examined the findings from both the waste services survey (Attachment #3) and the second public workshop. The presentation also reviewed the waste diversion plan and the recommended options. The lead consultant from Golder (Michael Cant) discussed with Committee the most feasible options for developing long term solid waste disposal capacity.

C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan

This work will further the Town’s Strategic Goal #2: “Addressing the Town’s municipal infrastructure needs, Strategic Action 2.5 Develop a waste management strategy to meet diversion targets and address landfill capacity”.

D. Budget Impact

A total of \$307,000 is provided in the 2008 Capital Waste Disposal Budget (Account # 6-460-5002) to cover the costs of conducting an Environmental Screening for landfill mining and expansion for 2008 and 2009.

Item	Amount
Environmental Screening 2008 work	\$206,400
Environmental Screening 2009 work	\$100,600
Total Project	\$307,000

These funds will be provided from a variety of sources including a Waste Management EA Capital Reserve (1-465-0000-31001), taxation and the Federal Gas Tax Reserve. The table below outlines the sources in detail.

Source	Amount
Capital Reserve (1-465-0000-31001) 2008	\$156,400
Capital Reserve (1-465-0000-31001) 2009	\$50,600
Taxation 2008	\$50,000
Federal Gas Tax Reserve	\$50,000
Total	\$307,000

E. Attached

1. Staff Report EPW.07.113 Environmental Assessment Phase – Solid Waste Solution
2. Integrated Waste Management Planning Process Survey of Current Waste Management Practices August 2007
3. Solid Waste Solution – Presentation to Committee March 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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