

Report to Council

Report Title:	Clean Farms Pilot Program Update		
Prepared By:	Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations		
Department:	Public Works/Materials Management		
Date:	March 5, 2024		
Report Number:	PW2024-05	File Number:	C11PW
Attachments:	Letter from Clean Farms		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives report number PW2024-05 - Clean Farms Pilot Program Update, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

Clean Farms is a non-profit environmental stewardship organization that operates permanent collections programs for a variety of agricultural plastics across Canada. They work collaboratively to ensure that Canadian farmers can actively contribute to a healthy environment and a sustainable future. They seek to achieve the goal of zero plastic waste in Canadian agriculture.

In 2021, Clean Farms submitted a Bruce County Pilot Project Proposal which received participation from 6 municipalities within Bruce County. The project was successful in diverting over 160,000 kilograms of bale and silage wrap from being burned, buried on private land or entering landfills within Bruce County. Brockton alone contributed over 33,000 kgs of waste to the program. While we are unable to accept the materials at the landfill, that's over 33 Tonnes of materials that have been recycled instead of being burned or buried on private property.

This program has been growing exponentially in the 3 years since it's been implemented and continues to grow. Unfortunately, as noted in the attached letter from Clean Farms, they were unable to secure funding to continue the program in Bruce County area.

Analysis:

Staff met with Clean Farms and staff from the other municipalities that have taken part in this pilot project to determine next steps and possibility of continuing the program.

Clean Farms will be putting together a proposal for Council consideration. Based on early discussions, it is anticipated that the cost will be \$750/tonne of material in bags (currently how it is handled) and \$250/tonne in compressed plastic bales or cubes.

During the meeting it was discussed that this may be a project that is undertaken and funded by Bruce County. It was also noted that the MIC may want to take this on.

It should be noted that this program will end on March 31, 2024 without additional funding from Bruce County, MIC, individual municipalities or other sources. As detailed in the attached letter, Clean Farms are seeking all funding opportunities, including that of individual municipalities.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

There is no financial effect proposed at this time.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sonya Watson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer