

Report to Council

Report Title:	Hanover Walkerton Landfill 2025 Update		
Prepared By:	Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations		
Department:	Operations - Waste Management		
Date:	April 8, 2025		
Report Number:	WM2025-04	File Number:	C110P
Attachments:	Letter from Hanover re: Landfill Agreement Request		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number WM2025-04 - Hanover Walkerton Landfill 2025 Update, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations for Information purposes and further authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to transfer the \$270,000 to the Walkerton Landfill reserve fund.

Report:

Background:

During the 2025 Brockton Municipal Budget deliberations, staff were directed by council to connect with Hanover on behalf of Brockton Council, to consider for the equal and fair cost sharing of capital costs related to the Hanover Walkerton Landfill, based on actual usage. Staff sent a letter to the Town of Hanover detailing council's direction related to considering cost sharing negotiations for capital costs. The current cost sharing is split 50/50, while actual usage is closer to 60/40 in favour of the Town of Hanover.

During the Hanover Walkerton Landfill Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, it was noted that the contract for the opening of Cell 3 had closed, and the lowest bid was well below the budgeted amount. Hanover staff noted that there was no requirement for an "extra" contribution from either municipality as previously required during the budget process. This results in savings of \$270,000 for Brockton.

Analysis:

Staff have attached the response from Hanover council to this report. Hanover council "deem the agreement to be fair" as noted in the attached letter, which includes the motion from Hanover council.

Brockton staff note that the Town of Walkerton is growing and that waste from the new subdivisions within the urban boundary will also be going to the Hanover Walkerton Landfill, increasing the overall contribution from Walkerton. Staff also note that seeking to negotiate this agreement further with an unwilling partner will

end up being costly, result in significant staff time and potentially may be fruitless. Staff further note the diligence taken in tendering the opening of Cell 3 has resulted in significant cost savings to Brockton. Further, staff continue to adjust collections based on urban boundaries that increase the usage coming from Walkerton. While the current agreement may not be historically fair in respect to actual usage from each member, there are benefits to this agreement to Brockton residents related to maintaining the capacity within the existing Brant Landfill and the proximity for Walkerton Residents. This expansion of cell 3 has resulted in a favorable costs outcome for Brockton and the effects on the 2025 budget and further renegotiate costs are unknown and could exceed that of maintaining the existing agreement.

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 | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | Yes |
| • 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? Yes

There are cost savings of \$270,000 benefiting Brockton as outlined in this report. Since a reserve fund for post-closure costs was only recently established with a balance of \$43,667.74, we recommend transferring these funds to the reserve to support future post-closure expenses and/or capital projects.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer