

Report to Council

Report Title:	OES to ERPA Electronic Recycling Agreement		
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Department:	Operations		
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Report Number:	PW2020-27	File Number:	C11PW, E07RE, L04
Attachments:	EPRA Agreement Municipality of Brockton		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2020-27 - OES to EPRA Electronic Recycling Agreement, prepared by Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations and in doing so authorizes a By-Law coming forward to enter into an agreement with the Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA).

Report:

Background:

In 2007, the Municipality of Brockton banned e-waste from Brockton owned/operated landfills under By-Law 2007-55. In 2016, staff began a recycling agreement with the Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES). In early 2020, the OES informed Brockton, as well as its other customers, that it would be ceasing operations as of December 31, 2020. The Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) approached Brockton to take over the program. It should be noted that while there is a new agreement being requested, the majority of the procedures, rates, and information will remain the same. With the new contract agreement, the only changes will be the name of the organization completing the pickups and there will be an expanded list of items that will be accepted.

The Electronic Waste Recycling Program has been very successful in Brockton and has ensured, since 2016, that 174,364 kilograms or 384,406.8 pounds of electronic waste has been diverted from Brockton's landfills. Brockton currently accepts E-Waste at the Brant Landfill, Greenock Landfill, and the Walkerton Recycling Depot (MTO Yard). E-Waste is also accepted at the Hanover/Walkerton Landfill. Many of the lower tier Bruce County municipalities have already switched over to the EPRA program and the rest are set to follow by the end of the year.

Analysis:

The Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) will be ceasing operations as of December 31, 2020 with the Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) taking over the program, as per a new contract agreement, January 1, 2021. If Council agrees to the new contract, there will be a seamless transition to the new program as the new operator will be using the same bins and offering the same rates. There is currently no known program alternative.

Staff recommends that Council move forward to authorize signing the new contract agreement with the Electronic Products Recycling Association.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

There are no financial impacts associated with this report. This program does exist as a revenue stream and is an opportunity for Brockton residents to ensure that their electronic waste does not end up in our landfills.

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