

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Council

Request for Decision

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Tuesday, March 22, 2022				Report Date	Friday, March 11, 2022			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	X	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
Report #22/03/22/1302 – Recycle Bins at HCM Businesses									

Subject: Providing Recycle Bins at Local Businesses

Recommendation: That Council provide direction to Staff in regards to providing recycle bins at local businesses.

Background/Executive Summary:

At the regular meeting of Council of February 15th, a request was made to Staff to gather information and pricing concerning a request of the municipality to provide recycle bins (40-yard bins) at two local businesses.

Staff contacted Cambium to ensure there would be no issues with the municipality providing local businesses with recycle bins and received the following response:

“A business can store waste (or recycling) that they generate in bins at their place of business to transfer it to a end processor/transfer station so there should not be any issue or approval from the Ministry required if that is what you are asking. The Township might want to consider what this means for all businesses – if you provide this service for two businesses, will all businesses expect the same level of service? Will there be financial arrangements as part of the agreement?

Regardless, from a compliance standpoint there shouldn't be a problem. We know of other municipalities that have arranged for bins at a few businesses to make things easier for the contractor and business owners, particular when the contractor is collecting significant volumes of recycling every week at the locations anyways”.

There are no issues in regards to providing a bin to local businesses from the Ministry's standpoint.

Staff inquired with the municipality's bin supplier to see if there would be an additional cost associated with travelling past the Bissett Creek landfill site; which there will not be. The municipality would be responsible for the regular recycling transportation fees.

If Council would like to proceed with providing recycle bins at local businesses, an agreement should be made between the municipality and the business owners to ensure that:

if any materials become contaminated, or are not properly sorted, resulting in increased tipping fees due to processing waste and not recyclable material, the business would be responsible to cover those costs; and the municipality will not be liable for any damage done to bins that are located offsite; the business owner would be responsible for any costs owing to the bin provider resulting from any damage caused while the bins are stored at their business.

If Council proceeds with providing bins to local businesses staff recommends that bins be provided on a trial basis, for one season, to be reviewed in one year.

Financial Considerations/Budget Impact:

None at this time; costs associated with contaminated material need to be considered.

Others Consulted:

Stephanie Reeder, Cambium

Bill Donnelly, HCM Waste Disposal Attendant

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Crystal Fischer,
Clerk/Treasurer