

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number WM2018-007

Date: April 24, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: ALL

Title: Lindsay Ops Landfill Reuse Bin Pilot Project

Description: Seeking Council approval to continue the Lindsay Ops Landfill Reuse Bin in partnership with Habitat for Humanity

Author and Title: David Kerr, Manager of Environmental Services

Recommendation(s):

That Report WM2018-007, Lindsay Ops Landfill Reuse Bin Pilot Project, be received; and

That the continuation of the Lindsay Ops Landfill Reuse Bin Project in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, be approved.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

The City of Kawartha Lakes in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity participated in a reuse bin pilot project from May 1st 2017 to September 15th 2017. Staff at the Lindsay Ops Landfill set up a dedicated bin for the public to drop off reusable items accepted for reuse by Habitat for Humanity. These items included bulky furniture, houseware, kitchenware, reusable construction/demolition material, and outdoor equipment. Items not accepted within the program are Electronics, mattresses, clothing, footwear and infant toys.

Habitat for Humanity was contacted 6 times during the project to come to Lindsay Ops Landfill to collect the materials from the bin to sell in their Restore. Items that could not be reused were disposed of or recycled at the discretion of Habitat for Humanity. The bin was set up for Habitat for Humanity use only. Members of the public were not permitted to take items from the bin.

Landfill customers who participated in the reuse item pilot project paid the standard tipping fees to dispose of the items. When a landfill attendant identified a reusable item within the customer's waste load, the attendant would direct the customer to drop off the material(s) in the reuse bin.

Staff recommends continuing the Lindsay Ops Landfill Re-Use Bin Project in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The following section of this report provides further rationale to support this recommendation.

Rationale:

In summary the pilot program has been successful and has resulted in diverting 1.3 tonnes of reusable materials from the Lindsay Ops Landfill. This saves landfill space as well as building partnerships in the community that find viable alternatives to landfilling. Habitat for Humanity is pleased with the program and the items that they have received through the pilot project. The program operates at no cost to the City, and is implemented with existing staff resources. A program such as this is excellent since it encourages and builds on a mindset in the community to reduce waste going to landfill.

This initiative aligns with the City's Waste Management strategy as it identifies the importance of creating relationships and partnerships within the community to reduce waste. In alignment with this Strategy, Staff will continue to be open to other mutually beneficial programs where feasible.

To further support the continuation of this program, staff reached out to the Lindsay Ops Landfill Public Review Committee and the Waste Strategy Task Force for their support and resolutions.

At the Lindsay Ops Landfill Public Review Committee meeting on February 21st, 2018 the following resolution was made:

Moved By C. Appleton

Seconded By L. Scrivens

RESOLVED THAT the Lindsay Ops landfill PRC support the continued use of the Habitat for Humanity Reuse bin on an ongoing basis at the Lindsay Ops landfill.

CARRIED

At the Waste Strategy Task Force Meeting on March 21st, 2018 the following resolution was made:

Moved By Councillor Junkin

Seconded By Councillor Pollard

RESOLVED THAT The Waste Strategy Task Force supports the continuation of the Lindsay Ops Landfill Reuse Bin Project in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

CARRIED

Other Alternatives Considered:

The City could choose to end the pilot project. However, the reuse bin at the Lindsay Ops Landfill has been successful in diverting reusable material from the landfill and has promoted a positive community partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no costs to the City as a result of the recommendation to continue the reuse bin at the Lindsay Ops Landfill. There will actually be deferred landfill space savings that will benefit the city and there will be continued revenue to the City from the standard applicable tipping fees for the goods diverted to the Re-use bin.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The reuse bin at the Lindsay Ops Landfill in partnership with Habitat for Humanity contributes to both the quality of life and healthy environment goals as outlined in the Council Adopted Strategic Plan. The program has offered residents an additional option to donate items for reuse rather than have them disposed in the

landfill. The reuse bin will benefit the environment by diverting material from the City's landfills and saving landfill space for the future.

Consultations:

Waste Operations Supervisor
Habitat for Humanity

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