



**TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL
ACTION ITEM**

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration & Operations

Date: October 15, 2024

Department: Operations

Topic: Curbside Solid Waste Collection Agreement Extension

Purpose: To extend the agreement with HGC Management Inc. for curbside collection services through the Blue Box program transition.

Background: In January 2022, the Township entered into a three (3) year agreement with HGC Management Inc. for the provision of curbside collection of solid waste and recyclables effective March 1, 2022.

The rationale behind the three (3) year agreement was to provide some flexibility and options to both the Township and contractor as we entered into the phasing in period of the new Blue Box program. The township's blue box transition date is February 1, 2025.

Circular Materials (CM) has informed us that Emterra Environmental Inc. has been identified as the preferred proponent to provide residences and facilities Blue Box services commencing on our transition date. Emterra Environmental Inc. will be using HGC Management Inc. to provide this service to our township during the transition period of February 1 to December 31, 2025.

Staff reached out to HGC Management Inc. to inquire about a 1-year extension to our current agreement. HGC Management Inc. was interested in providing a price. Having our current contractor continue to collect the garbage with the recycling will provide efficiency for garbage collection over the transition period.

Policy Implications: The current agreement with HGC Management Inc. expires on February 28, 2025. An extension agreement would need to be executed to continue current services with HGC Management Inc. during the transition period.

Strategic Plan Implications: This would align with objective 2.3 under good governance in ensuring that services delivered are effective and efficient.

Financial Considerations: HGC Management Inc. has provided a cost of \$342,000.00 for the 1-year extension. For comparison purposes, the garbage collection component

alone for 2024 ranged from \$350,000.00 to \$393,197.00 from the other three contractors that bid on our existing contract in 2021.

Alternatives: Council could direct staff to prepare and issue a tender for curbside garbage collection alone. The drawbacks to issuing a tender right now, in this transition phase, are length of term and unknown blue box service provider for our area post January 1, 2026.

Recommendation: That Committee recommend Council direct staff to prepare a 1-year extension agreement with HGC Management Inc in the amount of \$342,000.00 plus HST and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the required documents.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. S. Galt", written over a horizontal line.

Director of Operations