

Staff Report

Report To: City Council
Report From: Cassandra Cesco, Supervisor of Environmental Services
Meeting Date: March 15, 2021
Report Code: OP-21-001
Subject: Derby Landfill Agricultural Lease Agreement

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-21-001 respecting the Derby Landfill Agricultural Lease Agreement, City Council directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agricultural Lease Agreement.

Highlights:

- The City receives approximately \$2,000 per year for use of the property north of the former Derby Landfill site
- The City purchased the farm property north of the former Derby Landfill site in 2006 and has leased the property to Don Curry of Sharedon Farms Limited since that time

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Optimize the City's operations while maintaining or improving quality of life.

Background:

The City purchased the farm property north of the former Derby Landfill site in 2006 and has leased the property to Don Curry of Sharedon Farms Limited since that time. Sharedon Farms Limited leases a number of properties in the area for the cultivation of corn, soy beans and wheat. The property is also used for the land application of biosolids from the Owen Sound Waste Water

Treatment Plant. The agreement includes an annual 2.5% escalation for the lease payments and expires in February 2024.

Analysis:

Leasing the property for agricultural use provides the City with some rental income, provides a location for the application of biosolids and keeps the property in agricultural production.

The tenant is solely responsible for the crops grown on the property, including maintenance, removal and marketing while ensuring the farming operations do not disturb the landfill. The tenant is responsible for any damage pertaining to the property, fencing and costs relating to environmental clean-up as required.

Financial Implications:

The City receives approximately \$2,000 per year for use of the property north of the former Derby Landfill site.

Communication Strategy:

This report will be made public through the posting of the City Council meeting agenda on the City's website.

Consultation:

The Director of Public and Engineering, the Manager of Engineering Services and Donald Curry.

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

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