

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report DPW 10-2022

Council Meeting Date: May 17, 2022

TO: Mayor Weber and Members of Council
FROM: Nick Verhoeven, Director of Public Works
RE: E-waste Bin Program Change

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report DPW 10-2022 regarding the “E-waste Bin Program Change” be received.

SUMMARY

This report provides Council an update on the E-waste program in Lambton Shores and operational changes. The Forest (Shores) location is being removed from the program with service continuing at the Northville Operations Depot.

BACKGROUND

Lambton Shores, through Bluewater Recycling Association (BRA), has for many years provided a free Ewaste Disposal service. Previously the Municipality provided drop off locations in Northville, Grand Bend, and Forest. Previously, the Grand Bend drop off location was discontinued due to ongoing issues.

Lambton Shores staff and BRA have been struggling with issues at the Forest (Shores) location due to inappropriate material being left, vandalism, theft, and loitering. The Shores is generally minimally staffed and lacks equipment and facilities for dealing with solid waste. As a recreational amenity there have been concerns regarding the appearance of waste left and the ongoing scavenging activities that have been consistently occurring.

The Northville location has better staff levels and equipment for this receiving E-waste. Staff are able to divert inappropriate waste and there is a secure fence around the bin to deter scavenging issues during after hours. Given the impending move of all administration staff to the new Northville Administration building this fall staff believe providing this service at the Shores location is no longer operationally practical. With the busier ice season at the Shores now over, and less staff at that location, the E-waste bin program at the Shores location will be ending in May 2022. The Municipality’s website has been adjusted with this change and social media posts have been made notifying the public.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

No other alternatives are presented at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

No action is recommended at this time. This report is provided for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

CONSULTATION

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