

The Corporation of the Town of Blind River

REPORT

Report of the Director of Public Services FOR ACTION

RE: Electronic Waste Collection and Recycling

OBJECTIVE

To seek authorization to partner with Electronic Producers Recycling Association (“EPRA”) to safely manage your electronic waste in an environmentally sustainable manner.

BACKGROUND

The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change issued direction to Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) in their notice on July 2nd, 2019 to wind up the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) program and cease operations on December 31, 2020. In winding up the program, all OES-related operations (including collection, transportation and processing) and corresponding contracts for such services will cease as of December 31st 2020.

Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA) is a not-for-profit organization managing government-approved programs that are established by manufacturers, retailers and other stakeholders to collect and responsibly recycle end-of-life electronics. EPRA is fulfilling this role on behalf of obligated stewards in eight provinces. Businesses selling regulated electronic products in these provinces can meet their compliance obligation by participating in the EPRA Program.

Please be aware that this collection program is based on the current Waste Diversion Act, the Industry Funding Organization (OES) currently administering this program is slated to cease operations Dec 30 2020. At that time a new framework will come into effect under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, based on the requirements of this new framework the existing contract will be reviewed by both parties to ensure consistency.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

No financial change from current collection agreement with OES. Collection bin (Sea Container) for use at your site at no charge. Payment to you at \$150.00 per tonne for E-waste.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorize the CAO/Clerk to sign the agreement with the Electronic Producers Recycling Association (“EPRA”) to avoid disruption for the recycling of e-waste equipment on December 31st 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Bender
Director of Public Services