

**COMMUNICATION 133057**

Received From: Guy Bourgon, Director of Public Works  
Addressed To: Committee of the Whole  
Date: May 31, 2022  
Topic: Storm Clean-up Additional Services

**BACKGROUND**

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Town of Carleton Place was severely impacted by a high windstorm that affected much of southern Ontario, causing significant tree damage and widespread power outages. Public Works (PW) Staff have been working since that time cleaning up the debris and waste associated with this event.

**DISCUSSION:**

Subsequent to the windstorm and associated power outage, the Town initiated several changes to waste and debris services to assist residents in the aftermath. Additional bags of food waste were permitted to be placed curbside throughout last week on regular collection days, and two (2) bins were provided for spoiled food, one at the Town's Bates yard on the north side and the other at the Patterson compost yard on the south side. These bins required more frequent tipping due to volume of material received and to prevent wildlife from accessing the material overnight.

PW staff also opened the compost yard throughout last week with a full contingent of staff present to assist residents dropping off branches and brush from their properties for chipping. A high volume of brush was received including larger tree sections which were not able to be chipped due to their size, and a large stockpile of brush has been created for future processing. Additionally, there are several Town trees that have fallen, some onto private property, that we will need to arrange for removal. PW staff are recommending that we contract a tub grinder for a week later this summer to process this material along with any other material received through the summer months.

While many residents have been taking advantage of the compost facility, there are some in Town without the ability to load and transport their tree debris to our yard, and we have received several requests for curbside pick-up. PW staff would like to rent a second chipper to compliment our existing chipper in order to have two (2) crews circulate through Town to collect this remaining material.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The cost impact to the Town for the additional waste pick-up and processing, the additional bins and frequent tipping, the additional chipper, the tub grinding and the Town tree removals is estimated at \$60,000. This amount does not include the additional labour costs associated with overtime put in by staff which is not known at this time. The above amount would come out of any budget surplus at the end of the year, failing which the funds would be taken from administration reserves.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council authorizes the expenditure of additional funds in the order of \$60,000 for activities associated with the post-storm clean-up as outlined in the report prepared by the Director of Public Works dated May 31, 2022; and

THAT Council directs staff to fund the budget deviation from any budget surplus at the end of the 2022 calendar year, if applicable, and if not, from administration reserve.