



To: Council
From: Mohammed Alsharqawi, Deputy Director of Public Works
Date of Meeting: March 8, 2023
Subject: Update from the SDG Regional Waste Management Working Group

Background:

Staff are pleased to report that the Regional Waste Management Working Group (RMMWG) held its first meeting on January 18, 2023 at the County Administration Building. All local municipalities were represented, and a wide variety of topics were discussed. Some highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Sarah McDonald, General Manager of Infrastructure Services (South Glengarry) was selected as the chair for 2023.
- The RMMWG Terms of Reference (ToR) were approved by the members. A copy of the ToR is attached to this report.
- Several joint tender opportunities were discussed by the group, including but not limited to:
 - Blue boxes
 - Composters
 - Waste Collection and Disposal

There will be further follow up at the next meeting on these and other joint tenders.

- The group discussed existing 'blue box' inventories and the possibility of selling excess units between municipalities within SDG.
- There was robust discussion surrounding the reimbursements associated with *Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)* products. The group has committed to compare costs and collectively work on a regional strategy to improve the current process. There was also some discussion about working more collaboratively on HHW collection.
- Within SDG most local municipalities have either "opted out" or are receiving a staff recommendation to "opt out" of the blue box program once our region transitions to *Extended Producer Responsibility* in 2025. South Glengarry Council had deferred the decision to opt out and North Stormont has not made a commitment either way.

Discussion:

The RMMWG will be meeting on March 8. City of Cornwall staff will also be invited to attend the RMMWG meetings/activities on a go-forward basis. Mr. Ross Gellately continues to support the Township of South Stormont on the Working Group for the foreseeable future.