

Department 33 – Waste Management

Overview

This Department captures costs of waste collection, the operation and maintenance of the Smith Landfill site and annual monitoring of the Smith and former Ennismore landfill site.

Waste Management also accommodates the costs related to waste diversion activities undertaken by the Township on its own or in partnership with the County.

Curbside garbage collection throughout the Township is collected by Waste Connections of Canada Inc. and the costs related thereto are included in this Department. The waste collected at the curb is deposited at the County/City landfill site at Bensfort Road, except for statutory holidays when it is taken to the Smith Landfill Site.

Revenue

The major sources of revenue in this Department are tipping fees and taxation. Statistics show a reduction in overall tonnage being landfilled. Increased diversion options and transition to clear garbage bags are contributing to this reduced tonnage. While this is positive in terms of decreased landfilling and decreased GHG emissions; it is impacting the revenue generation in this Department.

Following the completion of the Smith Waste Disposal Site Service Review conducted by Cambium in 2021, the Township has phased in tipping fee increases in an effort to:

- better account for costs related to landfill administration, operations, closure, and post-closure costs;
- align with tipping fees at other neighbouring landfill sites, in particular Bensfort, in order to help ensure only waste generated within the Township is brought to the site as required by the Environmental Compliance Approval;
- encourage use of Bensfort Landfill Site and Waste Connections of Canada (WCC) facilities for disposal of construction debris thereby maximizing the life of the Smith Landfill Site;
- establish a reserve to support the eventual expansion or closure of the site.

In order to maintain these goals, the budget proposes a tipping fee increase of \$5.00 per tonne for garbage effective **April 1, 2025**. This will make the Township fees slightly higher (\$5.00/tonne) than the current fees at the Bensfort Landfill Site. It is uncertain at this time whether or not there will be fee increase at Bensfort in 2025.

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Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) is responsible for establishing the common collection system for blue box materials through the new Producer Responsibility program. In accordance with the agreement reached with CMO late in 2023, compensation will be provided to assist with promotion and public education and to cover a portion of the costs of the blue box depot operation. This agreement is in effect until the end of the transition period, December 31, 2025. It is uncertain at this time what CMO's intentions are with respect to the depot and staff will be monitoring this closely. Staff are also monitoring discussions at the County with respect to non-eligible sources (commercial, industrial, not-for-profit, campgrounds, municipal facilities, etc...) as these materials will no longer be allowed to be co-collected with the residential curbside and depot programs.

Expenditures

Costs associated with the Smith Landfill Site include the wages for the site supervisor, the scale house operator, and the equipment operator/attendants along with the equipment, materials and supplies expenses associated with the daily operations, maintenance, and progressive closure of the site. The site is maintained in compliance with all requirements of the Environmental Compliance Approval. The site is inspected regularly by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks with consistently positive results.

The costs for the waste collection contract are included in this budget. In 2024 this contract was extended to December 31st, 2026 with the option of continuing on a month to month basis through December 31, 2027. This extension will provide the additional time required for the County to pursue the next steps related to the review of uploading garbage collection, as a co-collection system with organics, for the five municipalities that have opted in to this process. If ultimately the County does not move forward with the upload, the Township would then be required to undertake its own process to secure a new agreement for these services. These timelines would provide sufficient time for that work to be completed if necessary.

The budget also includes the costs of the monitoring programs carried out for both the Smith and Ennismore sites and the costs associated with waste diversion.

A portion (\$8,888) of the budget that is provided by CMO will be allocated to public education and advertising costs. This funding will be used to promote waste diversion information, update blue box recycling messaging/signage and support community initiatives.

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Activity Update – Beyond Budget Dollars & Cents

Continuation of 2022 Waste Audit Plan: Reuse Centre and Waste Marketing Campaign

In 2022, Selwyn Township collaborated with Fleming College to conduct a comprehensive waste audit at the Smith Landfill. Based on the findings, an implementation plan was developed to address key areas of waste identified. For 2025, the primary priorities from this plan include reviewing feasibility of a Reuse Centre at the Smith Landfill. A report will be brought back to Council for consideration with these findings and staff recommendations.

Additionally, the plan recommends continuing the ongoing Waste Marketing Campaign. This supports initiatives such as Recycling Campaigns in collaboration with local communities, radio ads promoting landfill conservation and waste diversion, and the promotion of the monthly waste calendar.

**The Corporation of the Township of Selwyn
Budget Worksheets 2025**

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Description	2023 Year to Date Actuals	2023 Approved Budget	2024 Year to Date Actuals	2024 Approved Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
Revenues					
Grants and Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Sales - Revenues & Fees	659,059	477,518	611,536	539,256	557,052
Taxation	490,413	490,413	490,413	490,413	490,413
Transfers In	46,745	46,745	89,720	98,435	96,167
Total Revenues	1,196,217	1,014,676	1,191,668	1,128,104	1,143,632
Expenses					
Collection	390,686	415,253	399,638	401,500	418,484
<u>Disposal</u>					
Salaries & Benefits	326,556	294,372	316,582	347,383	339,761
Admin & Overhead	28,771	32,500	27,717	32,780	31,316
Services Hired	139,181	139,741	160,702	144,971	145,549
Communications	3,178	2,454	2,574	2,454	2,454
Service Charges	5,366	6,856	6,585	5,650	7,000
Recycling/Waste Diversion	104,440	123,500	149,504	125,668	122,935
Capital Purchases	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	198,038	0	128,367	67,698	76,132
Total Expenses	1,196,217	1,014,676	1,191,668	1,128,104	1,143,632
Balance	0	0	0	0	0