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## Council Report

STAFF: Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent      DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Bale Wrap

### Recommendation

For your information purposes.

### Background

Township staff were asked to prepare a report examining the feasibility of accepting Bale Wrap at the Township Landfill as it is a service offered by the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

In January 2025 Huron-Kinloss was informed by their service provider (Clean farms) that the collection of bale wrap and other agricultural plastics was ending due to the Government of Canada ending the funding program. Bale wrap remained in their Township Rates & Fees Bylaw and can be accepted at the Huron Landfill with the only option available being landfilling.

In January 2026 Huron-Kinloss staff followed up with Switch Energy Inc (SEI) from the Stratford area. SEI can accept the following materials: bale wrap, bunker plastic, commercial shrink wrap, shavings bags, water softener salt bags, greenhouse poly, binder twine and boat wrap.

As of this report Huron-Kinloss has not processed any Bale Wrap through this program. They are charging \$6 per bag to receive the Bale Wrap and \$140 per ton to transfer it to the recycler.

### Comment

If the Township is interested in pursuing a bale wrap program, there are a few items to consider:

- Bale wrap needs to be reasonably cleaned to be accepted. There can be no mud or debris on it making recycling very difficult. Unclean loads will be rejected and will require landfilling.
- This program is intended to be revenue neutral so as the full the costs of running the program as determined the billing will have to be adjusted.
- The Township does not have a recycling depot; all commercial enterprises, including farms and other agricultural operations, are responsible for arranging their own recycling.

Township Staff do not recommend instituting a Bale Wrap program at the Township Landfill – it is however recommended that information about Switch Energy Inc. is distributed through our

social media channels so that farmers may take part in the program. Switch Energy Inc. offers the service at a cost of \$6.50 per bag. There is a minimum pickup of 15 bags per call for service. All disposal costs are included in the bag purchase.

### Others Consulted

Geoff Aitken, Township of Huron-Kinloss Environmental Manager  
Janine Poppe, Switch Energy Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



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