



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk
Meeting Date: January 28, 2025
Report Number: **2025-012**
Subject: Ontario Clean Water Agency Contract Amending Agreement

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – Ontario Clean Water Agency Contract Amending Agreement

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement presented and directs staff to prepare and present the necessary by-law for passing.

Executive Summary

Purpose

To present the contract amending agreement between the Town and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for the operation of the Town's wastewater treatment facility, and the necessary by-law for its execution.

Key Findings

Agreement is presented further to the November 28, 2024 presentation.

Financial Implications

Increase in annual contract costs of \$84,749.64, as explained during the presentation.

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Background

The Town of Grand Valley has had an operating contract with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for many years. The current agreement expired December 31, 2024. OCWA gave a delegation to Council on November 26, 2024. They presented the opportunity to enter into an amending agreement, wherein certain terms would be amended, and the rest of the existing agreement would remain. Council discussed the amendments proposed, including costs and length of term of the extension, and passed Resolution 2024-11-12, being:

Resolution: 2024-11-22

Moved by: P. Rentsch, Seconded by: J. Jonker

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Presentation and proposal for the Operations and Maintenance Services of the Grand Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant from OCWA;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the renewal of the Operating Agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency for a term of five years commencing in January 2025, authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Agreement; and directs staff to prepare the necessary bylaw for passing.

CARRIED

Discussion

Attached to this report is the Contract Amending Agreement, as Schedule A to the draft by-law in Attachment 1. It contains the cost increases discussed on November 26, 2024 and takes effect January 1, 2025.

It is presented for council review and authorization to proceed with its execution.

Financial Impact

The amending agreement sets out an increase of \$84,749.64 per year to the annual operating contract, due to increase in labour costs, inflationary impacts to chemical and

supply costs, and insurance premium increases. This increase must be absorbed by the wastewater rates collected by the Town from urban area property owners.

Consultations

None.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - By-law authorizing the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley to enter into an amending agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency with respect to the management, operation and maintenance of the Grand Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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