



GRAND VALLEY

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk
Meeting Date: April 28, 2026
Report Number: 2026-078
Subject: Battery Recycling Program opportunity

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – Battery Recycling Program opportunity,
AND FURTHER THAT Council approves participation in the program with Call2Recycle, authorizes the Mayor and CAO to execute the agreement, and directs staff to prepare and present the agreement by-law for passing.

Executive Summary

Purpose

To present a new option for local battery recycling.

Key Findings

- With minimal maintenance, staff would provide a battery recycling program for the community, in partnership with Call2Recycle.

Financial Implications

- The Town will realize revenue from the program based on weight of batteries recycled.

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Background

Within Dufferin County, recycling programs have been changing in light of recent changes enacted by the Provincial Government. Battery recycling was provided through a bin pick up program, which ended about a year ago.

Discussion

The Town, along with other Dufferin-area municipalities, has been approached by Call2Recycle Canada. Details of their program are included in their introductory presentation in Attachment 1. They were referred to the Town by the County’s waste management division as a replacement for the bin pick up program.

Call2Recycle provides a box into which dead batteries are placed by residents. Once it is getting full, Town staff will contact Call2Recycle to arrange for shipping.

Once the box is received, Call2Recycle weighs the contents. Then, they send payment to the Town at \$0.95 per kilogram as compensation for assistance with the program.

Staff met with representatives from Call2Recycle. They brought a sample bin with them, and staff believe that this bin can safely be kept where we put the old bin in the front entryway.

The only staff time required for the program is to review the contents of the bin occasionally, ensure that only batteries are in the bin, put tape over “button” batteries for safety, then arrange shipping. We anticipate that this might happen twice per year.

It should be noted that the battery bag program continues to operate, as does battery collection at hazardous waste days. The program with Call2Recycle is meant to supplement these other programs, and to provide a small revenue stream for the Town.

Staff recommend signing the agreement, provided as Attachment 2, and once the bin has arrived, notifying the public that this program is available for recycling their household batteries.

Financial Impact

The Town will receive a small amount of revenue each year.

Consultations

Call2Recycle representatives

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Call2Recycle Introductory Presentation

Attachment 2 – sample Call2Recycle Agreement

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