

# Staff Report

Presented By: Matt Prentice, Director, Operations

Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

Subject: Condominium Garbage and Recycling Status

Attachment(s): Table 1 Summary of Site Status  
Figure 1 Port Elgin Condominium Site Locations  
Figure 2 Southampton Condominium Site Locations

---

## **Recommendation**

That Council receive the Condominium Garbage and Recycling Status report for information.

---

## **Report Summary**

In April 2024, a delegation from Bruce County Corporation #42 (Eagle Court at Westlinks) was received by Council. The delegation requested curbside pickup of garbage and recycling on their private road. The status of condominium garbage and recycling pickup by Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling (BASWR), under contract with the Town, has been reviewed and it has been determined that the status quo will remain for 2025. The status quo includes considerable variation in practice and a report will be brought forward in 2025 to outline various options for Council's consideration in the 2026 Business Plan.

## **Background/Analysis**

In April 2024, a delegation from Bruce County Corporation #42 (Eagle Court at Westlinks) was received by Council. The delegation requested curbside pickup of garbage and recycling on Eagle Court; a private road. The following points (paraphrased) were made:

- there was no Site Plan allocation of space for bins for recycling and garbage;
- adjacent Condominium Corporation #37 on Fairway Lane (public road) does receive curbside pickup; and
- the current private pickup service coordinated by their Condominium board is inconsistent.

The distinction between the level of service on public roads versus private roads on plans of condominium appears to be the rationale for providing curbside pickup at Condominium Corporation #37 but not at Condominium Corporation # 42. Note, however, there is considerable inconsistency with the Town's past practice in this regard.

Table 1 (attached) summarizes the current operational status for garbage and recycling pickup by BASWR at the various Condominium sites in Saugeen Shores [most of these are Bruce County Condominium (BCC) sites, and in these cases, the BCC site number is indicated on the table]. There is considerable variation in past practices; some sites predated amalgamation so this could be the result of different practices in the former municipalities. No documented agreement, policy, or decision was found with respect to the service levels at these sites.

One generally consistent past pattern can be deduced; where condominium units front a public road, BASWR has provided curbside pickup. In some cases, recycling is brought by the homeowners to a common location on the public road and picked up by BASWR.

It is recommended to maintain the status quo for the 2025 calendar year. BASWR's role in garbage pickup is defined in a contract which is scheduled to be renewed on January 1, 2026. Similarly, on that same day, recycling will transition to the "Producer Pays" model and it is understood that this will continue to be done by BASWR, under contract with Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) although BASWR's role has not been formally confirmed.

With respect to the renewal of the garbage contract, private road pickup for condominium corporations can be added to the contract as a provisional item, for Council's consideration as a level of service enhancement. This will be reported to Council in 2025 through the BASWR garbage contract negotiation process. Specifically, the BASWR contract renewals for garbage are an identified Operations Division Highlight in the 2025 Business Plan.

With respect to the recycling scope, the January 1, 2026, CMO transition may include some changes to private condominium pickup. Since this waste is all residential, it is expected to be within the scope of CMO's mandate to pick it up at no cost. This will be reported to Council in 2025 as the recycling transition process is finalized. Specifically, the Blue Box Transition is an identified Major Initiative for the Operations Department in the 2025 Business Plan.

Any proposed changes to the status quo shall be incorporated into the 2026 Business Plan for Council's consideration.

## **Linkages**

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 1: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community
- Business Plan Alignment: Operations Major Initiative

## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding**

Revenue/costs are unknown at this time and will be detailed in a future report.

---

Prepared By: Matt Prentice, Director, Operations

Approved By: Kara Van Myall, Chief Administrative Officer