



Committee Report

To: Councillor Milt McIver, Chair and
Members of the Transportation & Environmental Services
Committee

From: Amanda Froese
Director of Transportation & Environmental Services

Date: July 14, 2022

Re: Amendment to Carbon Credit Agreement

Staff Recommendation:

That a by-law to introduced authorizing an amendment to the Carbon Development and Marketing Agreement with “Bluesource”, to

- 1) update the company name change to “Anew” and
- 2) bind the County to continuing the contract with Bluesource (Anew) in either the Voluntary or Compulsory Markets.

Background:

Our current agreement with Bluesource (now “Anew”) states that Bluesource will provide the County with an updated carbon assessment once the federal compliance protocol is released, at which time Bruce County can choose to opt out of a project completely.

Anew is willing to deploy capital now to start the forest inventory however, they are requesting an amendment to the contract to do this in order to remove the risk of expending capital and the County terminating the project. Upon release of the Compliance Protocol, the County would have the option to enter into an agreement for the project to be in the Compliance Market, or alternatively to enter into an agreement in the Voluntary Market but would not have the option of cancelling the project altogether.

Anew has a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Bruce Power to purchase Carbon Credits from the Bruce County project in the Voluntary Market. Though a decision is not required at this time to enter into the Voluntary Market, there is a level of confidence with this MOU that Carbon Credits in the Voluntary Market will be desirable.

Council directed staff to return with more information once the protocol as in place, and as of yet there has not been any further information on the protocol. It is still unknown how the projects could transition from Voluntary to Compliance if desired, and staff is not recommending making that decision at this time. It is hoped that more information will be available for a recommendation in December 2022.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

None

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**Approved for Submission:**

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