



Staff Report

Finance and IT Services

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: August 27, 2018
Report Number: FAF.18.124
Subject: Delegation of Authority to Bind the Town into Legal Agreements with Apple and Google Stores
Prepared by: Cathy Bailey, Manager of Information Technology

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.18.124, entitled “Delegation of Authority to Bind the Town into Legal Agreements with Apple and Google Stores”;

AND THAT Council delegate authority to the Manager of Information Technology or delegate to bind the Town into Legal Agreements with Apple and Google Stores.

B. Overview

The Town of The Blue Mountains (the “Town”) currently distributes a mobile app entitled The Blue Mountains Waste Resource app (“Waste Resource app”) via the Apple iTunes Store (“Apple”) and the Google Play Store (“Google”). The Waste Resource app is a mobile app that the public can download for free and receive information about collection days and how to recycle or dispose of specific types of waste.

C. Background

In the past, the company ReCollect Systems Inc. (“ReCollect”) that creates and maintains the Waste Resource app on the Town’s behalf was allowed to publish the app without any interference by Apple. As of September 1, 2018, Apple has made a change to its policies that require the Town to create a mobile app developer account which allows for the distribution of the Waste Resource app on the Town’s behalf and by ReCollect on Apple. If the Town does not enter into this legal agreement with Apple, ReCollect will no longer be able to complete critical updates for the Town.

Currently, Google does not have the same requirement, but it is expected that their policies will change in the same fashion soon. As a result, ReCollect has suggested that the Town enter into the same legal agreement with Google now.

D. Analysis

Information Technology staff recommend that authority be delegated to the Manager of Information Technology or delegate to enter into legal agreements with Apple and Google to

allow for updates of the Waste Resource app by ReCollect. This will also allow the Town to publish other mobile apps on either store in the future.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational and Operational Excellence
Objective #4: To Be a Financially Responsible Organization

F. Environmental Impacts

None.

G. Financial Impact

None.

H. In consultation with

Jeff Fletcher, Manager of Solid Waste and Special Projects
Ruth Prince, Director of Finance and IT Services

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Cathy Bailey, Manager of Information Technology at support@thebluemountains.ca

J. Attached

None.

Respectfully Submitted,

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