

# Report to Council



**Date:** October 18, 2021

**To:** Council

**From:** City Manager

**Subject:** Amendment No. 12 to Solid Waste Management Bylaw 10106 (BL12279)

**Department:** Utility Services

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the Report from the Landfill and Compost Operations Manager dated October 18, 2021, regarding the amendment to the Solid Waste Management Regulation Bylaw No. 10106;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12279, Amendment No. 12 to the Solid Waste Management Regulation Bylaw No. 10106, be forwarded for reading consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT Bylaw No. 12285, Amendment No. 30 to the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 10475, be forwarded for reading consideration.

## **Purpose:**

To seek Council's approval to amend the Solid Waste Management Regulation Bylaw to align with Regional Waste Management initiatives and amend the fee schedules for selected wastes with an inflationary rate adjustment.

## **Background:**

The Solid Waste Management Regulation Bylaw No. 10106 was last updated in November 2020.

The proposed amendments ensure bylaw wording is consistent with Regional Wildlife/Bear Aware initiatives and make an inflationary adjustment to garbage tipping fees to ensure a sustainable landfill operation.

As part of the City's commitment in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, Utility Services works closely with the Central Okanagan Regional District Waste Reduction Office to ensure consistent Solid Waste Management across the entire Region. This includes efforts on common issues such as the Curbside Cart Collection program, waste reduction and responses to Provincial programs such as the Bear Aware program.

**Discussion:**

There was no tipping fee increase for garbage in 2021. Utility Services is recommending an inflationary adjustment on garbage tipping fees, representing a \$2 per metric tonne increase effective January 1, 2022 and a second increase of the same amount effective January 1, 2023.

Utility Services is recommending that the garbage, recycling and yard waste collection fees remain at the 2021 rates for 2022 and 2023. No inflationary adjustment is necessary due to the rates in the curbside collection contract and cart replacement program.

A new Section 2.5 is proposed to be added to the Solid Waste Management Bylaw to address Wildlife Attractants. This mirrors the amendment recently approved in the Regional District version of the Solid Waste Bylaw to maintain consistency in the programs. As the City continues to grow, interactions between residents and wildlife become more common. The Regional District is pilot testing wildlife resistant carts which may be used in the future. This bylaw update allows for education and enforcement opportunities in areas that have the potential for wildlife/human conflicts. Definitions were added to the Bylaw in the last amendment in preparation for this clause.

If this Solid Waste Bylaw amendment is passed, there would be a corresponding minor amendment required for the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No.10475 to include a penalty for feeding or attracting wildlife. That amendment is included in this report.

**Conclusion:**

The Solid Waste Management bylaw requires minor amendments for 2022 to ensure that it remains consistent with current, regional landfill waste management practices and costs. The per-tonne tipping fee is recommended to increase by \$2 per tonne for each of 2022 and 2023.

**Internal Circulation:**

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***Financial/Budgetary Considerations:***

Most landfill revenues come from garbage and yard waste tipping fees which are expected to increase in 2022. This level of projected revenue is consistent with the City's Solid Waste Financial Model to ensure sustainable solid waste funding.

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Submitted by:

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**Approved for inclusion:**

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