

# Report to Council



**Date:** June 20, 2022  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Recycle BC and Curbside Collection  
**Department:** Utility Services

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**Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information, the report from Utility Services dated June 20, 2022, with respect to Recycle BC and Curbside Collection;

AND THAT Council requests Recycle BC undertake direct curbside recycling services within the City of Kelowna;

AND THAT Council authorize staff to submit a letter on behalf of the City before July 1, 2022, to acknowledge and agree to the Recycle BC Requirements as outlined in this report;

AND THAT Council direct staff to work with Recycle BC to extend the current Statement of Work for Curbside Collection Services Provided by Local Government agreement to April 30, 2026, to align the commencement of Recycle BC direct service with the expiration of the City’s current curbside collection contract;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work collaboratively with Recycle BC and the Regional District to review options to expand curbside collection prior to the April 30, 2026, transition.

**Purpose:**

To receive supplemental information regarding future responsibility for Recycling Collection in the City and to provide direction regarding the renewal of an existing Statement of Work with Recycle BC for the collection of packaging and paper products.

**Background:**

*Previous Council Resolution*

Resolutions	Date
(Draft pending approval of minutes) 3.1 THAT Council receives for information, the report from Utility Services dated June 13, 2022, with regard to the Recycle	13 June 2022 (AM)

BC and Curbside Collection Contract.	
3.1. THAT council receives for information, the report from Utility Services dated May 2, 2022, with respect to the Recycle BC Program Update; AND that Council direct staff to report back to Council with a recommendation on the approach to provide recycling service, no later than the end of June 2022.	2 May 2022

The City of Kelowna has a multi-year service agreement with Recycle BC that is coordinated by the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) for regional consistency. Under this agreement, the City operates as the Recycle BC collection contractor and collects the residential packaging and paper products (PPP) as part of the existing curbside waste collection program. All municipal contracts with Recycle BC in the region are currently being extended to expire December 31, 2024.

The City of Kelowna must notify Recycle BC by July 1, 2022, if the City intends to continue to collect recyclables in the curbside program on behalf of Recycle BC for an additional 5 years or notify Recycle BC that the City will no longer provide this collection service and Recycle BC will be responsible for the collection.

**Discussion:**

City and Recycle BC staff provided supplemental information to Council on June 13, 2022. This presentation confirmed that having Recycle BC perform the collection and quality assurance will provide best value, and lowest financial risk for our citizens.

In discussions with Recycle BC, they have indicated that they are willing to extend our agreement and fund City recycling collection until the end of our current collection contract with E36oS on April 30, 2026. At that time, a new curbside collection contract for garbage and yard waste could align with the new recycling collection contract.

If the collection program transitions to Recycle BC, they would work with the City and RDCO to ensure a smooth transition. Recycle BC has committed to working cooperatively with the City and RDCO on resident education, communication, program logistics and coordination to ensure mutual benefits for both collection programs.

Recycle BC would seek input from the City prior to deciding details of the collection system such as:

- single or multi stream,
- manual or automated collection,
- types and sizes of bins or carts,
- collection routes and days of collection.

Recycle BC requires that the following be agreed to when requesting direct recycling service:

1. Recycle BC will, at its own discretion, determine applicable packaging and paper curbside service details,
2. The existing inventory of collection containers will be left in possession of residents at no cost, at the discretion of Recycle BC.
3. Recycle BC will be provided with all reasonable assistance and cooperation during the transition period,

4. After the transition period, Recycle BC will be provided quarterly updates on households added or removed from our jurisdiction including but not limited to households added or removed from our curbside garbage service, relevant new occupancy permits and demolitions, etc.,
5. Reasonable notice will be provided to Recycle BC with respect to changes to the City's curbside garbage service and all reasonable efforts will be made to collaborate with Recycle BC on the joint establishment of collection schedules and routes.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations

Having Recycle BC perform the collection is the best financial alternative for the City if our ratepayers are not to subsidize recycling collection.

Communications Comments:

The details and public education required in the transition plan would be coordinated between internal Communications staff, the RDCO Waste Reduction Office and Recycle BC operations at that time.

**Conclusion:**

City staff, in conjunction with the Regional District Solid Waste Technical Advisory Committee, recommend Recycle BC take over the direct service of recycling collection from the City.

A summary of the benefits and challenges of switching recycling collection from the City of Kelowna to Recycle BC is provided in Attachment 1.

**Internal Circulation:**

Communications  
Financial Services

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority:  
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:  
External Agency/Public Comments:  
Existing Policy:

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**Approved for inclusion:** M. Logan, Infrastructure General Manager

Attachment 1: Recycle BC – Benefits and Challenges

Attachment 2: Recycle BC Decision - Presentation

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Divisional Director, Financial Services