



City of
Kelowna

Recycle BC Agreement Decision

June 20, 2022

Overview

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Background

- ▶ Recycle BC is stewardship group for residential paper and printed packaging
- ▶ City has a contract to collect recycling for them and City receives a financial incentive
- ▶ Contract requires a commitment from the City to
 - ▶ collect for Recycle BC for an additional 5 years; or
 - ▶ switch collection services to Recycle BC
- ▶ Two previous council meetings for informational purposes
- ▶ Decision required by July 1, 2022

Rationale

- ▶ This decision is about who will collect the recycling at curbside, RecycleBC or the City on their behalf
- ▶ The same recyclable materials are collected regardless of who is responsible for collection
- ▶ Does not impact future Regional Waste Diversion initiatives such as
 - ▶ Multi family recycling
 - ▶ Expanding organics diversion
 - ▶ Demolition/building deconstruction
 - ▶ Review of Depot access and capacity
 - ▶ Adding alternate materials to curbside collection

Rationale

- ▶ If Recycle BC collects recycling, they would design program and recycling collection contract
- ▶ Recycle BC has agreed in principle to an April 2026 start date and would extend funding should the City officially request they perform collection
- ▶ Recycle BC would work collaboratively with Kelowna and attempt to align collections dates and processes

Financial Consideration

- ▶ Recycle BC pays the City an incentive to collect the recycling on their behalf
- ▶ Costs or surcharges are tied to the City's financial liability and potential for increased taxes
- ▶ This financial risk is mitigated if Recycle BC collects recycling

Considerations- Benefits

- ▶ The benefits to the City to have Recycle BC perform the collection include:
 - ▶ Removes financial risk of escalating costs
 - ▶ Expect that glass would be collected at curbside
 - ▶ Recycle BC performs education, manages contamination and contract oversight resulting in increased staff capacity for other waste reduction initiatives
 - ▶ No decrease in service – same 2-week cycle (minimum)

Considerations - Challenges

- ▶ The challenges to the City to have Recycle BC perform the collection include:
 - ▶ Recycle BC would oversee the collection and make the final decision on system and processes
 - ▶ May have different bins and pick up days
 - ▶ Transition/collaboration of two curbside collection programs

Recommendations

- ▶ Staff recommend that Council:
 - ▶ requests RecycleBC perform direct service
 - ▶ direct staff to submit a letter on behalf of the City
 - ▶ direct staff to request a contract extension
 - ▶ And direct staff to work with Recycle BC and the RDCO to review expanding collection options prior to the April 2026 transition



Questions?

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