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SUBJECT AMENDMENT TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To introduce “Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022, No. 7128.14”, for first, second, and third reading.

Recommendation

That:

1. “Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022, No. 7128.14” (A bylaw to set the solid waste collection rates for 2023) pass first reading;
2. “Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022, No. 7128.14”, pass second reading; and,
3. “Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022, No. 7128.14”, pass third reading.

BACKGROUND

The City provides regular collection of organics, recyclables, and solid waste for disposal for residential households throughout the City using automated curbside collection. This service is 100% funded by user fees.

In order to recover the costs of solid waste collection, the rate for municipal curbside collection will require an increase of 2.3% in 2023. This increase will be effective 2023-JAN-01, and is summarized as follows:

Standard Fee	Current Annual	Proposed Annual	\$ Change	% Change	New Daily Rate
Residential	\$216	\$221	\$5	2.3%	\$0.60547

Additional fees for each garbage cart upsize would also be increased by 2.3% for a total annual cost of \$102.

DISCUSSION

There are inflationary pressures that contribute to increased costs of this service, including increases in fuel costs and rising interest costs of borrowing incurred for the automated curbside collection fleet.

However, a new contract with Recycle BC has resulted in more favourable rates and so the inflationary pressures have been mitigated, resulting in a slight 2.3% increase.

OPTIONS

1. That:

“Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 7128.14” (A bylaw to set the solid waste collection rates for 2023) pass first reading;

“Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 7128.14” pass second reading; and

“Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022 No. 7128.14” pass third reading.

Advantages:

- The proposed rate utilizes a full cost recovery model for the provision of solid waste collection services to the residents of Nanaimo.

Disadvantages:

- The annual costs of municipal solid waste collection would increase by \$5 per residential household.

2. That Council deny first three readings to the “Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022, No. 7128.14”.

Advantages:

- The annual costs of municipal solid waste collection would not increase by \$5 per residential household.

Disadvantages:

- There would not be full cost recovery for the provision of solid waste collection services to the residents of Nanaimo.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Solid Waste Collection Service is funded 100% by user fees.
- The collection fees are proposed to increase by 2.3%.
- The annual impact to a single-family residential home will be an increase of \$5.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

Municipal Solid Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw 2022, No. 7128.14 |

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