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**SUBJECT CONSENT – RDN SEPARATE WASTE CONTAINER
REQUIREMENT SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT BYLAW No. 1908**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council consent for “Regional District of Nanaimo Separate Waste Container Requirement Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1908, 2024”.

Recommendation

That Council either:

1. Consent on behalf of the electors to the adoption of “Regional District of Nanaimo Separate Waste Container Requirement Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1908, 2024” and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly; or
2. Object to the adoption of “Regional District of Nanaimo Separate Waste Container Requirement Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1908, 2024” and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.

BACKGROUND

The Regional District of Nanaimo’s (RDN’s) approved Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) has a 90% waste diversion goal. An important initiative to achieve this goal is the Mandatory Waste Source Separation Bylaw No. 1812. To enact the program described in this Bylaw the Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1908 must first be adopted. Once fully enacted, separate collection containers for organics, recycling and garbage must be provided at all businesses, multi-family dwellings and institutions.

Provincial Cabinet amended the Nanaimo Regional District Regulation to authorize this establishing bylaw to be enacted, allowing the RDN to proceed with requiring owners or occupiers of real property to have different containers for different types of waste.

For further information see Attachment A: Regional District of Nanaimo Staff Report: Mandatory Waste Source Separation Establishing Bylaw.

DISCUSSION

The City of Nanaimo works closely with the RDN and shares the waste reduction goals set out in the Solid Waste Management Plan.

The RDN's request for consent applies strictly to the Separate Waste Container Requirement Service Establishment Bylaw.

Financial Implications

While there are no responsibilities or obligations included in this establishing bylaw, it is anticipated that the subsequent bylaw may include responsibilities and obligations that could result in increased costs in the following areas of City operation: Development Services, Bylaw Enforcement and Sanitation (Public Education). The annual RDN levy may also increase as a result of the subsequent bylaw. At this time, it is not possible to assess the specific financial implications. For 2024, the City of Nanaimo portion of the RDN Solid Waste Management Levy is \$960,010. This is a 15% increase over 2023.

At this time, there is no reason to object to RDN's establishing bylaw.

OPTIONS

1. That Council consent on behalf of the electors to the adoption of "Regional District of Nanaimo Separate Waste Container Requirement Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1908, 2024" and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.
2. That Council object to the adoption of "Regional District of Nanaimo Separate Waste Container Requirement Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1908, 2024" and further, that the Regional District of Nanaimo be notified accordingly.

SUMMARY POINTS

- RDN's Solid Waste Management Plan sets out ambitious goals for waste reduction and source separation is a key aspect of achieving this goal.
- New authorities in the Nanaimo Regional District Regulation were required from the province prior to proceeding with mandatory source separation of solid waste.
- Mandatory Source Separation will require that commercial, industrial, and institutional facilities separate waste as residential properties serviced by the City already do.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A – RDN Letter requesting Consent for adoption of Bylaw No. 1908, 2024

ATTACHMENT B – Certified Third Reading of Bylaw No. 1908, 2024

ATTACHMENT C – Staff Report dated February 20, 2024, Mandatory Waste Source Separation Establishing Bylaw |

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