

# Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting  
From: **Outside Works**  
Date: October 30, 2017  
Subject: Solid Waste Contract Review  
Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to hold a public engagement session prior to the end of November and report back on the results.**

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## Background

The City entered into a new five-year contract with the RDKB in July 2017. Within that agreement, notice of any changes to the service level in the contract must be given by December 31, of the year preceding the change. For example, any changes that Council may wish to make to yard waste collection to be enacted in the spring of 2018 must be submitted by December 31, 2017. In the Spring of 2017, Council discussed the garbage rates as they were being included in the Fees and Charges Bylaw. The increase of 13.5 percent cost was driven by the increased cost of the yard and garden waste portion which maintained the 2016 service level of nine pickups per year.

At the time of the contract renewal, there was very little time to consult with the public to ask their feedback on the service level provided by the solid waste contract. The contract with the RDKB is for another four years, but some parts of it may be amended with the notice period noted above. If Council would like to revisit the solid waste service level, staff would like to hold a public engagement session in November and bring the results back to Council in time to make any decisions prior to December 31.




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## Benefits or Impacts

### General

Changing the contract means changing the current service levels for residents.

### Strategic Impact

-  Fiscal Accountability – provide continual analysis on service levels.
-  Community Engagement – leverage every opportunity for community engagement.
-  Community Livability – work with fee for service providers to leverage and provide more effective services.

### **Policy/Legislation**

This would impact the Fees and Charges bylaw schedule that sets solid waste service rates.

### **Attachments**

RFD from February 27, 2017 outlining the new contract with the RDKB.

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### **Options**

1. RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report.
2. RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. RESOLVED THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

### **Report Approval Details**

Document Title:	RFD 2017 - Bylaw 1798 Garbage October.docx
Attachments:	- RFD - Mgr. of Operations - Solid Waste.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**David Reid - Oct 20, 2017 - 2:42 PM**

**Diane Heinrich - Oct 20, 2017 - 2:49 PM**