

Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole
From: **Outside Works**
Date: December 11, 2017
Subject: New Solid Waste Service Bylaw
Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give the first two readings of the "Solid Waste Service Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 2022, 2017" at the January 15, 2018 Regular Meeting.

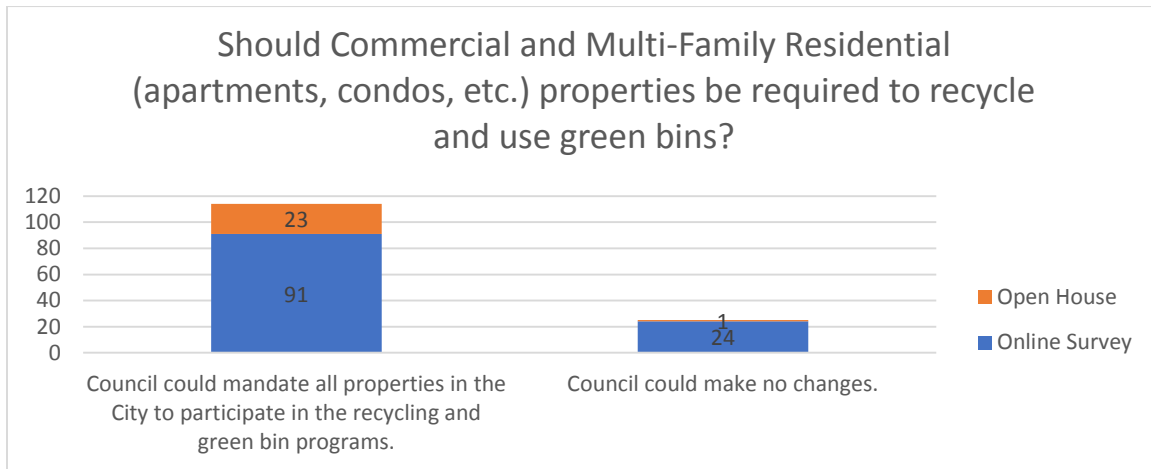
Background

The goal of this bylaw is to reduce the amount of solid waste that goes into the landfill and to be fair to all residents by requiring the same program participation of all residences. The Solid Waste Service includes garbage, recycling, green bin, and yard and garden waste collection for residents of Grand Forks. All single-family residential properties are mandated to participate in these programs and are charged a fixed rate for the service.

Multi-family residential properties were given some latitude to organize their own solid waste service in the previous bylaw with the understanding that once their existing contracts expired they would participate in the City's service. As a result, many apartment, strata, and condominium properties do not use green bins or recycling and have not changed their contracts. Staff also notice that many of the City's garbage cans downtown fill up with residential solid waste in areas around multi-family residential or mixed-use buildings.

The City asked the public their opinion at the Open House November 8, 2017 and with an online survey on the website and Facebook. A large majority of residents supported the City mandating these properties to participate in the green bin and recycling programs like all single-family residential properties.

Staff discussed the logistics of implementing this with the RDKB and the solid waste collection contractor. It would mean multi-family residential and mixed-use buildings arranging for an area in which to keep rolling green bin, recycling, and garbage cans, and to move those cans to an accessible area on pickup days. They would present a plan to the Manager of Operations for approval. This gives the maximum flexibility of implementation while still requiring participation.



The "**Solid Waste Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 2022, 2017**" is now presented for the first two readings. A copy of the bylaw is attached.

Benefits or Impacts

General

This bylaw replaces the current garbage bylaw language with simpler and more inclusive language

Policy/Legislation

This bylaw replaces Bylaw 1798.

Attachments

Solid Waste Service Regulations and Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 2022, 2017
 The City of Grand Forks Residential Garbage Collection Regulation Repeal Bylaw No. 1798R1, 2018
 Residential Garbage Collection Regulation Bylaw No. 1798, 2006

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Options

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