

# Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole  
From: Chief Financial Officer  
Date: March 11, 2019  
Subject: Fees and Charges Amendment - Solid Waste Collection  
Recommendation: **That the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to give first three readings of the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A5, 2019 at the March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

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## Background

Solid waste collection services for the City are provided through a contract with the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary at a set price per household which is adjusted annually on July 1 by the percentage change in the CPI BC Transportation Index. In mid-2018, the contract price increased by 5% and is anticipated to increase similarly in July 2019.

In addition to the service contract, the City is also required to pay landfill charges based on the tonnage of solid waste delivered to the landfill. Because the frequency of pickups changed last year from bi-weekly to weekly, the City experienced a significant increase in the volume of material going to the landfill, and thus an increase in the cost associated with waste disposal.

Solid Waste Collection fees were last adjusted in early 2017 and, due to the aforementioned cost increases, will need to be adjusted again to achieve sufficient revenue to cover the cost of providing this service.

Staff has calculated that the monthly collection charge will need to increase from \$11.50 to \$13.50 in order to meet its revenue requirements for 2019. The proposed increase was included in the Five Year Financial Plan revenue calculations and is the subject of the Fees and Charges Bylaw amendment present here.

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## Benefits or Impacts

### General

Revision of fees and charges is necessary to ensure that the City generates sufficient revenues to meet capital and operating financial requirements.

### Strategic Impact



#### Community Livability

- This increase in solid waste collection fees and charges is necessary to maintain the level of service currently being provided to residents.



#### Fiscal Responsibility

- 2019 revenue for this service was budgeted at \$262,660, and expenses at \$259,160. Actual expenses for 2018 were \$245,383.

### Policy/Legislation

## Attachments

Draft Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw 1958-A5  
Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A2, 2017 (with current effective rates)

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## Recommendation

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## Options

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