

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: Chief Financial Officer
Date: March 25, 2019
Subject: Fees and Charges Amendment - Solid Waste Collection
Recommendation: **That Council gives first three readings of the City of Grand Forks Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A5, 2019.**

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.

The proposed Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1958-A5 was introduced to Council on March 11, 2019 and is presented here for first three readings.

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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Options

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

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	By1958-A5 Fees and Charges 3 readings.docx
Attachments:	- By1958-A5 - Fees and Charges Amendment 2019.pdf - By1958-A2 - amend Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1958.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Diane Heinrich - Mar 13, 2019 - 2:57 PM