

Clerks

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Survey Response

In Regards To	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>Mayor and Council</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Name	John Black
Email	jblack@telus.net
Phone	604 874 1442
Address & Postal Code Required for Mayor and Council inquiries	<p>I was wondering if the council had given any thought to providing some sort of a rebate or recycling program for a dry chemical fire extinguisher. As it costs more to recharge existing fire extinguishers than to purchase new one. I have a number of extinguishers that have never been used but need to be recharged and if I buy a new fire extinguisher I am left with the old extinguisher in my basement. This would help to promote recharging of existing fire extinguishers and potentially reducing the potential for house fires</p>

	and reduce the number of extinguishers ending up in the dump
Comment	
Respond to me by:	<div data-bbox="570 273 769 338" data-label="Form"> <input type="text" value="Email"/> </div>

Note: Response from the Fire Chief is provided on the following page.

Engineering Department staff advised that fire extinguishers should be part of a Provincial Stewardship Program that would be mandated through an amendment of the Provincial Recycling Regulation, under the Environment Act. Staff recommended that a resolution be made to the UBCM to put forward a request to the B.C. Ministry of Environment to implement a program.

From: Robertson, Joe
Sent: January-04-17 10:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Clerks; Thompson, Jim
Subject: Fire Extinguisher recycling

Hello Mr. Black,

The City's Engineering Department may be able to provide you with further information regarding recycling, but because your enquiry had a fire-related component I was copied on your email. I am copying Jim Thompson, who is the supervisor of solid waste and recycling, so that Engineering is aware of your enquiry.

Firstly, the decision to recycle and buy new vs. recharging an existing extinguisher is solely yours, but you may be interested to learn that the costs for a recharge are less than half of purchasing a new extinguisher. So although I am not able to provide a reply regarding your specific request on a rebate or recycling program, I did check on-line and also contacted a local company that both sells and recharges fire extinguishers and can provide you with the following information:

To recharge a typical 5 lb. extinguisher that hangs on a home or office wall - \$29
To purchase the same extinguisher from this company - \$65
To purchase the same extinguisher from a 'big box store' - \$63
To recycle an old extinguisher with this company - \$15

I hope this information helps, and please contact me if you have any questions you think I might be able to answer.

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