

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2018 Nov 07

**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

**FILE:** 36000-03  
**REF:** Solid Waste &  
Recycling Bylaw

**SUBJECT:** 2019 RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES

**PURPOSE:** To seek Committee and Council's approval to adopt the 2019 Garbage Receptacle Fee structure and amend the yard waste disposal fee and delivery fee for rain barrels and composters.

---

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Financial Management Committee recommend Council approve the amendment of 2019 solid waste fees as described in the report below.

**REPORT****INTRODUCTION**

Residential property owners pay an annual fee to offset some of the cost of providing solid waste, green bin, and recycling services. The fees are structured to offset the cost of tipping fees, encourage residents to select the correct size receptacle to avoid overfilling or illegal dumping, and encourage solid waste diversion to recycling and organics disposal programs.

The Solid Waste and Recycling Bylaw (Bylaw 12875) details the fees as described above, as well as yard waste disposal fees and rain barrel/composter delivery fees. These fees have not been adjusted since 2013, and staff are now recommending changes to account for inflation and to align fees with current policy.

**POLICY SECTION**

The proposed changes are aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan.

To: CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
From: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
Re: 2019 RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES  
2018 November 07 ..... Page 2

## Goals

- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy life –  
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
  - Healthy environment –  
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
- A Dynamic Community
  - Community development –  
Manage change by balancing economic development with environmental protection and maintaining a sense of belonging
- A Thriving Organization
  - Financial viability –  
Maintain a financially sustainable City for the provision, renewal and enhancement of City services, facilities and assets
  - Communication –  
Practice open and transparent communication among staff, Council and the community
  - Reliable services, technology and information –  
Protect the integrity and security of City information, services and assets

## DISCUSSION

### Curbside Residential Solid Waste Fees

The curbside residential solid waste fee is based on the size of the garbage receptacle provided to the resident on January 01. Residents are able to change the size of the garbage receptacle at any time, provided the \$50 service fee is prepaid. The table below shows the receptacles in service at the end of 2017.

Receptacle Size	Annual Fee	Quantity	%	Revenue
120L Garbage (32G)	\$25	6,156	18.7%	\$153,900
180L Garbage (48G)	\$75	21,913	66.4%	\$1,643,475
240L Garbage (64G)	\$205	3,872	11.7%	\$793,760
360L Garbage (96G)	\$385	1,064	3.2%	\$409,640
Total		33,005	100.0%	\$3,000,775

To: CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
From: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
Re: 2019 RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES  
2018 November 07 ..... Page 3

### Receptacle Fees for 2019

The differences amongst the fees in the current fee structure have induced some residents to select a smaller receptacle than they require. This has contributed to overfilling of receptacles and increased waste collected from public receptacles in Burnaby parks and public spaces.

The 2019 proposed fee structure reduces the difference between the 180L and 240L receptacles. This will discourage residents from reducing the size of their receptacle for financial reasons. It will also allow residents to increase to the 240L receptacle to avoid overfilling the smaller sized receptacles. Converging the fees for the 180L and 240L receptacles over a number of years will facilitate a reduction of receptacle stock and streamline operations by eventually offering only 3 sizes. It is recommended that a disincentive be maintained for the largest receptacle (360L).

The proposed 2019 Receptacle Fee structure is shown in the table below.

Receptacle Size	2018 Annual Fee	2019 Annual Fee	Fee Change	Quantity	2019 Revenue
120L Garbage (32G)	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$5.00	6,156	\$184,680
180L Garbage (48G)	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$10.00	21,913	\$1,862,605
240L Garbage (64G)	\$205.00	\$150.00	-\$55.00	3,872	\$580,800
360L Garbage (96G)	\$385.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	1,064	\$409,640
Total				33,005	\$3,037,725

### Other Fee Changes


It is recommended that the per tonne yard waste disposal fee at the Burnaby Eco-Centre be the same fee as that collected at Metro Vancouver disposal facilities (currently \$95 per tonne).

It is further recommended that the delivery fee for rain barrels and composters be increased from \$5 to \$50 to more closely reflect actual cost of service.

To: CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
From: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
Re: 2019 RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE FEES  
2018 November 07..... Page 4

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Financial Management Committee recommend Council approve the amendment of 2019 curbside residential solid waste fees, yard waste disposal fees and rain barrel/composter delivery fees as described in this report.

  
Leon A. Gous, P.Eng., MBA  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

AS/JL/ac

Copied to: City Manager  
City Solicitor  
Director Finance