



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 18, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **2023 RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw Adoption**

Report prepared by: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager

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**RECOMMENDATION** to consider and resolve:

**THAT** Council give first, second and third reading to the “City of West Kelowna RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0308, 2023”.

### **STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS**

**Economic and Growth and Prosperity**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) provides educational and other services to the region related to curbside collection, composting, recycling and other items. Numerous programs, such as community cleanup, paper free home, trunk sales and Christmas tree chipping, throughout the year helps promote less waste and a cleaner region. At the November 24, 2015 Council meeting, the decision was made to move the solid waste and recycling program charge from the utility bill and apply it to the annual tax bill as a parcel tax. Previously properties utilizing curbside collection and strata’s opting into the curbside collection service were being charged for this program on their quarterly utility bill. The parcel tax will be levied on all residential assessed properties.

Given that the budget and participants’ shares are subject to change annually, this matter must be brought to Council each year for consideration. In 2023 the City of West Kelowna’s share is \$268,777, which is down slightly from \$278,535 in 2022 but up from the net requisition for 2022 of \$232,262 which included an adjustment from surplus from 2021. The Solid Waste and Recycling Program is invoiced to the City of West Kelowna on a quarterly basis, based on actual expenses. In 2023 there are 14,339 properties within our jurisdiction with a residential assessment component. This equates to an annual levy of \$18.74 per parcel (in 2022 it was \$16.32 per parcel).

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The amount billed to the City of West Kelowna from RDCO for the Solid Waste and Recycling program is then billed directly to the residents on the annual tax bill. If Council were not to approve the bylaw, the City would still be responsible to the RDCO for the cost of the program, which would have a substantial impact on the budget.

## **REVIEWED BY**

Warren Everton, Director of Finance / CFO

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

## **APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY**

Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes  No

### Attachments:

1. Bylaw 0308, 2023 RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax
2. 094 Waste Reduction RDCO 2023 Budget
3. 2023 RDCO Draft Tax Requisition