



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 9, 2024

From: Ron Mattiussi, Interim CAO

Subject: **2024 RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw**

Report prepared by: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager / Deputy CFO

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT City of West Kelowna RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0315, 2024 be given first, second and third reading.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Pursue Economic Growth and Prosperity – We will work with stakeholders throughout the region to advocate for and support efforts aimed at helping West Kelowna businesses prosper. With a focus on the future, we will advance opportunities to expand our economy, increase employment, and develop the community in ways that contribute towards prosperity for all.

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 2024 the City of West Kelowna's share is \$244,728 which will be reduced by \$61,969 from excess billing from 2023 reconciliation, for a net amount of \$182,759 for 2024. The 2024 amount is lower than the \$266,714 billed in 2023 due to overall reductions in operating costs. The Solid Waste and Recycling Program is invoiced to the City of West Kelowna on a quarterly

basis, based on actual expenses. In 2024 there are 14,511 properties within our jurisdiction with a residential assessment component. This equates to an annual levy of \$12.59 per parcel (in 2023 it was \$18.74 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

Trevor Seibel, Deputy CAO

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Ron, Interim CAO

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. Bylaw 315, 2024 RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax
2. 094 Waste Reduction RDCO 2024 Budget
3. 2024 RDCO Tax Requisition for CWK