



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 9, 2024

From: Ron Mattiussi, Interim CAO

Subject: **2024 Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw**

Report Prepared By: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager / Deputy CFO

RECOMMENDATION to Consider and Resolve:

THAT City of West Kelowna Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0316, 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 landfill located on Asquith Road in West Kelowna (referred to as the Westside Landfill) has served West Kelowna, Peachland, the Electoral Area and the WFN for many years. The facility was operated by the RDCO and funded through tipping fees. In 2010, the RDCO converted the landfill to a transfer station open only to residential customers and the funding method became a combination of tipping fees and a parcel tax. The participants in the function and financial contributors are the City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, Westbank First Nation, and the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

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 CWK share is \$595,560 up from \$577,621 last year. This increase is due to an increase in transfers to reserves for future capital replacements. The net amount to be billed for 2024 is \$595,606 due to an additional \$45.88 to be collected from reconciling the amounts collected in 2023. The RDCO invoices the City of West Kelowna for the Westside Transfer Station on a quarterly basis, based on actual expenses. In keeping with Council's 2010 decision to

tax only those properties that can access the service (residential taxpayers), there are 14,511 properties within our jurisdiction in 2024 with a taxable residential assessment component. This equates to \$41.05 per parcel (2023 - \$40.28). This parcel tax is being collected to fund a regional service and is in the 2024 – 2028 Financial Plan under collection for other governments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The RDCO has established costs per participants with the CWK share being \$595,560. It is recommended that this amount be funded through a parcel tax from properties with a residential assessment component. These funds will be transferred to the Regional District. If the bylaw were not approved, the City would still be responsible to the RDCO for the costs of the program, which would have a substantial impact on the budget

REVIEWED BY

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APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Ron Mattiussi, Interim CAO

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. Bylaw 0316, 2024 Transfer Station Parcel Tax
2. 092 Westside Transfer Station RDCO 2024 Budget
3. 2024 RDCO Tax Requisition for CWK