



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 8, 2025

From: Ron Bowles, CAO

File No: 3900-20-0329

Subject: **Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0329, 2025**

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

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give first, second and third reading to the “Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0329, 2025”.

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.

Foster Safety and Well-Being – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

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 2025 the City of West Kelowna's share is \$228,750 which will be reduced by \$59,299 from excess billing from 2024 reconciliation, for a net amount of \$169,451 for 2025. The 2025 amount is lower than the \$244,728 billed in 2024 due to the discontinuance of several programs and marketing. The Solid Waste and Recycling Program is invoiced to the City of West Kelowna on a quarterly basis, based on actual expenses. In 2025 there are 14,704 properties within our jurisdiction with a residential assessment component. This equates to an annual levy of \$11.52 per parcel (in 2024 it was \$12.59 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

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Ron Bowles, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments:

1. Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0329, 2025
2. 094 Waste Reduction RDCO 2025 Budget
3. 2025 RDCO Tax Requisition for CWK