



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 14, 2026

From: Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: **Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0340, 2026**

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT “Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0340, 2026” be read a first, second, and third time.

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 operational services related to curbside collection, composting, and waste reduction throughout the region. A variety of programs—including community cleanups, Paper-Free Home initiatives, trunk sales, and Christmas tree chipping—are offered year-round to promote waste reduction and support a cleaner environment. At the November 24, 2015 Council meeting, a decision was made to change the funding structure for the solid waste and recycling program. Previously, properties receiving curbside collection services, as well as strata developments that opted into the program, were charged through their quarterly utility bills. Under the revised system, the cost is now applied as a parcel tax on the annual property tax bill and is levied on all residential assessed properties.

The budget and participating parcels are adjusted annually, so Council must review this matter each year. In 2026, West Kelowna's share is \$245,051 plus a \$171.98 shortfall from 2025, totaling \$245,222.98—above the \$228,750 budgeted for 2025 due to higher service costs. The RDCO budget was reduced in 2026 as BC Recycling now oversees regional recycling, but inflation and collective agreement increases raised costs for other programs.

The City receives quarterly invoices for the Waste Reduction Program, calculated based on actual expenses. In 2026, there are 14,870 properties with a residential assessment within the City's boundaries. Each parcel will be charged an annual levy of \$16.49, which is higher than the \$11.52 per parcel charged in 2025. This increase is greater than anticipated because surplus funds from 2024 temporarily lowered the rates for 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The amount billed to the City of West Kelowna from RDCO for the Solid Waste Management 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.

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0340, 2026
2. 094 Waste Reduction RDCO 2026 Budget
3. 2026 RDCO Tax Requisition for CWK