



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: April 14, 2026

From: Ron Bowles, Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: **Asquith Road Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0341, 2026**

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT “Asquith Road Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0341, 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 Westside Landfill, located on Asquith Road in West Kelowna, has served the communities of West Kelowna, Peachland, the Electoral Area, and the Westbank First Nation (WFN) for many years. Operated by the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) and originally funded through tipping fees, the facility was converted in 2010 to a transfer station—now known as the Asquith Road Transfer Station (formerly Westside Transfer Station)—serving residential customers exclusively. Following this transition, the funding model shifted to a combination of tipping fees and a parcel tax.

The City of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, Westbank First Nation, and the Regional District of Central Okanagan are the participating partners and financial contributors to

this service. As the budget and each participant's share are subject to annual adjustments, this matter must be brought forward to Council each year for consideration.

In 2026, the City of West Kelowna share is \$691,898, an increase from \$620,933 in 2025. This increase is primarily attributable to higher transfers to reserves for future capital replacements, as well as an increase in engineering overhead costs allocated to this function by the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO). The net amount to be billed for 2026 is \$688,074, which reflects a reduction of \$3,824 following the reconciliation of amounts collected in 2025. The RDCO invoices the City on a quarterly basis for the Asquith Road (Westside) Transfer Station, with charges based on actual expenses incurred.

In accordance with Council's 2010 decision to levy taxes only on properties that can access the service (i.e. residential taxpayers), there are 14,870 properties within the jurisdiction of the City of West Kelowna in 2026 with a taxable residential assessment component. This results in a parcel tax of \$46.27 per property, compared to \$42.22 in 2025. This parcel tax is collected to fund a regional service provided by the Regional District of Central Okanagan and is included in the City's 2025–2029 Financial Plan under "collection for other governments."

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) has established the cost allocation among participants, with the City of West Kelowna share set at \$691,898, reduced to \$688,074 following reconciliation. It is recommended that this amount be funded through a parcel tax applied to properties with a residential assessment component, with the collected funds remitted to the Regional District. If the bylaw is not approved, the City would remain responsible for covering the program costs payable to the RDCO, which would have a significant impact on the municipal budget.

PowerPoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. RDCO Requisition 2026
2. Asquith Road Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0341, 2026
3. Cost Centre Budget Appendix H 2026-2030 (092 Asquith Transfer Station)