



COUNCIL REPORT
Financial Services
For the April 28, 2020 Special Council Meeting

DATE: April 6, 2020
TO: Paul Gipps, CAO
FROM: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager
RE: 2020 RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw

The Parcel Tax bylaw is required at this time to finalize funding and taxation and to meet provincially legislated deadlines.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to the “City of West Kelowna RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0278, 2020”; and, as permitted under the Province of BC Order of the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Ministerial Order No. M083);

THAT Council adopt the “City of West Kelowna RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0278, 2020”.

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 stratas 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 2020 the CWK share is \$232,180, which is up from \$223,383 in 2019. This is due to expected increases in operating costs and expenses including a Waste Composition Study and BioWaste inventory. The Solid Waste and Recycling Program is invoiced to the City of West Kelowna on a quarterly basis, based on actual expenses. Due to expenses being less than expected in 2019, there is an adjustment credit of (\$47,279) to be recognized, reducing the amount need to be collected in 2020 to \$184,901. In 2020 there are 13,847 properties within our jurisdiction with a residential assessment component. This equates to an annual levy of \$13.35 per parcel (in 2019 it was \$12.00 per parcel).

ALTERNATE MOTION

THAT Council NOT give first, second and third readings to the “City of West Kelowna RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0278, 2020”.

Implications: if cancelled 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 AND APPROVED BY:

Warren Everton, Director of Finance/CFO
Tracey Batten, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer
Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments: 1. Bylaw #278, 2020
2. 2020 RDCO Program Budget Waste Reduction and Recycling Program