



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 Transfer Station 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 Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0277, 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 Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0277, 2020”.

BACKGROUND:

The landfill located on Asquith Road in West Kelowna (referred to as the Westside Landfill) 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 2020, the CWK share is \$470,413 up from \$444,157 last year. This increase is mostly due to an increase in hauling charges, tipping fees, security services, and payroll. In keeping with Council's 2010 decision to tax only those properties that are able to access the service (residential taxpayers), there are 13,847 properties within our jurisdiction in 2020 with a taxable residential assessment component. This equates to \$33.97 per parcel (2019 - \$32.51). This parcel tax is being collected to fund a regional service and is in the 2020 – 2029 Financial Plan under collection for other governments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The RDCO has established costs per participants with the CWK share being \$470,413. 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.

ALTERNATE MOTION

THAT Council NOT give first, second and third readings of the “City of West Kelowna Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0277, 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. City of West Kelowna Transfer Station Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0277, 2020
2. RDCO 2020 Program Budget – SWM Waste Reduction & Recycling Program