



COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: April 20, 2021

From: Lisa Siavashi, Financial Services Manager

Subject: **2021 RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give first, second and third readings to the “City of West Kelowna RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax Bylaw No. 0287, 2021”.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Economic and financial well-being of the City of 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 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 2021 the City of West Kelowna's share is \$245,694, which is up from \$232,180 in 2020. This is due to expected increases in operating costs including payroll, commercial and construction waste disposal and a community education study. 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 2020, there is an adjustment credit of (\$25,947) to be recognized, reducing the amount needing to be collected in 2021 to \$206,233. In 2021 there are 14,009 properties within our jurisdiction with a residential assessment component. This equates to an annual levy of \$14.72 per parcel (in 2020 it was \$13.35 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.

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. 0287, 2021”.

REVIEWED BY

Warren Everton, Director of Finance/CFO

Shelley Schnitzler, Legislative Services Manager/Corporate Officer

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

PowerPoint: Yes ☐ No ☒

Attachments:

1. Bylaw 287, 2021 RDCO Solid Waste and Recycling Program Parcel Tax
2. 2021 - 2025 RDCO Waste Reduction and Recycling Program Budget Projections