



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-075

From: Gerritt Lacey, Solid Waste Manager

Date: December 2, 2021

Subject: Solid Waste Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Tipping Fee Increase 2022

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board rescind third reading given to Solid Waste Regulations and Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 2463, 2021 on November 18, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board give Solid Waste Regulations and Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 2463, 2021 third reading as amended to include the 76% increase for unsorted Industrial, Commercial and Institutional waste as intended.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On November 18, 2021, the Regional Board approved the recommendation from the Solid Waste Committee to amend the existing Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw to increase Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) tipping fees by 5% for sorted waste and 76% for unsorted waste. Also at the November 18th Regional Board meeting, Solid Waste Regulations and Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 2463, 2021 was given first three readings, as the necessary first step to implement the fee increase approved by the Board.

Staff noted an error when preparing the bylaw for submission to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for approval, specifically, in Schedule A – Fees and Charges by Weight, Part II – Controlled Waste by Weight, the fee for ‘Demolition, Land Clearing, and Construction Waste’ in line 8 was not increased from 113.63 to 200.00 per tonne. The 200.00 per tonne fee is included in the amended version for the Board’s approval, to fully capture the intent. All other areas of the bylaw were updated to reflect a 76% increase to unsorted ICI waste.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Potential Revenue Generation based on proposed tipping fee rate increases of 5% sorted, 76% unsorted for ICI:

	2020 Actual Revenue	Increase to Revenue
ICI Sorted Waste	\$1,244,783	\$62,240
ICI Diverted Waste	\$387,845	\$19,392
ICI Unsorted Waste	\$2,226,442	\$1,692,096
TOTAL		\$1,773,727

The new tipping fee rates were rounded to the nearest \$1.00 for weight based fees and \$0.25 for volume based fees.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

The bylaw as at third reading as amended will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for its approval. A plan is being developed to communicate the changes to the fee structure to affected customers.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Staff will hire an external consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of tipping fees to inform future rate changes. A separate bylaw amendment will be required to implement any changes recommended by the review, and would also require Ministry approval.

External Links:

1. [Solid Waste Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Tipping Fees Increase, ENV-BRD-073](#) (Agenda Item 10.1, November 18, 2021 Board Meeting)
2. [2022 Update to Solid Waste Tipping Fees, ENV-SWC-066](#) (Agenda Item 9.5, November 5, 2021 Solid Waste Committee Meeting)

Attachments:

1. Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 2463, 2021 (amended December 2 2021)