



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ENV-BRD-239

From: Environmental Services

Date: May 1, 2025

**Subject: Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023 - Update**

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## **RECOMMENDATION #1: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board rescind third reading of "Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023 given on June 9, 2023".

## **RECOMMENDATION #2: [Corporate Unweighted]**

That the Regional Board give "Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023" third reading as amended.

## **RECOMMENDATION #3: [Corporate Unweighted, 2/3 Majority]**

That the Regional Board adopt "Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023".

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

On June 29, 2023 the Regional Board passed the following resolution:

*MOVED SECONDED, and CARRIED*

*That the Regional Board give "Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023", which establishes regulations and provides authority to impose fees for the disposal of solid waste within the Peace River Regional District first, second, and third readings.*

Staff submitted the bylaw to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for Ministerial review and approval on July 11, 2023 following Section 35(1) of the *Environmental Management Act* (EMA).

In January and February of 2024, staff contacted the Ministry requesting an update on the status of the bylaw review. In March 2024, Provincial staff responded that anticipated timelines for reviews of solid waste bylaws submitted for Ministerial approval were one year, and there was no update available at the time.

As the one-year mark approached, staff again reached to check in on the bylaw review, in June and September 2024. At the end of September, staff received an update that the Province was confirming scope and guidance for a simpler process for the PRRD to follow that would not require Ministerial approval and were told that another update would not be available until November 2024 following the Provincial election.

In January 2025, a meeting was held between Peace River Regional District (PRRD) and Provincial staff to discuss the updates being considered by the Province to streamline future requests. From that call,

it was expressed that bylaw No. 2525, 2023 would not require Ministerial approval as it refers to a previously established service under the PRRD's Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1044, 1996 and is viewed as being established through the PRRD's authority under the *Local Government Act* (LGA) rather than the EMA.

At the end of March 2025, staff received confirmation from Provincial staff that Bylaw No. 2525, 2023 does not require Ministry of Environment and Parks approval as there are no new authorities under the Solid Waste Management Plan being requested. It is understood that Ministerial approval will only be needed when the PRRD is establishing a bylaw under the authority of Section 25(3) paragraphs (a)-(p) of the EMA. Based on the direction received, the PRRD requested to rescind Ministerial approval process for Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023.

Since starting the process 24 months ago, staff identified some further updates that could be included in the new Bylaw prior to adoption to provide additional clarification for staff, contractors and users of PRRD solid waste facilities. As such, an amended version is being presented for consideration and adoption. Changes made compared to the previous version include:

- Update Date - General Provisions
  - Bylaw to take effect July 1, 2025
- New Definition – “Saturated with Blood”
- Updated Definition – “Prohibited Waste”
  - Include Saturated with Blood
- Updated Definition – “Demolition, Land clearing, and Construction Waste”
  - Clarification on the amount and size of rock
- Updated Definition – “Impacted Soil”
  - Clarification on detected waste materials
- Create Section 33 – Person's entering a Facility do so at their own risk

The Amended Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw 2525, 2023 has been attached to this report for consideration of adoption, along with a redline version showing all changes made from the previous version for reference.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

No changes to the fees have been made through the amended version presented compared to the previous version presented to the Board June 29, 2023.

Overall, the structure of Schedules A and B was updated in Bylaw No. 2525, 2023 compared to the existing tipping fee Schedules attached to the current Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2065, 2013, but no changes in fees were made through the update.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

Following the adoption of the bylaw, staff will update signage at attended facilities to reflect the new breakdown of fees and charges under schedules A and B. An update to the public on the new Bylaw will be provided through the PRRD website and social media posts.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

The bylaw will take effect July 1, 2025. The delay from adoption to implementation will provide staff time to order and install updated site signage for fees, update landfill and transfer station software, discuss changes made through the bylaw update with landfill and transfer station contractors, and work with communications to draft media release(s).

**Attachments:**

1. Amended Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023
2. Amended Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525, 2023 - Redline

**External Links:**

1. [Solid Waste Regulation and Fees Bylaw No. 2525,2023 ENV-BRD-144](#) – See 10.3 on the Regional Board Agenda dated June 29, 2023.