



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: IO-2021-012

Date: October 5, 2021

Originator: Karin Pratte, P.Eng.

Business Unit:

Department:

Infrastructure and Operations

Public Works & Services

Subject: Waste Management By-Law User Fee Adjustment

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

Recommendation

That Council receive and refer Report to Council No. IO 2021-12 from Karin Pratte dated October 5, 2021 to the General Government Committee for a Public Meeting to be held on November 3rd, 2021.

Background

This report has been prepared for the purpose of updating the user fees in the Waste management By-Law. Pursuant to the notice policy (By-law No. 2020-79), public notice will be given and a public meeting will be held to obtain public feedback prior to amending the user fee by-law.

In 2019 Council approved a user pay system for garbage collection which included receptacle (bag) tags sold at \$1/tag and allowed residents to put out up to 4 additional tagged waste receptacles to the curb per week.

In August 2021 Council approved an increase in the cost of a receptacle (bag) tag to go from the current cost of \$1/bag to \$2/bag starting January 1, 2022.

The Waste Management By-Law No. 2010-108 must be updated to reflect this approved user fee.

Financial/Legal Implications

During the 2021 budget deliberations, Council approved a service level change to reduce the amount of allowable waste at the curb along with the change in user fee for bag tags from \$1/bag to \$2/bag. The \$2/tag is more in line with other Northern Ontario Communities which have partial user pay systems

including Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Sault. Ste. Marie and was proposed as the cost of recycling and garbage collection has gone up in the past year due to the renewal of the existing contract with Miller Waste. Accordingly, the 2021 Environmental Services Budget was established with a new savings of \$18,142 as a result of adoption of the Service Level Change.

Subsequent to the approval of the 2021 budget, RTC IO-2021-08 was presented to Council in July 2021 which outlined the Waste Diversion Strategy and recommended to delay the implementation of the \$2/bag until January 1, 2022. The report identified total cost savings estimated at \$40,284 for 2022; however, due to the uncertain nature of the estimates it was recommended that additional cost savings not be included in the 2022 budget and a more refined estimate of cost savings be included in the 2023 budget after one year of experience with the service level change.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

Protect, promote and enhance the environment in all aspects of the city's operations and plans.

Provide smart, cost effective services and programs to residents and businesses.

Ensure that Council and staff have a shared perception and goals.

Options Analysis

Option 1: Report to Council IO 2021-012 be referred to the General Government Committee for a Public Meeting to be held on November 3rd ; and that Council authorizes the City Clerk to amend the Waste Management By-Law (By-Law No. 2010-108, as amended) pursuant to the recommendations noted in Report to Council IO 2021-012.

This option is recommended

Option 2: That Council not make any changes to the Waste Management User Fee By-Law at this time.

This Option is not recommended.

Recommended Option

That Report to Council No. IO 2021-012 be referred to the General Government Committee for a Public Meeting to be held on November 3rd,

2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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I concur with this report and recommendation

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Title: Director Public Works and Parks

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Title: Chief Administrative Officer

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