



## City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: IO-2021-018

Date: November 30, 2021

Originator: Karin Pratte, P.Eng.

Business Unit:

Department:

Infrastructure and Operations

Environmental Services

Subject: Waste Management By-Law Amendment

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

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### Recommendation

That Council authorize an amendment to City of North Bay Waste Management By-Law being By-Law No. 2010-108 as set out in Report to Council IO 2021-018 by Karin Pratte dated November 30, 2021.

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### Background

The City of North Bay Environmental Services department developed a waste diversion strategy (Strategy) which provides a high level overview of waste diversion for the City of North Bay over the next 5 years. The Strategy seeks to identify and implement programs to expand participation in recycling/waste reduction initiatives and increase waste diversion from the City of North Bay Merrick Landfill.

One of the waste diversion programs presented to council as a service level change was a reduction in allowable waste at the curb. This service level change was approved through report to council IO 2021-09 which reduces the allowable waste receptacles (bags) at the curb from 3 to 2 for residential users and from 12 to 10 for ICI users starting January 1, 2022.

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### Financial/Legal Implications

The City began a communication campaign in September 2021 with the goal of educating and informing North Bay residents of the upcoming change in service. There has been significant feedback, most of which is positive and supportive of the change that will help increase diversion, preserve landfill space, save

natural resources and reduce our impact on climate change.

There has also been feedback in regards to the possibility for exemptions for extenuating circumstances. There may be reasons that some households will struggle with the new bag limit; for example families with young children still in diapers, families with additional waste for medical reasons..etc.

It is recommended that the North Bay Waste Management By-Law No. 2010-108 be amended to allow for exemptions. An online application for exemption has been developed in house and will be made available to the public prior to January 1, 2022. This will allow residents to submit information in regards to reasons for the exemption and City staff will review and approve on a case by case basis. If an exemption is granted that household or commercial business would remain at the current service level and not have the allowable waste reduced at the curb.

Contractor costs are not impacted by the waste reduction service level change and therefore there are no financial implications in regards to the exemption.

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### **Corporate Strategic Plan**

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

### **Specific Objectives**

Promote quality customer service as a practice

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### **Options Analysis**

Option 1: That Council authorize an amendment to City of North Bay Waste Management By-Law being By-Law No. 2010-108 as set out in Report to Council IO 2021-018 by Karin Pratte dated November 30, 2021. This is the recommended option.

Option 2: That Council do not authorize an amendment to City of North Bay Waste Management By-Law. This is not recommended.

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### **Recommended Option**

That Council authorize an amendment to City of North Bay Waste Management By-Law being By-Law No. 2010-108 as set out in Report to Council IO 2021-018 by Karin Pratte dated November 30, 2021.

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**I concur with this report and recommendation**

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