

Report

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Subject Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025 for first three readings

PURPOSE

To introduce the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025, which proposes increases to the annual garbage fee for larger garbage and organics carts, bear-resistant carts, and a cart exchange fee.

BACKGROUND

In the January 18, 2023, report to Council, staff recommended that an upsize option from the 80-litre default cart be made available for households with larger families or for those currently using the extra bag tag system with manual collection. An increased user fee will be implemented to reflect the user-pay system, where those who generate more waste pay more to dispose of it. It was also recommended that an exchange fee be implemented for residents who wish to upsize or downsize their existing automated carts.

At the February 1, 2023, Council meeting, it was resolved that “staff be directed to provide households with a choice of garbage and organics cart sizes (i.e. 80, 120, and 240) with 80 litres as default” and a size-based pricing structure designed to provide a financial incentive to go with the smallest 80 litre option—an incentive supported by higher pricing for the larger cart options, with the goal of reducing the amount of garbage waste.

In February 2024, staff requested that residents consider the sizes of garbage and organics carts for the new automated collection program and advise staff if they would like carts larger than the 80-litre default. The number of carts required based on resident requests was: 16,200 80-litre, 2,645 120-litre, and 1,805 240-litre, totalling 20,650 carts, which includes a 10% surplus for exchanges, etc.

At the January 15, 2025, Council meeting, staff were directed to purchase 120- and 240-litre bear-resistant carts at an increased cost for residents to use as an alternative to the standard carts.

At the June 18, 2025, Council meeting, an updated Waste Collection Bylaw was given three readings. The bylaw incorporates provisions for automated curbside collection of garbage and organics, as well as the Contamination Management Policy, which establishes the procedures and consequences associated with contamination incidents.

DISCUSSION

Staff are proposing to add a new section to the bylaw to address waste collection fees. Waste collection fees are currently addressed under *Schedule C – Development and Permitting Fees (Section 2 Engineering Fees)*. The new section will be *Schedule H – Waste Collection Fees (Section 1, Garbage, Organics and Recyclables Collection)*. Outlined below are the cart options available, along with their associated fees, for single-family dwellings and legal secondary suites, as well as miscellaneous costs, including a cart exchange fee and a bear-resistant cart fee.

Schedule H – Waste Collection Fees (Section 1, Garbage, Organics and Recyclables Collection)

Single Family Dwelling

- 80-litre garbage cart and 80-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$52.34 (annual cost of \$157)
- 80-litre garbage cart and 120-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$62.33 (annual cost of \$187)
- 80-litre garbage cart and 240-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$80.67 (annual cost of \$242)
- 120-litre garbage cart and 80-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$67.33 (annual cost of \$202)
- 120-litre garbage cart and 120-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$77.33 (annual cost of \$232)
- 120-litre garbage cart and 240-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$95.67 (annual cost of \$287)
- 240-litre garbage cart and 80-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$94 (annual cost of \$282)
- 240-litre garbage cart and 120-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$104 (annual cost of \$312)
- 240-litre garbage cart and 240-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$122.33 (annual cost of \$367)

Secondary Suites

- 240-litre garbage cart and 120-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$52.34 (annual cost of \$157)
- 240-litre garbage cart and 80-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$52.34 (annual cost of \$157)
- 2 x 80-litre garbage carts and 2 x 80-litre organics carts, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$52.34 (annual cost of \$157)

- 1 x 120-litre garbage cart and 1 x 120-litre organics cart (annual cost of \$232) and 1 x 80-litre garbage cart and 1 x 80-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$52.34 (annual cost of \$157)
- 240-litre garbage cart and 240-litre organics cart, tri-annual per dwelling unit cost of \$61.17 (annual cost of \$183.5)

Miscellaneous

- Cart exchange fee (up to 2 carts per exchange), \$30 per exchange
- Recycling bag, \$3 each
- Recycle sticker, \$1 each
- 120-litre bear-resistant garbage or organics cart, additional tri-annual per dwelling unit cost per cart of \$10 (annual cost of \$30)
- 240-litre bear-resistant garbage or organics cart, additional tri-annual per dwelling unit cost per cart of \$13.33 (annual cost of \$40)

The additional fees for the larger garbage and organics carts reflect the increased costs of the carts themselves, the higher tipping fees due to their greater capacity, and an incentive supported by higher pricing for the larger cart options, with the goal of reducing the amount of garbage waste. The additional costs associated with the bear-resistant carts reflect the higher cost of the cart.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option)** THAT Council gives first, second, and third readings to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025.
2. THAT Council:
 - (1) gives first and second readings to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025;
 - (2) amends the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025 by:
 - [Insert amendment]
 - (3) gives third reading to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025, as amended.

IMPLICATIONS

The proposed bylaw amendments must be adopted prior to the issuance of the September utility bill. At its meeting on February 5, 2025, the Committee of the Whole directed staff to increase the 2025 garbage and recycling fee from \$153 to \$157. Without the additional revenue generated from higher cart fees, the waste collection budget is projected to run a deficit in 2025, as expenses are expected to exceed revenues.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council gives first, second, and third readings to the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025.

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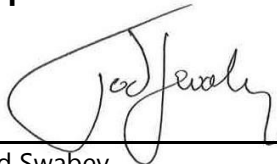
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Attachment:

- (1) Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 4024, 2025