

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

SUBJECT **Amendment to the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw (Bylaw No. 3881)**

ISSUE SUMMARY

To amend Bylaw No. 3881, the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, to adjust the kitchen scraps tipping fee rate.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of March 10, 2021, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board approved a motion directing that Bylaw No. 3881, the Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013 be amended to set the tipping fee rate for kitchen scraps at \$140 per tonne beginning January 1, 2022 to offset kitchen scraps hauling and processing costs. The amendment Bylaw No. 4420 can be found as Appendix A.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

1. That Bylaw No. 4420, "Hartland Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2021", be introduced and read a first, second time and third time; and
2. That Bylaw No. 4420 be adopted.

Alternative 2

That staff come back with more information.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Adjusting the tipping fee for kitchen scraps received at the Hartland landfill transfer station to \$140 per tonne will bring the revenues generated through the provision of this service into alignment with the costs of hauling and processing the material.

Intergovernmental Implications

Kitchen scraps collected by the municipalities of Esquimalt, Sidney and View Royal have historically been managed through CRD kitchen scraps hauling and processing contracts. Increasing the tipping fee for kitchen scraps under Alternative 1 will likely require these municipalities to increase the budgets for their programs, and delaying the increase in the fee

until January 1, 2022 should provide them with sufficient time to do so. Victoria, Oak Bay and Saanich have separate arrangements for the processing of their kitchen scraps.

Environmental Implications

The diversion of kitchen scraps for composting saves landfill space and reduces greenhouse gas emissions by avoiding methane generation as they decompose in the landfill. The finished compost produced from kitchen scraps can also help reduce the use of fossil-fuel based fertilizers when used in agriculture. The higher tipping fee posed under Alternative 1 may serve as a disincentive to divert kitchen scraps. Alternative 2 will help to facilitate the diversion of kitchen scraps by maintaining a subsidized kitchen scraps diversion option to both public and private haulers using the Hartland transfer station.

CONCLUSION

At its meeting of March 10, 2021, the Capital Regional District Board directed that the tipping fee rate for kitchen scraps be set at \$140 per tonne beginning January 1, 2022 to offset kitchen scraps hauling and processing costs. Approving the amendment to Bylaw 3881 will complete this directive and align kitchen scraps hauling and processing costs with the tipping fees levied to receive these materials at Hartland. Having the \$140 per tonne fee begin January 1, 2022 will allow sufficient time for both public and private sector users to adjust their budgets and/or fees in preparation for this change.

RECOMMENDATION

The Environmental Services Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District Board:

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2. That Bylaw No. 4420 be adopted.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: Bylaw No. 4420, Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 6, 2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2021