



Subject: Bylaw No. 17/017 – Utility Rates Bylaw Amendment - Acceptable Contaminated Soil

APPROVALS:

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Administrative Recommendation:

1. THAT Bylaw No. 17/017, being an amendment to the Utility Rates Bylaw, be read a second time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 17/017 be read a third and final time.

Summary:

Bylaw No. 17/008 was passed to temporarily waive the fee associated with the tipping of material deemed to be acceptable contaminated soil to minimize the financial burden to residents impacted by the 2016 wildfire. As a soil stockpiling site has been secured and is operational, thus providing a location for acceptable contaminated soil from the wildfire areas to be disposed of, the justification for this Bylaw no longer exists.

Background:

In April 2017, Council approved Bylaw No. 17/008 to temporarily waive the fee associated with the tipping of material deemed to be acceptable contaminated soil until December 2018. The rationale for the waiver was to minimize the financial burden to residents impacted by the 2016 wildfire. At that time, the Recovery Task Force was working with Planning & Development to secure a soil stockpile location in order to decrease the amount of acceptable contaminated soil that will be directed to the Landfill and provide an opportunity for the Municipality to repurpose the soil for future municipal projects.

Since the approval of the Bylaw in April 2017, a soil stockpiling site has been secured and is operational; thus providing an alternative to the Landfill and reducing the financial burden associated with rebuilding to the residents. As this other option is now available, Administration proposes that the current fee waiver for material deemed to be acceptable contaminated soil be repealed. While this will not negate the ability for soil to be disposed of at the Landfill, the normal fees or testing requirements will apply.

Budget/Financial Implications:

As of May 26, 2017, 20,343 cubic metres of soil had been disposed of at the Landfill since the Council resolution to waive the tipping fees. As this soil is placed directly in the cell, there is a loss of capacity that is realized from the tipping fee waiver. While acceptable at the time of

passing of this motion to alleviate the financial burden on the residents rebuilding; the soil stockpile site is now operational reducing the need to direct the material to the Landfill. Further as there is a cost of operating the soil stockpiling site; it is not prudent to pay the operational costs and provide a tipping fee waiver.

Rationale for Recommendation:

There no longer remains a need to waive the tipping fees associated with disposing of material deemed acceptable contaminated soil at the Landfill as a soil stockpiling site has been secured and is operational.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services

Pillar 4 – Building an Effective Land Strategy

Recovery Campaign Plan Linkage:

Rebuild Pillar – Make timely policy decisions that enable reconstruction by removing obstacles and barriers

Attachment:

1. Bylaw No. 17/017