

BYLAW 20327

Waste Services Bylaw 18590, Amendment No. 6

RECOMMENDATION

That Utility Committee recommend to City Council Budget:

That Bylaw 20327 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend the Waste Services Bylaw 18590 with adjusted monthly residential waste utility rates.

Readings

Bylaw 20327 is ready for three readings.

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20327 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This report sets out the proposed 2023 and 2024 monthly residential waste utility rates that take effect on January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2024. Administration is proposing a 0.9 per cent annual rate increase in 2023 and 2024 for residential customers that receive either curbside collection or communal collection. This proposed rate increase does not apply to customers that are part of two Multi-unit Transition groups, where rates are being phased in over a five-year period.

REPORT

Administration is proposing a 0.9 per cent annual rate increase for 2023 and 2024. Curbside customers have the choice of either a 120-litre or 240-litre cart. A 360-litre cart is only available to residents that meet very specific criteria, including large households and those that generate non-hazardous home health care waste.

Curbside cart rates provide financial flexibility for residential customers who embrace waste reduction and waste sorting behaviours. Variable rates allow residential customers to choose the garbage cart size they require based on the amount of waste they generate; this, in turn, reduces the waste generated and helps to achieve the City’s waste diversion targets. The curbside rate is increasing by \$0.43 in 2023 and \$0.44 in 2024.

Most multi-unit residential households receive communal collection, which sees waste disposed of in shared containers, typically in condominiums and apartments. The rate for communal collection is increasing by \$0.28 in both 2023 and 2024.

The rate for customers who began transitioning from communal collection to curbside collection in 2020 (Multi-unit Transition Rate 1) will increase by \$3.93 in 2023 and \$3.99 in 2024 resulting in their alignment with the \$49.19 curbside rate in 2024. The rate for customers who began transitioning from communal collection to curbside collection in 2021 (Multi-unit Transition Rate 2) will increase by \$3.90 in 2023 and \$3.96 in 2024. These customers will have their rates in full alignment with the curbside rate in 2025.

The following table outlines the proposed monthly rates for 2023 and 2024.

| Residential Waste Collection Service | Current Monthly Rate (January 1 to December 1, 2022) | 2023 Proposed Monthly Rate (January 1 to December 31, 2023) | 2024 Proposed Monthly Rate (January 1 to December 31, 2024) |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Curbside 120L Garbage Cart | \$43.32 | \$43.75 | \$44.19 |
| Curbside 240L Garbage Cart | \$48.32 | \$48.75 | \$49.19 |
| Curbside 360L Garbage Cart* | \$58.32 | \$58.75 | \$59.19 |
| Communal Collection | \$30.69 | \$30.97 | \$31.25 |
| Multi-unit Transition Rate 1 | \$41.27 | \$45.20 | \$49.19 |
| Multi-unit Transition Rate 2 | \$37.74 | \$41.64 | \$45.60 |

*Available only to residents that meet unique requirements to qualify.

COMMUNITY INSIGHT

Extensive public engagement with residents and stakeholders was conducted for the approved 25-year Waste Strategy and Waste Reduction Roadmap. This input was used to support decision making and inform both the operating and capital budget in the 2023-2024 Waste Services Utility Rate Filing.

Budget/Financial Implications

The utility rates outlined in Bylaw 20327 are reflected in the 2023-2024 Waste Services Utility Rate Filing (City Operations report CO01380 - Attachment 1). Adjustments to utility rates are standard practice for the Waste Services Utility and are in accordance with Policy C558B - Waste Services Utility Fiscal Policy.

ATTACHMENT

1. Bylaw 20327 - Waste Services Bylaw 18590, Amendment No. 6

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor