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## **MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Chair and Directors, Committee of the Whole  
**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management  
**Date of Meeting:** Committee of the Whole\_Apr12\_2018  
**File:** 5360-01  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Function Review

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### **Item for Discussion:**

South Cariboo Solid Waste Function

### **Background:**

There are currently three solid waste functions, Rural Refuse (RR), South Cariboo Solid Waste (SCSW) and the Solid Waste Management Plan. The SCSW function budget includes the South Cariboo Landfill in 100 Mile House, and the Lac La Hache, Forest Grove, and Lone Butte transfer stations. All other refuse sites are managed by the RR function.

The 2018 Business Plans for both RR and SCSW identified a Goal, which is to investigate incorporating all South Cariboo refuse sites into one service, i.e., to evaluate the boundaries of the two operational functions, RR and SCSW, to determine if the SCSW function service area boundary should expand to include the Interlakes and Watch Lake landfill sites and the associated taxable parcels.

In order to determine the actual effect a boundary change would have on the requisition for RR and SCSW functions a number of steps would be required, as listed below:

- 1) The proposed new SCSW service area would need to be created by GIS staff;
- 2) A tally of property assessments within the new increased SCSW proposed service area and the reduced RR boundaries would need to be generated;
- 3) The costs associated with the Interlakes and Watch Lake landfill sites would need to be incorporated into the existing SCSW budget, and removed from the RR budget;
- 4) The costs associated with salaries, administration and overhead would need to be reallocated to reflect the transfer of the two landfills from RR to SCSW; and,
- 5) New requisition amounts would need to be calculated using the data generated from steps one through three above.

Before completing the above steps Staff have reviewed the last five years of solid waste requisitions for SCSW and RR functions, as the only reason to have separate functions for the

same service is if there is a significant difference in taxation to the function areas. A summary is presented below.

Year	Service	Tax Req	Assess Val	Tax Rate \$/\$1,000	Conv Assess	Resid Tax Rate \$/\$100,000
2014	RR (1008)	2,804,602	3,931,858,779	\$ 0.7133	518,791,065	\$ 54.06
	SCSW (1016)	1,037,380	1,344,313,227	\$ 0.7717	182,138,079	\$ 56.96
	Combined	3,841,982	5,276,172,006	\$ 0.7282	700,929,144	\$ 54.81
2015	RR (1008)	2,806,258	3,900,668,292	\$ 0.7194	513,068,691	\$ 54.70
	SCSW (1016)	1,037,380	1,317,430,095	\$ 0.7874	178,439,630	\$ 58.14
	Combined	3,843,638	5,218,098,387	\$ 0.7366	691,508,321	\$ 55.58
2016	RR (1008)	2,862,383	4,011,372,520	\$ 0.7136	530,561,774	\$ 53.95
	SCSW (1016)	1,037,380	1,346,662,973	\$ 0.7703	182,776,516	\$ 56.76
	Combined	3,899,763	5,358,035,493	\$ 0.7278	713,338,290	\$ 54.67
2017	RR (1008)	2,919,631	4,101,807,956	\$ 0.7118	538,468,239	\$ 54.22
	SCSW (1016)	1,037,380	1,423,631,211	\$ 0.7287	192,110,621	\$ 54.00
	Combined	3,957,011	5,525,439,167	\$ 0.7161	730,578,860	\$ 54.16
2018	RR (1008)	3,065,612	4,245,994,111	\$ 0.7220	552,217,702	\$ 55.51
	SCSW (1016)	1,037,380	1,474,503,479	\$ 0.7035	195,533,863	\$ 53.05
	Combined	4,102,992	5,720,497,590	\$ 0.7172	747,751,565	\$ 54.87

Due to the small number of properties contributing to the SCSW function, the requisition for this area fluctuates more than RR, but the difference in the five-year average for both functions is \$1.30 per \$100,000 of assessment.

The five-year average for RR was \$54.48 and SCSW was \$55.78. If the functions were to be combined, the five-year average would have been \$54.78, which would equate to a \$0.30 increase to RR requisition and a \$1.00 decrease for SCSW.

There are three options going forward:

- 1) Leave the functions as they are,
- 2) Complete the steps to determine the impact a new SCSW boundary would have; or,
- 3) Dissolve the SCSW function and incorporate this service area into the RR function

**Attachments:**

None.