



**Date:** 11/08/2020

**To:** Chair and Directors, Cariboo Regional District Board

**And To:** John MacLean, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management

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## Short Summary:

Update to Provide Clarity on the Quesnel Recycle BC Recycling Depot Budget and Contract for Operation

## Voting:

Corporate Vote - Weighted

## Memorandum:

As a part of the 2019 MOU with the City of Quesnel, the CRD took over management of the Quesnel Recycle BC depot on July 1, 2020. The CRD already operates 13 Recycle BC depots, and the Quesnel depot should be servicing mostly CRD residents, as City residents receive curbside pick-up for containers and fibers. City residents will use the depot for access to plastic film, Styrofoam, and glass drop off.

Currently the Depot is being operated by Northern Recycling Inc. (NRI) on a month to month basis, but the intention is to amend the CRD's current contract with NRI to include operation of the depot, as NRI already provides depot management services at the Baker Creek Transfer Station and has been managing the Quesnel Recycle BC depot for the past year and a half through a contract with the City of Quesnel. NRI has also been hired by Recycle BC's post collection service provider, Green For Life, to supply the collection bins, haul the recyclables, and process the recyclables for the Quesnel recycling depot. There are many communication and quality control efficiency benefits to using the same company to manage the depot, haul the recyclables and process them.

Annual costs to manage the Quesnel Recycling depot will be approximately \$80,000.

\$40,000 per year of revenue from Recycle BC for the recyclables collected at the depot will be used to offset the cost of operating the site, plus the City of Quesnel will contribute 25% of the remaining costs for a total of approximately \$10,000 per year. This leaves the CRD costs at about \$30,000 per year. For 2020, the costs are for six months only, amounting to \$15,000.

The 2020 Quesnel recycling depot budget line item of \$175,000 includes the MOU payment to the City of Quesnel for \$164,000, leaving \$11,000 for the remainder of 2020, which is short by \$4,000.

### **Attachments:**

None.

### **Financial Implications:**

Sufficient funds exist in the rural refuse budget to accommodate the short fall.

### **Policy Implications:**

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### **Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

- Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.
- Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.
- Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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### **CAO Comments:**

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### **Options:**

- 1) Receipt and endorse the recommendation
- 2) Receipt
- 3) Defer

### **Recommendation:**

That the agenda item summary from Tera Grady, Supervisor of Solid Waste Management, dated August 11, 2020, regarding an update on the Quesnel Recycling Depot, be received. Further, that the Board direct staff to amend the current contract with NRI to include management of the Quesnel Recycle BC recycling depot.