



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## REPORT FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Members, Environment and Parks Standing Committee File No.: BYLA 1.0, TIPP 1.0

FROM: Laura Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services

DATE: October 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fees

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Amendment of Tariff Rates for Tipping Fees and Amendment of Charge Account Schedule

Attachments:

1. Draft Amended Schedule B to Bylaw No. 3166, 2020 – “Tipping Fees and Penalties”
2. Draft Amended Schedule G to Bylaw No. 3166, 2020 – “Charge Accounts”

Previous Reports: Item No. 13.2, November 2023

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated October 3, 2024, regarding “Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fees” be received for information.
2. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the tariff rates for the deposit of municipal solid waste at Regional District solid waste facilities as set out in Schedule B attached to the report be approved.
3. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that the changes to the charge accounts for the deposit of municipal solid waste at Regional District solid waste facilities as set out in Schedule G attached to the report be approved.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
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### ISSUE(S):

The 2021 Regional Solid Waste Management Financial Plan recommends that the base rate tipping fee be increased by \$4 per tonne in 2022 and \$2 per tonne per year to a maximum of \$110 per tonne by 2030. A proportional increase is also proposed for all other tipping fees.

Environmental Services Administration is also proposing a \$10 per metric tonne fee for clean cover material, a realignment of the Volume Load Class 1 and 2 fees so that the materials for DLC and Refuse are the same, the allowance for a Bulky Waste charge to be applied to concrete, asbestos, creosote treated wood and stumps, and the inclusion of the pricing for Norgrow Compost in Schedule B which sees a modest increase to \$20 per cubic meter for single screened compost.

Financial Services is proposing several changes to Schedule G to include additional information regarding the approval and management of credit limits for charge accounts, as well as additional language to allow for the withholding of monies under a separate contract agreement between the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the Account Holder where a Charge Account is delinquent.

The Committee is being asked to recommend to the Board to approve the changes set out in Schedules B and G.

### RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. 2021 Regional Solid Waste Management Financial Plan (RSWMFP):
  - provides guidance for the Solid Waste Management budgets
  - establishes incremental increase to tipping fees

2. Section 315 of the *Local Government Act*:

- gives the Regional District the authority to provide waste disposal and recycling services

## 3. Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020:

- establishes tipping fees and regulation for solid waste disposal at Regional District solid waste disposal and recycling facilities

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business		

**SERVICE RELEVANCE:**

Solid Waste Management is a region wide service. The Board approved the RSWMFP in October 2021. The proposed amended Schedule B reflects the approved recommendations from the 2021 RSWMFP for 2025 and supports the continuation of sustainable solid waste services as recommended in the 2015 Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

Tipping fees are part of the revenues used to fund the Solid Waste Management (3305) Program Budget. The inability to recover fees from delinquent accounts can negatively impact the budget.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

N/A

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

## 1. Approve recommendations.

- an amendment to Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, amending the tipping fees as set out in Schedule B, will be prepared for consideration by the Board at the November 21, 2024 regular meeting.
- an amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, amending the language in Schedule G Charge Accounts, will be prepared for consideration by the Board at the November 21, 2024 regular meeting.

Other Options:

- postpone consideration of amending Schedule B of Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020.
  - implementation of the 2025 tipping fee of \$100 per tonne will be delayed which will negatively impact the Solid Waste Management (3305) budget
  - implementation of the changes to Charge Accounts would be delayed, negatively affecting the Regional District's ability to recover those fees from account holders.

**COMMENTS:**

The proposed tipping fee rate represents a \$2 increase to base rates and is consistent with rate adjustment recommendations reflecting solid waste management operational needs and supporting waste diversion strategies. The 2025 operating budget for Solid Waste Management (3305) relies on the increase of the base tipping fee rates to ensure all services can be maintained under this service.

The proposed changes to Schedule B also include \$10 per metric tonne fee for clean cover material, a realignment of the Volume Load Class 1 and 2 fees so that the materials for DLC and Refuse are the same, the allowance for a Bulky Waste charge to be applied to concrete, asbestos, creosote treated wood and stumps, and the inclusion of the pricing for Norgrow Compost in Schedule B which sees a modest increase to \$20 per cubic meter for single screened compost.

The proposed changes to Schedule G – Account Changes are consistent with language in other regional districts across the Province and allow the Regional District the ability to recover fees from delinquent accounts.

Subject to the Board's approval, the new rates in Schedule B and changes in Schedule G will be effective January 1, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**TIPPING FEES AND PENALTIES**

<b>Refuse</b>	<b>Weight Based Tipping Fee</b>	<b>Volume Based<sup>1</sup> Tipping Fee</b>
Refuse (not identified as DLC)	\$100.00/tonne \$6.00 up to 100kg	\$23.50 for Load Classes 1 and 2 \$76.50 for Load Class 3 \$94.00 for Load Class 4 \$160.00 for Load Class 5 Vanway TS \$6.00 flat rate <sup>2</sup> Load Classes 6 thru 9 not accepted
<b>Demolition, Land Clearing and Construction (DLC Waste)</b>	<b>Source Separated Weight Based Tipping Fee</b>	<b>Mixed Load Weight Based Tipping Fee</b>
Clean Soil	\$10.00/tonne Minimum \$6.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
DLC	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Asphalt	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Asphalt Shingles	\$100.00/tonne Minimum \$6.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Clean Wood Waste	\$50.00/tonne Minimum \$3.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Masonry and/or Rubble	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Painted and/or Treated Wood Waste	\$50.00/tonne Minimum \$3.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Scrap Metal	\$50.00/tonne Minimum \$3.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Stumps and/or Large Branches	\$50.00/tonne Minimum \$3.00	\$200.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
<b>Demolition, Land Clearing and Construction (DLC Waste)</b>		<b>Volume Based Tipping Fee</b>
DLC		\$23.50 for Load Class 1 and 2 \$76.50 for Load Class 3 \$94.00 for Load Class 4 Load Classes 5 thru 8 not accepted <sup>3</sup>
Asphalt		Same as DLC
Asphalt Shingles		Same as DLC
Clean Wood Waste		Same as DLC
Masonry and/or Rubble		Same as DLC
Painted and/or Treated Wood Waste		Same as DLC
Scrap Metal		Same as DLC
Stumps and/or Large Branches		Same as DLC

<sup>1</sup> Volume based pricing is available at the McBride Transfer Station, Valemount Transfer Station and the Legrand Select DLC Landfill - please refer to Load Classes under Definition section.

<sup>2</sup> Small residential loads of refuse at the Vanway Transfer Station only.

<sup>3</sup> Except for Legrand Select DLC Landfill. Tipping fee to be determined by the General Manager.

<b>Municipal Charges</b>	<b>Weight Based Tipping Fee</b>	<b>Volume Based Tipping Fee</b>
McBride	Not Applicable	\$123.00 per municipal collection vehicle
Valemount	Not Applicable	\$ 85.00 per municipal collection vehicle

<b>Recyclable Materials*</b>	<b>Weight Based Tipping Fee</b>	<b>Volume Based Tipping Fee</b>
Appliances containing Ozone Depleting Substances	\$0	\$0
Automotive Batteries	\$0	\$0
Bicycle Tires and Tubes	\$0	\$0
Household Batteries	\$0	\$0
Multi-Material Recycling	\$0	\$0
Passenger and Light Truck Tires (off rim)	\$0	\$0
Propane Tanks	\$0	\$0
Scrap Metal	\$0	\$0
Used Oil and Antifreeze	\$0	\$0
Yard Waste	\$0	\$0

\*No charge to dispose of recyclable materials if material is secured. If the recyclable materials are unsecured, a \$12.00/per load unsecured fee will apply. See Schedule "E" for more information

<b>Controlled Waste</b>	<b>Weight Based Tipping Fee (\$6.00 minimum)</b>	<b>Volume Based Tipping Fee</b>
Appliances Containing Ozone depleting substances	\$0/unit	\$0/unit <sup>4</sup>
Asbestos- Friable and non-friable	\$357.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Biosolids (waste sludge from municipal sewage treatment plants and screenings stations)	\$0	Not Accepted
Bulky Waste	\$118.00/tonne <sup>5</sup>	Based on Load Class
Camp Waste	\$100.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Condemned Foods	\$181.50/tonne	Not Accepted
Contaminated Soils	\$118.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Concrete	\$232.50/tonne	Not Accepted
Creosote treated wood	\$181.50/tonne	Not Accepted
Dead Animals	\$181.50/tonne	Not Accepted
Food Processing Waste	\$100.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Gypsum Board or Wallboard	\$100.00/tonne <sup>6</sup>	Based on Load Class
International Waste	\$365.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Pumpings	\$100.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Screenings from municipal treatment plants and pumping stations	\$100.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Sterilized biomedical waste received from Certified sterilization facilities	\$100.00/tonne	Not Accepted

<sup>4</sup> Available at the following Class 2 Facilities – Valemount and McBride. Load must be secured.

<sup>5</sup> Additional Bulky Waste charge will be applied to the following materials: asbestos, concrete, creosote treated wood, and stumps.

<sup>6</sup> Source Separated and Mixed Load Tipping Fees are the same, minimum \$12.00 up to 100kg.

Sterilized sharps received from certified sterilization facilities	\$181.50/tonne	Not Accepted
Vehicle Hulks	\$181.50/unit	\$181.50/unit <sup>7</sup>
Wood ash from industrial operations	\$100.00/tonne	Not Accepted

Gypsum Board or Wallboard	Weight Based Tipping Fee (\$6.00 minimum)	Volume Based Tipping Fee <sup>7</sup>
Gypsum Board or Wallboard	\$100.00/tonne <sup>8</sup>	\$23.50 for Load Class 1 \$29.00 for Load Class 2 \$76.50 for Load Class 3 \$94.00 for Load Class 4 Load Classes 5 thru 8 not accepted

Norgrow Pricing	U-Load \$6.00 Minimum (3 cans or ½ m)	We-Load \$7.50 Minimum
Single Screen	\$15.00 m <sup>3</sup>	\$20.00 m <sup>3</sup>
Double Screen	N/A	\$30.00 m <sup>3</sup>

### Penalties

Violation	Penalty
Disposing of Prohibited Waste	\$100 minimum \$2,000 maximum
Vandalism	\$100 minimum \$2,000 maximum
Trespassing	\$500
Causing Contamination of stockpiles	\$100 minimum plus cost to handle and remove contamination, plus any associated tipping fee
Disobey Site Regulations, verbal instructions or signage	\$100 minimum \$500 maximum
Smoking	\$100
Scavenging	Removal from site and potential ban from site
Loitering	\$100
Missing pre-arranged disposal time with no prior cancellation notice given	\$100 per offence
Failure to pay tipping fee	Accrued interest from the time of disposal Potential ban from site until payment is posted, determined by General Manager or Financial Officer

<sup>7</sup> Only accepted at the Valemount and McBride Transfer Stations and the Legrand Landfill.

<sup>8</sup> \$100.00/tonne is for Source Separated waste, Mixed Load Tipping Fee is \$200.00/tonne, minimum \$12.00 up to 100kg.

**SCHEDULE "G"**  
**CHARGE ACCOUNTS**

1. A person wishing to establish a Charge Account must submit a completed Credit Application to the Financial Officer.
2. The Financial Officer may approve or deny a Credit Application in any of the following circumstances:
  - a) where the Financial Officer has determined that the Applicant is not creditworthy; or
  - c) where the Applicant, or any principal, partner, director or officer of the Applicant has had a Charge Account cancelled within the previous five (5) years.
3. A credit limit will be approved for each Charge Account by the Financial Officer.
4. Credit limits will be periodically reviewed and may be revised at the discretion of the Financial Officer.
5. Where a Charge Account has an amount owing greater than the credit limit, the Account Holder may be required to pay all disposal fees at the time of disposal by cash or credit card until such time as the amount owing is less than the credit limit.
6. Account Holders will be billed monthly and the invoice will be delivered to the Billing Address or email address provided by the Account Holder.
7. The total amount owing on any invoice must be paid in full by the Account Holder to the Regional District within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice.
8. Any amount not paid to the Regional District within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice is considered in Arrears and must be paid immediately, along with interest pursuant to Section 16 of this Schedule.
9. Where a Charge Account is in Arrears, the Regional District shall deliver a Notice of Arrears (referred to as the "60 Day Letter") to the Account Holder at the Billing Address or email address provided by the Account Holder.
10. Any amount not paid to the Regional District within thirty (30) days of the date of a Notice of Arrears (ninety (90) days from the date of the original invoice) is considered Delinquent and must be paid immediately, along with interest pursuant to Section 16 of this Schedule.
11. Any Charge Account that is Delinquent shall be suspended by the Financial Officer, until such time as all amounts owing, including interest, are paid in full.
12. Where a Charge Account has been suspended, the Regional District shall deliver a suspension letter to the Account Holder at the Billing Address or email address provided by the Account Holder.
13. While a Charge Account is suspended, the Account Holder must pay all disposal fees at the time of disposal by cash or credit card.
14. Any Charge Account that becomes Delinquent more than once shall be subject to immediate cancellation.
15. At the discretion of the Financial Officer, a Delinquent Charge Account may be referred to a third-party collection agency.
16. In addition to any other penalty imposed under this Bylaw, the interest rate of one and half percent (1.5%) per month, calculated and accruing daily, may be applied to any amounts in Arrears or Delinquent under a Charge Account from and including the first date upon which the account falls into Arrears. Any such interest shall form part of the amount in Arrears.

17. Where a Charge Account is Delinquent, the Regional District may withhold monies equivalent to the outstanding amount, plus interest, from the Account Holder under a separate contract, agreement, or offer between the Regional District and the Account Holder.
18. The Financial Officer may, in addition to any other penalty imposed under the Bylaw, cancel a Charge Account where the General Manager has advised that the Account Holder has deposited Prohibited Waste at a Facility, or has deposited Municipal Solid Waste at a Facility in a manner contrary to this Bylaw.