



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: BYLA 1.0 TIPP 1.0

FROM: Laura Zapotichny, General Manager of Environmental Services

DATE: November 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Adoption of Bylaw

- Attachments: Proposed Bylaw No. 3369, 2024
Previous Reports:
 1. Item No. 13.2, November 2023
 2. Item No. 5.1, October 2024

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated November 7, 2024 regarding “Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024” be received for information.
2. THAT Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024 be now introduced and given first, second and third readings.
3. THAT Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024 be adopted.

ENTITLEMENT	HOW VOTE COUNTED
All 1 Director/1 vote	Majority
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All 1 Director/1 vote	2/3 Majority

ISSUE(S):

The adjustment of the tariff of rates for solid waste disposal was considered and recommended by the Environment and Parks Standing Committee at its October 17, 2024 meeting. The proposed amendments include implementing the recommendations from the approved 2021 Regional Solid Waste Management Financial Plan (RSWMFP).

The proposed *Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024* includes amendments to Schedule “B” Tipping Fees and Penalties; 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. These updates enhance clarity on tipping fees charged.

The proposed *Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024* also includes amendments to Schedule “G” Charge Accounts, 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 Board is being asked to consider adoption of proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024 for the purpose of updating Schedule “B” Tipping Fees and Penalties and Schedule “G” Charge Accounts.

RELEVANT POLICIES:

1. Section 315 of the *Local Government Act*:
 - gives the Regional District the authority to provide disposal and recycling services
2. 2021 Regional Solid Waste Management Financial Plan (RSWMFP):
 - provides guidance for the Solid Waste Management budgets
 - establishes incremental increase to tipping fees.
3. *Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020*:
 - established tipping fees and regulations for all solid waste disposal facilities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input 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 and fulfils the obligations of providing waste disposal and recycling services under Section 315 of the *Local Government Act*.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

Tipping fees are part of the revenues used to fund the Solid Waste Management (3305) Budget.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

Amending the tipping fees for the Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020 will allow the Regional District to collect tipping fees that better reflect the current operation and maintenance requirements and support waste diversion strategies and provide clarification for volume based tipping fees for Load Class 1 and 2. The tipping fee increase for 2025 better reflects the current operations and maintenance requirements that were approved as per the 2021 RSWMFP.

DECISION OPTIONS:

1. Approve recommendations.
 - Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024 will be adopted and will take effect January 1, 2025.

Other Options:

- a. postpone adoption of the proposed bylaw amendment, if additional information is required
 - implementation of the 2025 tipping fee of \$100 per tonne will be delayed, which will negatively impact the Solid Waste Management (3305) budget.
 - the volume-based tipping fee for Load Class 1 and 2 would not be implemented, which may negatively impact staff's ability to properly charge incoming loads.
 - 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 \$2.00 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 following are also included:

- a realignment of the Volume Load Class 1 and 2 fees so that the materials for DLC and Refuse are the same
- \$10 per metric tonne fee for clean cover material
- the allowance for a Bulky Waste charge to be applied to concrete, asbestos, creosote treated wood and stumps
- 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.
- 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 and changes will be effective January 1, 2025.

If the Board is supportive of the above, as recommended by the Environment and Parks Standing Committee, adoption of proposed Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Amendment Bylaw No. 3369, 2024 would be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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