



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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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: October 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fees 2026

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Amendment of Tariff Rates for Tipping Fees

Attachments:

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

Previous Reports: Item No. 13.2, November 2024

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. THAT the report dated October 1, 2025, regarding “Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fees 2026” be received for information.
2. THAT the Board direct Administration to prepare an amendment to Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, that includes 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 dated October 1, 2025.

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

The 2021 Regional Solid Waste Management Financial Plan (RSWMFP) recommended 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.

At the time, the 2021 Regional Solid Waste Management Financial Plan was developed, the full cost of Cell 1’s lateral expansion, as well as the cost of developing Cell 2, for future waste disposal was unknown. With these costs now known, and in keeping with inflation rates over that period, Environmental Services Administration recommends raising the base rate tipping fee to \$110 per tonne in 2026 and all other fees by 10% except for the small load fee, which will remain at \$6 up to 100kg.

The Board is being asked to approve the changes set out in Schedules B.

### 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:**

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| <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 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 other revenue stream is requisition. With the costs of developing the site to accept solid waste for the next twenty years now known, the Regional District can begin to set the base rate tipping fee at a point that supports continued site development.

**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 20, 2025 regular meeting

Other Options:

- a. Postpone consideration of amending Schedule B of Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020
  - implementation of the 2026 tipping fee of \$110 per tonne will be delayed, which will negatively impact the Solid Waste Management (3305) budget and 5-year financial plan

**COMMENTS:**

The proposed tipping fee rate represents a \$10 increase to base rates and is consistent with rate adjustment recommendations reflecting solid waste management operational needs and supporting waste diversion strategies. The 2026 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.

Subject to the Board's future approval of an amendment to Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee and Site Regulation Bylaw No. 3166, 2020, Schedule B, the new rates would be effective January 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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## BACKGROUND – MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES

Solid waste management is a region-wide service and has always been funded from a combination of requisition and user fees.

In 2021 the Board approved the Regional Solid Waste Management Financial Plan. The goal of the Financial Plan was to provide the framework for raising revenues to support the objectives of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan and to meet the regulatory obligations for the operation of solid waste management systems, including funding reserves for closure and post-closure monitoring.

Since that time, numerous projects have been undertaken that have had an impact on the solid waste budget, as well as the long-term service delivery of solid waste services within the Regional District. These projects include:

- Cell 1 Lateral Expansion
- Cell 2 Development
- Upgrades to the Landfill Gas system
- Replacing tangible assets at solid waste facilities
- Maintaining current transfer station sites and hours of operation

With the development of Cell 1 Lateral Expansion and Cell 2, there is now a better understanding of the financial commitment required to develop the Foothills site to be able to accept solid waste for the next few decades. Site development is between \$1 million to \$1.25 million dollars per year when averaged over the life cycle of development of these two cells. This is in addition to the ongoing operational costs.

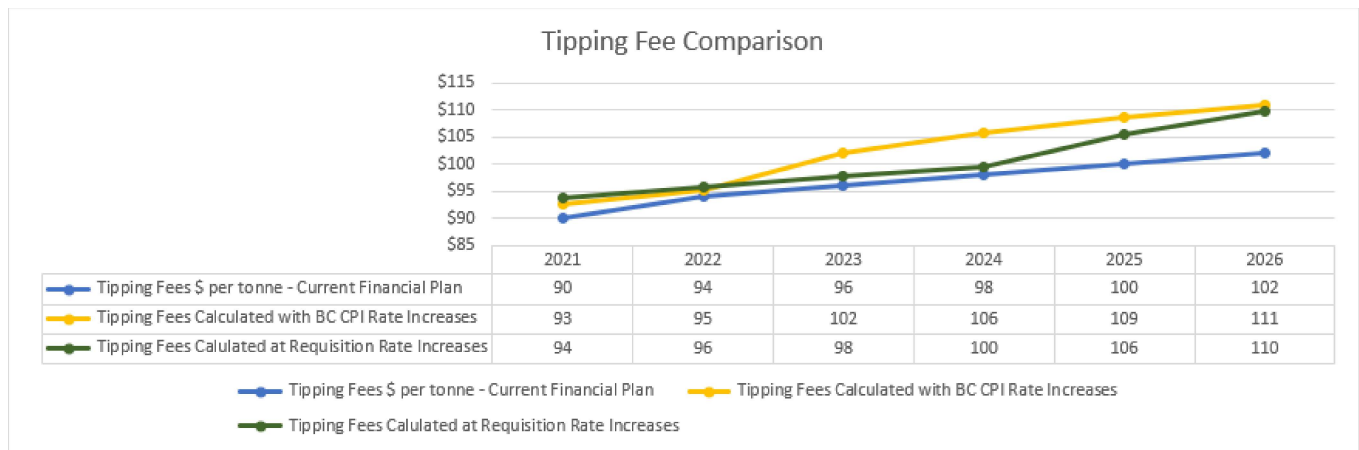
The project with Fortis BC is set to come online in Fall 2027. There were several upgrades required to the Regional District's Landfill Gas System, including well field expansion and instrumentation and process upgrades. These upgrades were required to ensure the Regional District met the technical safety standards.

Environmental Services Administration has made considerable effort to replace aging infrastructure over the past few years including: new scales at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill, a new office at the site, a new scale house at the site, six office structures at rural transfer stations, and the replacement of the aging TS-4000 bins that collect the waste at the Regional District's transfer station system.

There has been no reduction in the number of solid waste transfer station sites that the Regional District operates. Environmental Services will be bringing forward a report for the Board to consider closing the solid waste facilities on all statutory holidays as a cost savings measure. Currently, several sites remain open on Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Monday.

The following graph captures the base tipping fee rate per tonne indicated in the current financial plan. Administration then applied both the BC CPI index for 2021 to 2026, as well as the requisition level increases for the same period of time. Applying these metrics would result in a tipping fee rate around \$110/tonne by 2026. As the chart demonstrates, the current base rate tipping fee for 2026 is well below both the BC CPI index as well as the requisition increases.

A base rate tipping fee of \$110/tonne for 2026 would align with BC CPI and Solid Waste requisition increases over the past five years.



Environment Services Administration did a scan of other regional districts and their tipping fees. They are included in the table below. These fees are for 2025.

Regional District	Base Rate Tipping Fee
<b>Alberni-Clayoquot</b>	Over 83kg: \$150.00/tonne
<b>Bulkley-Nechako</b>	No Charge
<b>Capital</b>	\$155.00/tonne
<b>Cariboo – Quesnel</b>	Over 150kg: \$100.00/tonne DLC Only (Williams Lake): \$80.00/tonne South Cariboo Landfill: \$80.00/tonne
<b>Central Coast</b>	\$41.00/cubic meter
<b>Central Kootenay</b>	Over 100kg: \$166.50/tonne
<b>Central Okanagan – Glenmore Landfill</b>	\$106.00/tonne
<b>Columbia-Shuswap</b>	\$90.00/tonne
<b>Comox Valley</b>	\$165.00/tonne
<b>Cowichan Valley</b>	\$220.00/tonne
<b>East Kootenay</b>	No Charge
<b>Fraser Valley</b>	\$145.00/tonne for Mission residents \$235.00/tonne for all others
<b>Kitimat-Stikine</b>	\$100.00/tonne at Kitimat Landfill \$120.00/tonne at Forceman Ridge Landfill
<b>Kootenay Boundary</b>	\$120.00/tonne
<b>Metro Vancouver</b>	Up to a 7.99 tonne load = \$153.00/tonne
<b>Mount Waddington</b>	\$145.00/tonne
<b>Nanaimo</b>	51kg and greater = \$155.00/tonne
<b>North Coast</b>	\$194.00/tonne at Prince Rupert Landfill
<b>North Okanagan</b>	\$116.00/tonne
<b>Okanagan-Similkameen</b>	\$120.00/tonne
<b>Peace River</b>	\$55.00/tonne for sorted waste \$110.00/tonne for unsorted waste
<b>Squamish-Lillooet</b>	\$244.00/tonne at Squamish Landfill \$85.00/tonne at Lillooet Landfill \$232.00/tonne at the Whistler Transfer Station
<b>Strathcona</b>	\$165.00/tonne at Campbell River Landfill
<b>Sunshine Coast</b>	\$165.00/tonne
<b>qathet</b>	\$350.00/tonne at Resource Recovery Centre
<b>Thompson-Nicola</b>	\$90.00/tonne

These are a snapshot of tipping fees within other Regional Districts. Many include bag limits, and limits on mixed waste materials, or the disposal of recyclable materials within the loads.

A base rate tipping fee of \$110/tonne would align the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George with other regional districts around the province.

**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)	\$110.00/tonne \$6.00 up to 100kg	\$25.75 for Load Classes 1 and 2 \$84.25 for Load Class 3 \$103.50 for Load Class 4 \$176.00 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	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
DLC	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Asphalt	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Asphalt Shingles	\$110.00/tonne Minimum \$6.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Clean Wood Waste	\$55.00/tonne Minimum \$6.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Masonry and/or Rubble	\$220.000/tonne Minimum \$12.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Painted and/or Treated Wood Waste	\$55.00/tonne Minimum \$6.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Scrap Metal	\$55.00/tonne Minimum \$6.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00
Stumps and/or Large Branches	\$55.00/tonne Minimum \$6.00	\$220.00/tonne Minimum \$12.00

<b>Demolition, Land Clearing and Construction (DLC Waste)</b>	<b>Volume Based Tipping Fee</b>
DLC	\$25.75 for Load Class 1 and 2 \$84.25 for Load Class 3 \$103.50 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	\$135.25 per municipal collection vehicle
Valemount	Not Applicable	\$ 93.50 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
Household Batteries	\$0	\$0
Multi-Material Recycling	\$0	\$0
Propane Tanks	\$0	\$0
Small loads of 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	\$392.75/tonne	Not Accepted
Biosolids (waste sludge from municipal sewage treatment plants and screenings stations)	\$0	Not Accepted
Bulky Waste	\$129.75/tonne <sup>5</sup>	Based on Load Class
Camp Waste	\$110.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Condemned Foods	\$199.75/tonne	Not Accepted
Contaminated Soils	\$129.75/tonne	Not Accepted
Concrete	\$255.75/tonne	Not Accepted
Creosote treated wood	\$199.75/tonne	Not Accepted
Dead Animals	\$199.75/tonne	Not Accepted
Food Processing Waste	\$110.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Gypsum Board or Wallboard	\$110.00/tonne <sup>6</sup>	Based on Load Class
International Waste	\$401.50/tonne	Not Accepted
Pumpings	\$110.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Screenings from municipal treatment plants and pumping stations	\$110.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Sterilized biomedical waste received from Certified sterilization facilities	\$110.00/tonne	Not Accepted
Sterilized sharps received from certified sterilization facilities	\$110.00/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.

Vehicle Hulks	\$199.50/unit	\$199.50/unit <sup>7</sup>
Wood ash from industrial operations	\$110.00/tonne	Not Accepted

<b>Gypsum Board or Wallboard</b>	<b>Weight Based Tipping Fee (\$6.00 minimum)</b>	<b>Volume Based Tipping Fee<sup>7</sup></b>
Gypsum Board or Wallboard	\$110.00/tonne <sup>8</sup>	\$25.75 for Load Class 1 \$32.00 for Load Class 2 \$84.25 for Load Class 3 \$103.50 for Load Class 4 Load Classes 5 thru 8 not accepted

<b>Norgrow Pricing</b>	<b>U-Load \$6.00 Minimum (3 cans or ½ m)</b>	<b>We-Load \$7.50 Minimum</b>
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> \$110.00/tonne is for Source Separated waste, Mixed Load Tipping Fee is \$220.00/tonne, minimum \$12.00 up to 100kg.