

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Administration

**Date:** May 9, 2024

**Subject:** Food Cycler Phase 2 – Next Steps

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council directs staff on how to proceed with the Food Cycler Pilot Program.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At the Regular Meeting of February 26, 2024 Council directed staff to bring back a report on directions for the food cycler program.

Since then, staff have gathered an interest list to continue the program. The interest list was posted online at [letschatmackenzie.ca](https://letschatmackenzie.ca), social media, and staff held an in-person event at the Alexander Mackenzie mall for Earth Day. To date there are 42 residents interested in participating in a second round of the pilot program.

Staff have met with Food Cycler and have confirmed they will hold the 2023 prices for the 2024 year if we can commit to a second round.

Staff have also been in discussion with Public Works and they would use the excess soil amendment collected for parks and recreation projects.

As a reminder from last year the pilot program is supported financially by stacked funding from:

- FoodCycler, offering a \$200 - \$250 per unit discount,
- Impact Canada (Federal innovation funds) with a \$50 - \$100 grant per unit, and
- \$100 per unit Municipal subsidy + distribution and shipping.

### **FoodCycler Pilot Program in Mackenzie**

In the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1304, 2014 the District commits to reducing GHG's. The action relating to composting is:

- Encourage widespread adoption of composting and recycling, working with the Regional District.

For Phase 2, staff are recommending starting with the minimum pilot project amount of 50 units.

### **Cost Breakdown**

#### **FOOD CYCLER FC-30**

UNIT COST	<b>\$500</b>
FOOD CYCLER DISCOUNT	\$200
IMPACT CANADA INVESTMENT	\$50
MUNICIPAL SUBSIDY	\$100
RESIDENT COST	\$150

#### **FOOD CYCLER ECO 5**

UNIT COST	<b>\$800</b>
FOOD CYCLER DISCOUNT	\$250
IMPACT CANADA INVESTMENT	\$150
MUNICIPAL SUBSIDY	\$100
RESIDENT COST	\$300

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

The District of Mackenzie would be responsible for a total cost of \$5,000 plus shipping. Funds would be allocated from the Local Government Climate Action Program grant funding.

### **COUNCIL PRIORITIES:**

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

- The way we operate has an impact on the environment. We are committed to integrating sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance factors (ESG) into our decision making and business practices.

### **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Luke Thorne, Land and Environmental Coordinator

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer