

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Administration

Date: May 22, 2024

Subject: Petition for Recycling Services

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receives this report for information.

BACKGROUND:

At the Special Meeting of May 6, 2024 Chris Calder, Chief Administrative Officer and Laura Zapotichny, General Manager, of Environmental Services of the Regional District of Fraser – Fort George gave a presentation on the changes in recycling coming to Mackenzie.

After this meeting, on May 15, 2024, staff received a petition from residents requesting changes to the proposed program. See below for the request:

To: Regional District of Fraser-Fort George & District of Mackenzie

With the recent decision to remove the recycling bins from the current locations behind the Mackenzie Fire Hall and by the Forestry Office on Cicada and relocating them to the Regional Landfill (Mackenzie Dump) a considerable hardship will be faced by many residents who may not have the ways or means of getting to the landfill. This will create more black bin garbage and be a step backwards in any green initiatives, carbon reduction efforts as any recycling will now go into black bins as garbage. Unless there is a plan in the works to offer curbside pick up of yard waste, glass and tin recycling and paper and cardboard recycling this will indeed be a step backwards. By implementing a regular curbside pick up service on the same day as garbage using a pickup and trailer local employment opportunities could be created. It is our hope that you will consider this and the option suggested as a means of continuing and encouraging good environmental stewardship.

The petition has 155 signatures and has been put in center table file for review. For confidentiality purposes staff did not attach the petition to the agenda. The signatories are requesting the District forward this petition to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.



NEXT STEPS:

Staff are seeking guidance from the Council regarding the appropriate actions to take moving forward.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Luke Thorne, Land and Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer