

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

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Subject: Area B Residential Curbside Collection Services Contract

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a five-year contract to Valley Waste & Recycling Ltd. for the provision of standardized carts and the curbside collection of residential waste, recycling and organic waste with a value of \$1,067,419.00 plus applicable taxes over a five-year period

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct Staff to prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025 to include an Additional Electoral Area Service Amendment.

BACKGROUND

Area B Residential Curbside Collection is a service provided to the Residents of Area B, including Laidlaw, Othello, Spuzzum, Yale and Dogwood Valley and includes collection services to Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation, Spuzzum First Nation and Yale First Nation. Sunshine Valley Residents are not included in the curbside collection area as they are serviced by the Sunshine Valley Transfer Station. This service provides the collection of residential waste, recycling, compost, and yard waste to residents. Residents currently provide their own bins for manual collection of all waste streams, with pickup occurring weekly. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on July 28, 2025, and closed on August 20, 2025. It was posted on the FVRD webpage and BC BID. The RFP was issued to implement new collection strategies and select a qualified contractor for the service for a five-year term, starting January 2026 and ending December 2030, with no option for an extension.

DISCUSSION

It was previously identified in past RFP's that there is a limited market of contractors providing manual collection in compliance with the FVRD's Solid Waste Management Plan. Most neighbouring jurisdictions have moved to automated or semi-automated collection. To better reflect the level of service provided by surrounding jurisdictions and to ensure a competitive bidding process, updates

and changes will be implemented in conjunction with the new contract. These changes are set to take effect on January 5th, 2026, and include:

Collection Schedule Update:

- Residential Garbage and Recycling will be collected bi-weekly on an alternating basis.
- Organic waste will continue to be collected weekly.

Standardized Collection Carts:

- All properties included in the current address list will be provided with three 240L Wildlife Resistant Collection carts. Carts will have coloured lids to indicate the proper streams.
- Collection Carts will have a gravity locking system to ensure lids are not easily accessible to wildlife.
- Standardized collection carts will allow service providers to collect Residential Waste, Recycling and Organics by deploying fully or semi-automated collection vehicles and minimize the level of manual labour required. This practice is considered the new industry standard.

Fully or Semi-Automated collection vehicles

- Discussions with surrounding municipalities and service providers throughout the region have identified a clear preference for fully or semi-automated collection capabilities

Consolidation of Food Waste & Yard Waste into a single stream "Organic Waste".

- Yard waste and Food Waste will be consolidated into a single stream. Each resident will be **provided with one 240L "Organics Bin," which will be serviced weekly.**

Following the closure of the RFP, proposals were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Technical Submission (methodology)
- Qualifications and experience of personnel
- Past Experience with the FVRD
- Cost

Three proposals were received, with Valley Waste & Recycling Ltd. submitting the lowest bid at a total cost of \$1,067,419 plus applicable taxes. Of this cost, \$160,000 is for the purchase of the standardized carts and \$907,419 is for the curbside collection services.

The FVRD has successfully used Valley Waste and Recycling Ltd's services at various sites within the District in the past, and staff are confident that they possess the ability to perform this work. Following the award of this contract, staff will work closely with Valley Waste & Recycling Ltd. to develop a

communication campaign and implement the new program, ensuring a smooth transition. Additionally, the Area B Garbage Bylaw will be updated later this fall to reflect the changes of the new program.

These updates to the Area B Residential Curbside Collection program represent a significant savings over the current program. The cost of the updated program over a five-year term (including the purchase of standardized carts) is less than what is currently in the Financial Plan over the next four years, 2026-2029. However, a budget amendment of \$171,200 (\$160,000 + PST) for the purchase of the standardized carts in late 2025 is required. The funding source for this additional capital expense is the 408 Solid Waste – **Area B service area's Appropriated Surplus.**

COST

The total cost of this contract is \$1,067,419 plus applicable taxes. Of this cost, \$160,000 is for the purchase of the standardized carts and \$907,419 is for the curbside collection services.

CONCLUSION

Following the RFP process, staff recommend that the Fraser Valley Regional District Board authorize its signatories to execute a five-year contract with Valley Waste & Recycling Inc. to provide the curbside collection of residential waste, recycling and organic waste in Area B for a total value of \$1,067,419.00 plus applicable taxes.

A corresponding amendment to the Five-Year Financial Plan is recommended to ensure staff have the appropriate authority to incur expenditures associated with this contract.