

To: Regional and Corporate Services Committee  
From: Stacey Barker, Deputy Director of Regional Programs

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**Subject: Solid Waste Service Area Establishment Bylaw 1478**

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## RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** the Fraser Valley Regional District Board consider giving three readings to the bylaw cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Regional Solid Waste Management Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1478, 2018*.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Environmental Stewardship  
Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

### PRIORITIES

Priority #1 Waste Management

## BACKGROUND

The Draft *Solid Waste Management Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1478, 2018* is being brought forward for consideration to allow the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) to regulate solid waste issues from a regional standpoint. Once the service area is established, subsidiary regulatory bylaws can be considered, such as the source separation bylaw currently under development.

## DISCUSSION

The FVRD's approved Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) has set a waste reduction target of 90% diversion by 2026. To reach this target, it is imperative that organic and recyclable material be separated from the residual waste stream. One of the various strategies that the FVRD is proposing is new sorting requirements of municipal solid waste for all residents, businesses, and institutions.

Consultation on a proposed source separation bylaw was concluded in 2017 and, based on feedback received, staff have been working closely with municipal solid waste representatives, the Waste Management Association of BC, Lidstone & Company, and the Ministry of Environment to finalize a draft for the Board's consideration.

A source separation bylaw can only be brought forward to the Board once a service area establishment bylaw is approved by the Board, statutory consent is received from all municipalities and electoral areas and it receives approval from the Inspector of Municipalities.

## **COST**

As discussed in a memo to the Board in November 2017, the vast majority of services provided by the FVRD have their budgets funded through standard municipal and electoral area tax requisition. The FVRD's Regional Solid Waste Program is an exception and is instead funded through a Waste Tonnage Levy. The Levy is applied to all solid waste that is disposed of within the FVRD or leaves the FVRD through a consolidation point (transfer station) on its way for disposal outside of the FVRD. Therefore, the FVRD has never created a service area establishment bylaw for the Solid Waste Program as there was no need to tax FVRD residents.

Levy revenue, however, is on the decline due to increased quantities of organic material being composted and diverted from landfilling. As part of the upcoming annual budget discussion for 2019, this issue will be brought forward again to the Board for their direction on how to acquire additional funding to support this program should there be a shortfall. The enactment of *Bylaw No. 1478, 2018* will provide the FVRD with additional options for funding the annual Solid Waste budget if the Board decides to move in this direction for 2019.

The establishment of *Fraser Valley Regional District Solid Waste Management Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1478, 2018* has no effect on 2018 budgets or tax requisition.

## **COMMENTS BY:**

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Reviewed and supported.

**Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services**

Reviewed and supported.

**Paul Gipps, Chief Administrative Officer**

Reviewed and supported