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**TO:** Solid Waste Management Select Committee      **MEETING:** September 10, 2020

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**SUBJECT:** Automated Curbside Collection Service Agreement with Snaw-Naw-As First Nation

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## RECOMMENDATION

That the Board authorize execution of the Automated Curbside Collection Service Agreement with the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.

## SUMMARY

In June 2018, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) Board approved the extension of the RDN manual curbside collection service to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation. The Snaw-Naw-As First Nation Curbside Collection Service Agreement (Agreement) commenced in June 2019 and is set to terminate upon expiry of the current manual curbside collection contract. The curbside collection service has been well received by the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation community as evident by the high participation rate, adherence to the disposal guidelines and low contamination levels in the recycling streams. Chief and Council met the RDN in November 2019 and expressed their interest in the automated program. A new service agreement is required to reflect the new automated collection service (Attachment 1).

## BACKGROUND

The Snaw-Naw-As First Nation fulfilled all the requirements set out in the Agreement for service commencement in June 2019, including the hiring of a community representative to act as a liaison and champion for the curbside program to ensure high participation, compliance with Recycle BC acceptability for recyclables and customer satisfaction. The RDN is committed to ensuring the success of the program, and has and will continue to provide training in the application of the program to serve as a resource for residents.

## *CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICE UPDATE*

There are currently 73 single family dwellings receiving RDN curbside collection service. For the recycling and organics streams, there is high participation with very low contamination (1-3%) which can be largely attributed to the onsite help from the Snaw-Naw-As representative and the RDN education sessions held prior to the introduction of the service. For the garbage stream, the majority of residents have been able to limit their garbage to the 100L biweekly limit through diligent recycling and composting efforts. For the few households that require the extra bag tags for garbage removal beyond the 100L limit, Snaw-Naw-As has opted to pay for the bag tags and

allow for community members to pick up from their designated office free of charge to assure all household waste will be removed. The commercial bins for residential household waste were removed at the beginning of October 2019. The remaining commercial bins are under lock and key and are limited for commercial and multifamily use only.

In addition to the curbside collection, the RDN has facilitated the establishment of extended producer responsibility programs such as Call2Recycle for battery removal and MARR for the removal of 70+ large appliances summer 2019.

#### *TRANSITION TO AUTOMATED COLLECTION SERVICE*

Chief and Council met with the RDN November 2019 to discuss the upcoming change to automated collection service and confirmed their desire to continue with the curbside collection service under the new automated program. The cart selections for all households were made and residents are awaiting the delivery of the new collection carts this summer.

New RDN Board and Snaw-Naw-As First Nation Council Band resolutions are required to validate the Automated Curbside Collection Service Agreement because the new RDN Residential Garbage Food Waste and Recycling Curbside Collection Services Rate and Regulate Bylaw 1802 (which formed the basis of the new service agreement for automated collection) is materially different from the previous curbside collection services Bylaw 1591 (which formed the basis of the previous service agreement for manual collection).

#### *CURBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS*

The new automated curbside collection services contract with Waste Connections of Canada (Waste Connections) includes Snaw-Naw-As First Nation residences. Since curbside collection on the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation Reserve commenced in June 2019, Waste Connections has resolved all access/logistic issues, specifically pertaining to access and safety. Waste Connections has reaffirmed their ability to provide curbside collection for Snaw-Naw-As First Nation residents using the cart-based collection system.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. That the Board authorize execution of the Automated Curbside Collection Service Agreement with the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.
2. Provide alternate direction.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Snaw-Naw-As First Nation will be billed the 2021 curbside collection user fee, which varies based on cart size but is \$175 per dwelling unit for the default 100L garbage cart size. This is the same as the rest of the RDN residents. A total of 73 dwelling units have been identified for service, resulting in an annual aggregate fee of \$11,315 (inclusive of applicable discounts and based on actual cart size requested) for 2021 if the Board approves the continuation of the curbside collection service for the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation.

## STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS

People and Partnerships - Continue to build and enhance relationships with First Nations based on the specific needs of each community's leaders.

The continuation of the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation in the RDN curbside collection program is consistent with the RDN's strategic priorities, specifically, the strengthen relationship with the First Nation communities.

Additionally, the residential curbside collection program is entirely funded by user fees to cover the costs associated with the contracted collection, disposal, program administration, education and communication services.



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### Attachment:

1. Nanoose First Nation Curbside Collection Service Agreement