



REGIONAL  
DISTRICT  
OF NANAIMO

**AMENDMENT BYLAW 1802.03 - 2024 CURBSIDE UTILITY FEES**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the “Residential Curbside Collection of Garbage, Food Waste and Recyclables Regulation and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1802.03, 2024” be introduced and read three times, and
2. That the “Residential Curbside Collection of Garbage, Food Waste and Recyclables Regulation and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1802.03, 2024” be adopted.

**BACKGROUND**

The Regional District of Nanaimo’s (RDN) "Residential Curbside Collection of Garbage, Food Waste and Recyclables Regulation and Charges Bylaw No. 1802, 2020" (“the Bylaw”), sets conditions of use, and user fees for the RDN Automated Curbside Collection Service (“the Service”).

The Service is mandatory for all residential properties containing up to four dwelling units and is optional for eligible bare land strata and townhouse complexes. Approximately 30,000 households currently fall into the Service area including all RDN electoral areas, Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nation, the District of Lantzville, City of Parksville, and the Town of Qualicum Beach. The Service offers weekly organics and alternating biweekly garbage and recycling collection, operating on an add-a-day schedule system.

The Service transitioned to a fully automated cart system in 2020. In March 2023 the first phase of the Expanded Organics Program was implemented, allowing residents to top-up their existing organics (food waste) cart with leaves, grass, and light yard trimmings. The automated Service offers households the option to upsize or downsize their garbage and recycling carts. Supporting polluter and user-pay principles, the size of the garbage cart determines the annual utility fee.

**Annual Utility Fee**

The proposed 2024 curbside utility fee is set to increase by four per cent. Of this, three per cent provides for a general inflation increase, and one per cent is allocated to the operating costs of the Expanded Organics Program (curbside yard waste collection). This fee increase ensures accurate cost recovery, while delivering equitable and efficient service to the residents of the RDN and its member municipalities.

RDN Curbside User Fee Comparison			
Year	80L Garbage Cart	100L Garbage Cart	240L Garbage Cart
2023	\$177	\$187	\$268
2024	\$184	\$194	\$279

The practice of offering a fifteen-dollar prompt pay discount will continue to be offered in 2024.

**Cart Exchange Fees**

The proposed 2024 Cart Exchange Fee will increase from \$50 on garbage carts to \$75 and decrease for recycling carts from \$50 to \$0, per request. This change supports the practice of waste diversion at the household level while also meeting the contractual requirements of the Recycle BC/RDN contract.

RDN Cart Replacement Fees*		
Year	Garbage	Recyclables
2023	\$50	\$50
2024	\$75	\$0
*per request		

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed utility fee increase has been incorporated in the 2024 Solid Waste – Curbside Budget, and the 2024-2028 Financial Plan. The Utility Fee increase ensures accurate cost recovery and the effective and efficient delivery of the Service, while promoting waste diversion at a household level. The changes to the cart exchange and replacement fees will have a negligible impact on the budget.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

Planning and Managing for Growth - Understand and develop an inter-connected framework of strategies and plans to manage growth to support complete communities, including planning, transportation, infrastructure, and fiscal sustainability.

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**ATTACHMENT**

Amendment Bylaw 1802.03