



STAFF REPORT

Title: 2024 Operating Budget Amendment - Waste Receptacle Bins

Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

Executive Summary:

The City of Cold Lake provides waste collection services to several “private” development properties through manual collection. The administration is seeking council approval for a budget amendment to purchase waste and organic carts, facilitating the transition from manual to automated collection operations. The private developments currently receiving waste collection services are:

1. Fontaine Village – Capriet
2. Creekside Trailer Park – Capriet
3. Wildwood Trailer Court – Capriet
4. Tri-stone Villas
5. Freedom Ridge
6. Harbour View Condos

Administration recommends that Council amend the 2024 Operating Budget by \$55,000 to purchase waste and organic carts, enabling the transition to automated collection within these areas.

Background:

The City of Cold Lake provides residential waste, organics, and recycling curbside collection services to over 5,000 residential dwelling units. These services are delivered through both automated (along public access streets) and manual collection (in limited private developments).

- **2014:** Automated collection, along with the provision of carts, was introduced to properties along public access streets.
- **2022:** Organic carts were rolled out for organic collection services.

Private developments that received municipal waste collection services before 2014, prior to the rollout of automated services, continue to receive manual operations. The City does not provide waste collection services to any private developments constructed post-2014, as the infrastructure in these developments does not meet the City of Cold Lake’s engineering standards, particularly concerning roadway design.



Currently, the City manually collects waste from 325 units (650 carts) in private subdivisions that provide their own carts. Administration proposes transitioning these locations from manual to automated collection to:

- Streamline waste collection processes
- Reduce collection times
- Standardize carts and service levels across all residents receiving curbside collection
- Minimize exposure to hazards and reduce the risk of injuries to collection crews

Administration requests an additional \$55,000 to cover the costs of purchasing waste and organic carts, facilitating the transition from manual to automated collection in the private developments listed above.

Alternatives:

Council may:

- Amend the 2024 Operating Budget to fund \$55,000.00 for the Waste Receptacle Bins, to be funded from unrestricted surplus.
- Support the reallocation of \$55,000 from Council's Contingency (1-2-97-99-991) to fund the purchase of Waste Receptacle Bins.

Recommended Action:

That Council amend the 2024 Operating Budget to authorize \$55,000.00 for the purchase of Waste Receptacle Bins, to be funded from unrestricted surplus.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

Submitted by:

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