



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: March 24, 2025

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## BYLAW 1801 – RECYCLING MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

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### **DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:**

At the March 10, 2025, Council meeting an information brief was brought forward explaining changes to residential recycling as part of Alberta's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Program. The Town will no longer be responsible for the collection and billing of residential recycling. Commercial collection however will remain as is, with the Town managing the collection through a contract and billing of the service. Additionally, the Town will receive funds from Circular Materials under this new program for residential use of the recycling bins stored in the Town's public works yard (the Town makes these available for public use).

As part of implementation of the EPR program, Administration has updated the Recycling Materials Management Bylaw to exclude the residential portion. Upon review of the bylaw, administration also determined that rates had not been updated since 2023 and has proposed rates for 2025 only. As can be seen no change to the rates has been proposed at this time. The reasoning for this is that Administration would like to use the balance of 2025 to do a full analysis of the commercial recycling program to review the true costs related to the recycling contract and tipping fees and additional insurance requirements to ensure the program is at cost recovery, as much of these costs are currently combined with residential recycling creating some challenges in estimating rates at this time.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:**

Administration has updated the fee schedule portion of the bylaw to remove residential rates and include commercial rates for 2025 as they have not been updated since 2023.

Even with no change to the current rates for 2025, it is predicted that there may be a recycling surplus of some amount due to the addition of the Curricular Materials funds that will be received.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to give bylaw #1801, the Recycling Materials Management Bylaw first reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

1.) DRAFT copy of Bylaw #1801 – Recycling Materials Management Bylaw

2.) APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: March 21, 2025

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