

A Bylaw to repeal Maple Ridge Recycling Charges Bylaw No. 4655-1992

Recommendation:

THAT Maple Ridge Bylaw No. 8028-2025 to repeal Maple Ridge Recycling Charges Bylaw No. 4655-1992 be given first, second, and third reading.

Report Purpose and Summary Statement:

This report recommends repealing the Recycling Charges Bylaw, as Recycle BC now provides curbside recycling services at no cost to residents.

Financial Impact:

Maple Ridge residents were set to pay a \$43 recycling charge on their 2025 property tax notice for curbside recycling. That fee has now been eliminated.

Funding Source:

Parcel charges for the depot operations have been shifted to property taxation, meaning the recycling depot's funding is now part of general tax revenue instead of a separate fee.

Strategic Alignment:

Climate Leadership & Environmental Stewardship. Transitioning to Recycle BC aligns with the City's sustainability goals, and forms part of the ongoing effort to help residents manage waste responsibly and keep Maple Ridge clean. Ridge Meadows Recycling Society will continue managing the Recycling Depot.

To: Mayor and Council

File number: [4275355]

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BACKGROUND:

ANALYSIS:

Discussion:

Historically, Maple Ridge partnered with Ridge Meadows Recycling Society for curbside recycling and environmental stewardship. As of January 1, 2025, Recycle BC took over curbside recycling services, while Ridge Meadows Recycling Society continues to operate the Maple Ridge Recycling Depot.

Recycle BC is a non-profit organization funded by businesses that supply packaging and paper to residents in British Columbia, and effective January 1st 2025, started providing curbside recycling services to Maple Ridge residents at no cost.

With this transition, the Recycling Charges Bylaw No. 4655-1992 is no longer required and should be repealed.

Strategic Alignment:

Climate Leadership & Environmental Stewardship. Transitioning to Recycle BC aligns with the City's sustainability goals, and forms part of the ongoing effort to help residents manage waste responsibly and keep Maple Ridge clean. Meanwhile, Ridge Meadows Recycling Society continues its role in managing the Recycling Depot, ensuring long-term environmental commitment remains intact.

Financial Impact:

Maple Ridge residents were set to pay a \$43 recycling charge on their 2025 property tax notice for curbside recycling. However, with Recycle BC now providing the service at no cost, that fee has been eliminated.

CONCLUSION:

The repealing of the Recycling Charges Bylaw No. 4655-1992 reflects the transition of curbside recycling to Recycle BC at no cost to residents. This change streamlines waste management while maintaining the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society's role in operating the Recycling Depot.

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