



## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services  
SUBJECT: Garbage Container Licence Program - 2012 Licence Agreement Fee

### *RECOMMENDATION*

- A. THAT Council approve a 2% increase to Garbage Container Licence Agreement fees effective January 1, 2012.
- B. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to modify all Garbage Container Licence Agreements between the City and solid waste removal companies using city lanes for storage of solid waste containers in accordance with Recommendation A.

### *GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS*

The General Manager of Engineering Services RECOMMENDS approval of the above recommendations.

### *COUNCIL POLICY*

In 1992, Council authorized the execution of licence agreements between the City and commercial waste companies which implement the City's garbage container permit program.

### *SUMMARY*

Fees are traditionally adjusted on an annual basis as part of the annual budget process to reflect inflation. For 2012, the estimated inflationary increase set by the Budgets office is 2.00% and this increase has been applied to the Container Licence Agreement fees.

### *PURPOSE*

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of a 2% increase in Garbage Container Licence Agreement fees for 2012.

### ***BACKGROUND***

The City enters into Garbage Container Licence Agreements with companies that place commercial garbage and recycling containers on city streets and lanes where there is insufficient space available for storage on private property. The licence requires the City to give licensees at least three months notice (i.e. by October 1 of the current year) of any licence amendments, including fee adjustments, prior to renewal of the licence on January 1 of the following year. Failure to provide sufficient notice will result in the current licence agreements being automatically renewed for the coming year.

Fees were last adjusted in January 2011.

### ***DISCUSSION***

As part of the City's 2012 budget building process, a general adjustment of 2.00% for revenues is being recommended. This adjustment is for inflationary increases in City costs to process and administer the programs associated with these fees. This increase has been applied to the Garbage Container Licence Agreement fees.

### ***ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS***

Council could choose to apply a different increase than that recommended.

### ***FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS***

The adjustment of 2.00% to the annual Garbage Container Licence Agreement fees will result in an increase of \$4.24 (from \$212.00 to \$216.24) for containers greater than or equal to 1 cubic yard, and of \$1.40 (from \$70.00 to \$71.40) for containers of less than 1 cubic yard.

The HST will be added to taxable fees.

### ***PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS***

There are no personnel implications.

### ***COMMUNICATIONS PLAN***

Parties to the Garbage Container Licence Agreements will be notified by letter of the approved increases prior to October 1, 2011, as required by the agreements.

### ***CONCLUSION***

It is recommended that a 2.00% increase for inflation be applied to the Garbage Container Licence Agreement fees specified in this report. It is also recommended that the City give notice to all interested parties of the increase in accordance with the Garbage Container Licence Agreements.

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