

**Date:** June 12, 2025

**To:** **Mayor and Council.**

**Name and title:** Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations

**Subject:** Solid Waste Services – Unit Replacement

**Attachment(s):** None

**Recommendation(s):**

That Council APPROVES a budget amendment to increase the 2025-2029 Financial Plan for Project #0431 Mobile Equipment Replacement from \$4,178,000 to \$4,928,000 with the additional \$750,000 to be funded from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund as described in the report to Council dated June 12, 2025 from the Director of Civic Operations, titled “Solid Waste Services – Unit Replacement”.

**Purpose:**

This report is before Council to seek budget approval for \$750,000 funded from the Solid Waste Reserve to support replacement of an existing automated solid waste collection truck removed from the City's fleet due to a motor vehicle accident.

**Discussion:**

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Solid Waste Services collection unit 2455 was involved in a serious motor vehicle accident on Foothills Blvd that resulted in the unit being written off by ICBC.

The City has received \$375,000 from the insurance recovery and those proceeds have been deposited into the Solid Waste Reserve Fund. The funds from insurance do not cover the full cost of a new replacement collection unit so the remaining funds would need to come from the Solid Waste Reserve. Fleet Services would like to begin the replacement process as soon as possible.

**Strategic Priorities:**

An effective solid waste collection program supports the myPG goals of Sustainable Fiscal Management and Organizational Excellence.

**Summary and conclusion:**

Over 12 months have passed since unit 2455 was involved in a serious MVA resulting in the unit being deemed non-repairable and written off. Solid Waste operations have been without a comparable collection vehicle. Replacement and associated expedited procurement processes are critical to ensure continued, uninterrupted automated collection. The waiting period for delivery of a new collection vehicle is approximately 12-18 months once the purchase process is complete. A build-out estimate from our previous supplier would see a unit arriving in Prince George in January of 2027 if Fleet Services can complete a purchase in the next 3 months. Administration is seeking Council approval for the

purchase and replacement of unit 2455 in the amount of \$750,000 from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund. The balance of the reserve fund is partially offset by the \$375,000 insurance recovery.

Respectfully submitted:

Blake McIntosh, Director of Civic Operations

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Meeting date: [2025/07/14]