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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Sherry Tarasoff - Capital Project Renaming and Request for Internal Borrowing for Black Carts - CK 7830-3 x 1750-1 x 1702-1  
**Attachments:** 2023-08-30 Black Carts\_Redacted.pdf

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 27, 2023 9:16 PM  
**To:** City Council <[City.Council@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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Submitted on Sunday, August 27, 2023 - 21:13

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Submitted values are:

**I have read and understand the above statements.:** Yes

**I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.:** No

**I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.:** No

**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2023

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Sherry

**Last Name:** Tarasoff

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED] Peterson Cres

**Neighbourhood:** [Westview](#)

**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** [REDACTED]

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL - August 30, 2023

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 8.1.2 P.02599 – Capital Project Renaming and Request for Internal Borrowing for Black Carts

**Comments:**

Does anyone else have concerns about the upcoming utility for black garbage bins?

First, the City needs to spend \$3.5 million to purchase and deploy smaller black garbage bins. Taxpayers will then have the option of what size bin they want, and will be charged accordingly (the smaller the bin, the lower the rate). The rates are yet to be determined – they will be brought forward in fall 2023.

Currently, there are 71,500 large black garbage bins in circulation. The estimate is that 25-40% of taxpayers will want smaller bins. That means 17,875-28,600 large black bins will either be sent to the landfill or stored somewhere for future use. That's a lot of bins that are already serving their purpose right now. And don't forget that each collection truck must be modified to pick up the smallest bin, at a cost of \$4,000/truck.

The mandatory green bins that were introduced this year have, according to the City, successfully diverted waste from the landfill (albeit to a processor that was not originally awarded the contract). By incentivizing people to pay less for smaller bins, the City estimates that 5,000–16,000 more tonnes of waste per year will be diverted. My garbage bin is only ever half full so I will request a smaller bin. This smaller bin does not mean I am diverting more waste.

What happens if more people than expected want the smallest bin (and the lowest rate)? Exactly how will rates get determined to cover this possibility? Yes, I have concerns.

When questions to Administration (see attached) are returned with the phrases "currently exploring", "subject to change" and "future reporting", that indicates unknowns which equal potential problems and corresponding financial implications. And while I often hear the phrase "don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good", proceeding with all these changes at once does not even appear to be good. What is the risk of sticking with the current size for the rollout of the garbage utility, and then give size (variable rate) options later on? Small, solid steps that have been carefully planned out still move us forward.

**Attachments:**

- [2023-08-30 Black Carts Redacted.pdf](#)899.16 KB

**Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?:** No

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**From:** Mantyka, Sarah [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August 15, 2023 3:05 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Bartlett, Chelsey; James, Gabriella; Freistadt, Denette; UnRuh, Paige; Gardiner, Angela; Lemke, Brendan; Councillors Support  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re Request for Internal Borrowing for Black Carts

Hello Sherry,

Thank you for your inquiry.

Please see below for our responses in green.

1. "Administration estimates that between 25%-40% of residents will switch to a small or medium sized cart in 2024" How does that equate to the number of existing large black carts that will be affected? How many large black carts are estimated to be retired and how many are estimated to be saved for later? For carts that are retired, where will they be disposed of and is there a cost? For carts that will be stored until future use, where will they be stored and what will that cost?

*There are approximately 71,500 black carts in the program, and Administration is estimating approximately 25-40% of residents will switch to a smaller cart in the first year. If a cart is requested, a new cart will be deployed, and the old cart retrieved and put it into inventory for future use if it is still in good condition. The number of carts estimated to be retired is unknown and will need to be assessed curbside during the cart exchanges. Administration is currently exploring opportunities to reuse, re-purpose, or recycle old carts that are at the end of their life cycle. Details will be negotiated with the successful cart vendor as part of the procurement for the supply and deployment.*

2. I understand that modifications will be required to the automated collection trucks to accommodate the small cart sizes, at a cost of \$4,000 per truck. When is this modification work expected to be done and will it affect current operations?

*Further testing as part of the procurement process will occur and determine the extent of modifications needed. Any required modifications will be completed with Fleet Services on an ongoing basis in early 2024, no disruption to operations is anticipated.*

3. How many new carts (small and medium) are estimated to be purchased? Of the \$3.5M that is being requested, how much is for the supply of the carts and how much is for the deployment?

*The City will need to purchase additional garbage carts to expand its existing inventory. We are estimating the distribution of smaller carts are approximately 10% and 30% of the small and medium cart sizes respectfully. Cart supply and deployment estimates are subject to change and modelled off existing cart contracts. The City will work with the cart vendor to verify the costs for supply and deployment.*

4. What happens if 60% of residents want smaller carts? Will more carts be purchased for demand or will there be a priority order established?

*All borrowing will be done in accordance with City Council Policies C03-027 Borrowing for Capital Projects and C01-021 Public Notice. If more carts were requested than borrowing limits, a report to council would be completed. More details on the cart request and swap details will be provided in future reporting in the Fall.*

5. I understand how the implementation of the city-wide organics cart diverts waste from the black cart (I was a subscriber to the green bin program for years). The ultimate goal is reducing waste headed to the landfill. What is the estimated diversion rate by offering different sized black carts?

*Economic incentives to support reduction and diversion are an important action to reach the City's 70% waste diversion target as identified in the Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan for the City of Saskatoon. Economic incentives have potential outcomes on diversion of 5,000 (5%) to 16,000 (17%) tonnes of waste per year and corresponding greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions of 3,000 to 10,000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e per year.*

Should I be of further assistance please let me know.

Kind Regards,

**Sarah Mantyka**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 11, 2023 1:49:20 PM  
**To:** James, Gabriella [REDACTED]; Bartlett, Chelsey [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Gardiner, Angela [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Questions re Request for Internal Borrowing for Black Carts

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Hello,

I have some questions on the "Request for Internal Borrowing for Black Carts" report that was presented at the SPC-EUCS meeting on Tuesday morning. Perhaps these were addressed at the meeting, however, I have not had the opportunity to review the video yet.

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Thank you,  
Sherry Tarasoff