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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Sherry Tarasoff - Proposed Amendments to Landfill Replacement Reserve, Bylaw No. 6774 Capital Reserve Bylaw - CK 1815-0
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Submitted on Monday, September 2, 2024 - 16:54

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: Monday, September 02, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Sherry

Last Name: Tarasoff

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Peterson Cres

Ward: Ward 4

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: SPC-Finance - September 4, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 6.2.3 Proposed Amendments to Landfill Replacement Reserve, Bylaw No. 6774, Capital Reserve Bylaw

Comments:

Please find my comments and questions attached. Thank you.

Attachments:

- [2024 09 04 SPC-F Landfill Replacement Reserve.pdf](#)12.2 KB

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

6.2.3 Proposed Amendments to Landfill Replacement Reserve, Bylaw No. 6774, Capital Reserve Bylaw

MORE BACKGROUND

History

The Landfill Replacement Reserve (LRR) was established in 1991. Per [Bylaw No. 6774, The Capital Reserve Bylaw, 1993](#), the purpose of the Landfill Replacement Reserve is to finance the cost of replacing the City's landfill.

In [1996](#), the cost of decommissioning the Spadina Landfill was estimated to reach \$5 million. The cost for the development of a new Regional Waste Management Centre (RWMC) was estimated to reach \$4.5 million. The 1996 opening balance in the reserve was \$273,500. The deficiency in the LRR was attempted to be addressed in part with City Council's November 6, 1995 approval for the annual transfer of \$410,000 to the reserve from the funds which became available from the retirement of the automated garbage collection system debt.

In [2017](#), the costs to close the existing landfill and establish a new landfill were estimated at \$26 million and \$100 million respectively, in addition to increases in operational costs due to anticipated longer haul distances associated with a newly located landfill.

The [Solid Waste Reduction & Diversion Plan](#) from 2021 stated that while [the LRR] has been broadly interpreted to include landfill optimization and waste diversion in the past, it is critical that this reserve be left in place for its intended purpose of Landfill decommissioning and replacement.

Current Status

It is projected that the balance in the LRR could be in a negative balance by the end of 2024.

INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED

1. What is the estimated cost today of decommissioning the current landfill and establishing a new landfill?
2. What is the lifespan of the current landfill?
3. How does Administration plan to use the LRR to meet the timeline?

RISKS AND IMPLICATION OF APPROVING AMENDMENTS

There is not enough money set aside when the time comes for the landfill replacement and decommissioning.