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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 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 23, 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):: Regular Business Meeting of City Council – September 25, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.4.3 Proposed Amendments to Landfill Replacement Reserve, Bylaw No. 6774, Capital Reserve Bylaw

Comments:

In addition to the comments that I provided to the SPC-Finance meeting on September 4th, please find further comments attached, which outline why I am opposed to these proposed amendments.

Attachments:

- [2024 09 25 Regular Landfill Replacement Reserve.pdf](#) 41.66 KB

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

I am **OPPOSED** to the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance; “that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate bylaw amendments to the Landfill Replacement Reserve within Bylaw No. 6744, The Capital Reserve Bylaw, 1993 as outlined in this report”.

My opposition is based on the following:

1. The Landfill Replacement Reserve purpose is clear, “to finance the cost of replacing the City’s landfill.” This reserve was established in 1991 and, at the end of this year, it will be in a negative balance. The CFO’s comment at the SCP-Finance meeting speaks to interpretation of this reserve:

“The Administration’s interpretation and usage of the reserve has been for projects that optimize or extend the life of the existing landfill. So, I do know there is some misinterpretation of this is strictly to close the existing landfill and build another one twenty miles away or wherever it may be constructed but Administration’s intent is to have the existing lifespan of the current landfill extend as long as possible and we’ve been using this funding for optimization projects and new cell expansion and those types of projects as well.”

2. There is no indication of the current lifespan of the landfill. The General Manager of Utilities and Environment commented at the SPC-Finance meeting:

“Our intent is to not have to replace. Ultimately, we don’t wanna have to replace the landfill” and “We will be undertaking an integrated landfill management plan in 2025 and that’s going to refresh previous analysis and information.”

3. There is no indication of the current cost of decommissioning the current landfill and establishing a new landfill (has a new landfill location even been determined yet?). The General Manager of Utilities and Environment commented at the SPC-Finance meeting:

“Actually, if I could maybe add. The \$100 million was just the replacement cost but the decommissioning and closure cost of the existing landfill would be an additional \$50-75 million on top of that. So, at that time, we were almost at \$200 million total.”

4. If the Bylaw is amended to replace the base provision of “\$410,000” with “funded annually from an authorized provision in the City’s Operating Budget”, does that mean that an authorized provision could be less than that, or even \$0?

5. If the funding of this reserve also relies on tonnage, and the tonnage is decreasing (based on numbers provided by the CFO below), what is the plan to fund this reserve to finance eventual replacement of the landfill?

Year	Base Budget Contribution to LRR	Rate/Tonne	Total Waste Buried, Including Commercial ('24 Projected)	Total Commercial Chargeable Tonnes	Tipping Provision ('24 Budgeted)	Total Tipping Provision + Base Contribution
2024 - Budgeted	\$ 331,800	\$ 29.50	74,979		\$ 2,211,881	\$ 2,543,681
2023	\$ 410,000	\$ 29.50	78,016		\$ 2,301,468	\$ 2,711,468
2022	\$ 410,000	\$ 29.50	91,666		\$ 2,704,160	\$ 3,114,160
2021	\$ 410,000	\$ 29.50	93,971		\$ 2,772,137	\$ 3,182,137
2020	\$ 410,000	\$ 29.50	93,894		\$ 2,769,858	\$ 3,179,858
2019	\$ 410,000	\$ 29.50	94,067		\$ 2,774,990	\$ 3,184,990
2018	\$ 410,000	\$ 23.00	96,093		\$ 2,210,149	\$ 2,620,149
2017	\$ 410,000	\$ 21.00	94,772		\$ 1,990,219	\$ 2,400,219
2016	\$ 410,000	\$ 45.00	96,974	33,654	\$ 1,514,440	\$ 1,924,440

I would argue that there is not enough information available right now to allow a decision on amending the funding provisions of this reserve.