



Standing Committee Report Electoral Area Services Committee

To: Electoral Area Services Committee
From: Associate Director of Engineering Services
Date: March 5, 2026

Subject: 2026 - Solid Waste Management Bylaw Update

Objective: To seek EASC endorsement on the proposed changes to the RDCO Solid Waste Management Bylaw.

Discussion:

The Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) currently regulates solid waste management within the RDCO Electoral Areas through the Solid Waste Management Bylaw No. 1253, originally adopted in 2009 with the introduction of automated curbside collection. The bylaw has been amended several times over the past 15 years with the last amendment in 2023 to incorporate managing wildlife attractants. Member municipalities have similar Solid Waste Management Bylaws.

Starting May 1, 2026 Recycle BC will be providing curbside recycling collection directly to residents. This triggered an extensive review of the RDCO's Solid Waste Bylaw to reflect the change in curbside recycling service delivery from municipal government to a Producer Responsible Organization (PRO). Due to the number of changes required, staff recommend that the Solid Waste Management Bylaw be repealed and replaced with an updated version.

Purpose of the Bylaw Update:

The key objectives of the Solid Waste Management Bylaw repeal-and-replace are to:

- Modernize definitions and terminology to match current operations, provincial regulations, and PRO requirements.
- Improve clarity around service expectations for both residents and service providers.
- Ensure alignment with current transfer station operations.
- Remove outdated references (e.g. RDCO's now-closed landfill).

Bylaw Changes:

The recommended changes to the Solid Waste Management Bylaw are designed to address evolving community needs and regulatory requirements. With the transition of curbside recycling collection to Recycle BC, this bylaw update aims to ensure that local regulations are not only up-to-date, but also provide enhanced clarity and consistency for residents and service providers. The following sections outline the key amendments and improvements being introduced as part of this comprehensive review.

Definition Updates

- Clarification of what constitutes mandatory recyclable materials, including paper and packaging, as well as definitions for new recycling containers supplied by the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO).
- Updated and consistent terminology for transfer stations and depots, including revised descriptions for the Asquith Road, North Westside, and Traders Cove Transfer Stations.
- Improved alignment with Glenmore Landfill terminology and definitions (e.g., wood waste).

Strengthened Collection System Requirements

- Enhanced regulations for collection responsibilities, including guidelines for the placement and timing of carts and containers (for example, carts may not be placed outside the night before collection).
- Revised provisions regarding strata participation requiring a single application from each strata and obligating stratas to ensure appropriate pick-up locations and access for service providers, aligning the bylaw with City of Kelowna standards.
- A new clause clarifying that residents are required to lawfully dispose of items exceeding the capacity of their carts.
- Clarification that the Regional District may suspend service temporarily to ensure safe access and utilization.

Yard Waste Provisions

- Updated biweekly yard waste collection period: March – December.

Disposal and Transfer Station Requirements

- Clarified rules on acceptable materials, sorting requirements, and contamination prevention.
- Updated language for operational control at transfer stations and depots.
- Removed references to the Glenmore Landfill rates.

Prohibitions and Enforcement

- Consolidated and clarified prohibitions around contamination, scavenging, misplaced garbage, tampering with carts, and unauthorized access to sites.
- Added safety language for on-site behaviour at waste facilities.

Schedule B – Asquith Road Transfer Station Fees

- Removed reference to Glenmore Landfill fees.
- Increased rate for tires on rims from \$3 to \$5 to reflect actual recycling cost.
- Increased rate for mattresses from \$20 each to \$23 each to cover actual cost of hauling and disposal to Glenmore Landfill.

Schedule C – Collection Limits and Fees

- Updated service levels to reflect removal of curbside recycling.
- Formatted fees and charges as a chart.

- Revised cart change-out fee to apply to all upgrades or requests for additional carts, rather than exclusively to secondary change-outs. This adjustment is intended to address administrative expenses and align regional approach. The fee amount remains unchanged.

Schedule E – Transfer Station and Regional District Controlled Recycling Depot Site Regulations

- Removed reference to landfill as RDCO no longer operates a landfill.
- Clarified transfer station rules and added Recycling Depots under site regulations.

Next Steps:

Feedback from the Electoral Area Services Committee will be used to update the draft Solid Waste Management Bylaw, as appropriate. Staff tentatively plan to present the draft bylaw, inclusive of any changes, to the Regional Board for approval and adoption on March 19, 2026.

Changes to the Solid Waste Management Bylaw will also require housekeeping updates to the RDCO Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw, which are also attached to this report.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Electoral Area Services Committee endorses the proposed bylaw amendments in relation to Solid Waste Management for RDCO's Electoral Areas as presented by the Associate Director of Engineering's Committee report dated March 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by: Cynthia Coates, Solid Waste Supervisor

Report Approved by: Travis Kendel, Associate Director of Engineering

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment(s):

1. BL1585 Solid Waste Mgmt Reg Bylaw (New 2026)
 3. BL1253-Solid Waste Mgmt Reg Bylaw – Consolidated November 2023 - REDLINED
 2. BL1591 Amendment No.6 to RDCO Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No.1537
 4. BL1592 Amendment No.5 to RDCO Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No.1538
 5. Solid Waste Management Bylaw Presentation
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