
TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Shelley Rector, CPA, CMA – CFO

DATE: March 18, 2019

SUBJECT: **Setting the Solid Waste Management Uniform Charge**

ORIGIN: Budget Management Policy 03450-04.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Budget Management Policy 03450-04 and MGA 75(4) (b).

RECOMMENDATIONS: That, per the attached summary, the setting of the solid waste management uniform charge at \$185.00 for the 2019/20 fiscal year be referred to the March 25, 2019 Regular Council meeting for approval.

BACKGROUND: The amount collected for the solid waste management uniform charge is the amount of the total net expenses for the upcoming year divided by the number of dwelling units in the Town. Historically this has been done as a part of the regular budget process.

DISCUSSION: As the formula is simply total net expenses divided by dwelling units, and the full amount of expense are to be covered by the charge, staff recommend the setting of this rate in the regular March council meeting to expedite budget discussions.

The anticipated net costs for 2019/20 are \$591,495 and the approximate number of total dwelling units within the boundaries of the Town of Amherst in residential premises with less than four such dwelling units is 3,205. Therefore $\$591,495 / 3,205$ equals \$185 (\$184.55 rounded up).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The solid waste management uniform charge will see an increase of \$10 which will be offset by an equal increase in expenses.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Communication coordinated by Corporate Communications Officer including media releases, the Town's website and social media.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: None

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: None

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not approve the changes to the solid waste management uniform charge and fund the increased cost through an increase in general tax rates.
2. Defer the increase to budget discussions.



ATTACHMENTS: Solid Waste Management Uniform Charge Resolution and waste collection and disposal budget for 2019/20.

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