



Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
November 26, 2019

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To: Scott Hildebrand, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Sean Smith, Director of Corporate Services
Date: November 26, 2019
Subject: LNIB Recycling Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the attached Residential Recycling Services Agreement (the “Agreement”), between the Lower Nicola Indian Band (“LNIB”) and the City of Merritt

Background:

The LNIB currently provides residential recycling collection services for its residents. However, with the City of Merritt and TNRD shifting to use Recycle BC services earlier this year, the LNIB was without an agreement for processing of recycling, and was told that the wait time for onboarding directly with Recycle BC could be as long as 11 years.

As a result, the LNIB approached City staff about the possibility of including their recycling as part of the City recycling stream through Recycle BC. After consulting with Recycle BC, the parties agreed to an interim arrangement that would allow the LNIB to join with the City, until a more formal agreement could be prepared.

The LNIB took the lead in drafting the attached agreement and worked closely with City staff to ensure an outcome that staff of both parties are satisfied with. After reviewing the agreement, Recycle BC was extremely impressed with the efforts of the LNIB and that hopes and expects that this agreement will be a model for other First Nations communities in BC.

While this agreement is minor in terms of its financial impacts, it is a good example of the continually improving relationship between our governments.

Key details of the Agreement

Term:

This agreement runs in perpetuity, though either party may at their sole discretion terminate on 6 months notice.

Payment:

The City of Merritt will receive all collection fees directly from Recycle BC, and will provide transfer payments to the LNIB based on the proportion of LNIB serviced homes relative to serviced City of Merritt homes, less an administration fee equals 2% of all fees collected.

Liability:

In the event that there are fines levied against the City for contamination of recycling, then the amount of the fine will be apportioned between the parties based on weight contributed by the parties.

Options:

1. **THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to sign the attached Residential Recycling Services Agreement (the “Agreement”), between the Lower Nicola Indian Band (“LNIB”) and the City of Merritt.**
2. **THAT Council direct staff to renegotiate terms with the LNIB**
3. **THAT Council receive this report for information.**

Respectfully submitted,

**Sean Smith
Deputy CAO / Director of Corporate Services**

Attachments:

- Residential Recycling Services Agreement