



Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Item No: **D-1**

Meeting Date: **March 20, 2024**

Item Title: Consideration of revised Residential Recycling Contract and Town subsidy

Item Summary:

At its March regular meeting, the Board discussed a proposal by TFC recycling to continue with a subscription-based recycling service for the Town at a rate of \$19.85 per month. The current rate is \$15.33 per month. Therefore, the new proposal would increase the monthly cost by \$4.52 per month. Recognizing that the proposal represents a significant cost increase to the subscriber, the Board requested that staff determine whether the service could be offered twice a month rather than once a week. The Board also requested that staff negotiate the monthly rate.

TFC has stated that service can be offered twice a month for a rate of \$15.58 per month. However, it is "all or nothing," meaning that the entire town must be serviced either weekly or bi-weekly in any given month. Additionally, if extra pickups are needed during bi-weekly months, for example if there was a holiday, then that month would be charged as weekly recycling, \$19.85. The Town of Duck currently contracts with TFC to provide weekly town-wide recycling service from May 1 to October 31 and bi-weekly service the rest of the year. If the Town were to select bi-weekly service for the same period of time, subscribers would save \$25.62 over a six-month period; however, they would lose 12 days of service.

TFC did not agree to lower the rate provided in the original proposal for once-a-week service.

Taking price point into consideration with the "all or nothing" approach, staff recommends approving the contract with TFC for weekly, year-round recycling. Staff would also like the Board's direction on maintaining or increasing the current Town subsidized portion for those participating in the program. Staff has suggested increasing the subsidy from \$5 per month per subscriber to \$6.50 per month per subscriber.

Staff would note that TFC's proposal would hold the price for two years, with a 7.5% escalation for the third year of the contract.

Number of Attachments: 0

Specific Action Requested:

Approval of a three-year contract with TFC Recycling for curbside subscription-based residential recycling collection on Mondays. The Board can choose weekly or bi-weekly recycling. For bi-weekly recycling, the Board would need to specify the months to offer this service. Any change in the Town subsidy would require Board approval.

Submitted By: Administration

Date: March 14, 2024



Finance Officer Comment:

The new monthly fee with TFC Recycling would be \$19.85. Staff is requesting the Board's direction on maintaining or increasing the Town's subsidized portion. If approved, an associated budget amendment can be brought forward later in the fiscal year if necessary.

If approved, an ordinance incorporating the contract revisions will be presented in April for the Board's consideration.

Signature: Amy Miller

Date: March 14, 2024

Town Attorney Comment:

N/A

Signature: John Leidy

Date: March 14, 2024

Town Manager Comment and/or Recommendation:

I would recommend awarding a weekly, year-round recycling contract to TFC Recycling for three years with the option of renewal. I would also recommend increasing the subsidy from \$5 per month per subscriber to \$6.5 per month per subscriber.

Signature: Andy Garman

Date: March 14, 2024