



**REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL LOCAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING OF MONDAY, 12 MARCH 2007**

**SUBJECT**      **AMENDMENT OF FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO. 2455**

**PURPOSE**

To present to committee for consideration, a staff recommendation to amend Bylaw No. 2455, Salt Spring Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2004 to increase the tipping fee charged for sewage sludge and septage disposal at the Burgoyne processing facility.

**BACKGROUND**

Septage and sludge is deposited at the Burgoyne Bay facility by private septage haulers. The septage and sludge is collected from private residences and the two Salt Spring Island wastewater treatment plants. The haulers pay a tipping fee to the Capital Regional District (CRD) for the volume of liquid waste deposited.

The CRD currently contracts with SPL Wastewater Recovery Centre Inc. (SPL) to receive, treat and dispose of liquid waste from the CRD core area but not Salt Spring Island. The 2007 tipping fee for liquid waste at SPL is \$0.2324 per imperial gallon. At the Burgoyne Bay facility, the current tipping fee for both septage and sludge under Bylaw 3145 is \$0.225 per imperial gallon. The committee has adjusted the Burgoyne fee from time to time, to be similar to the SPL fee to avoid competition between the two sites. The present rate has been in effect since 2004. Staff suggest the fee be increased to either the same rate as SPL, \$0.2324, or rounded to \$0.235. Any adjustment to fees will require an amendment to the fees and charges bylaw.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Leave the current tipping fee in effect, match exactly the 2007 SPL rate, or round the rate up to \$0.235 per imperial gallon.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Based on 2006 liquid waste volumes, the proposed tipping fee would generate additional revenue of between \$5,994 and \$8,100 depending on the rate selected.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service committee:

1. increase the tipping fee for septage and sewage sludge disposal to the Burgoyne Bay septage facility to either \$0.2324 or \$0.235 per imperial gallon;
2. recommend to the CRD Board, amendment of Bylaw No. 2455, "Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area Fees and Charges Bylaw No.1, 1996", to provide for the change in user fees; and
3. direct staff to notify septage haulers on Salt Spring Island of the proposed increase.

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