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REQUEST FOR FLOOD RELIEF

Combined Meeting of Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City Manager Report to

2015 July 20

The City of Chestermere has requested assistance from The City of Calgary while it recovers from a recent localized storm which resulted in flooding of approximately 300 homes. The Hamlet of Langdon experienced a similar storm resulting in flood damage to approximately 50 homes.

To aid in flood relief, this report proposes a reduced disposal rate at Calgary landfills for the regional communities of Chestermere and Langdon impacted by the 2015 July 12 and July 14 storm events.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council direct Administration to:

- Accept bulk flood waste from the City of Chestermere at a reduced disposal rate of \$55/tonne for a limited period of time to be determined by the Director of Waste & Recycling Services; and
- Upon formal request from Rocky View County, accept bulk flood waste from the Hamlet of Langdon at a reduced disposal rate of \$55/tonne for a limited period of time to be determined by the Director of Waste & Recycling Services.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY N/A

BACKGROUND

On 2015 July 12 and July 14 the City of Chestermere and the Hamlet of Langdon received heavy rains in a short period of time resulting in localized flooding. It is estimated that 300 homes in Chestermere and 50 in Langdon have been damaged. The City of Chestermere has requested financial assistance from The City of Calgary in the disposal of flood waste during its recovery efforts.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

A request was made by Patricia Matthews, Mayor of Chestermere, to His Worship Mayor Nenshi for some relief for disposal rates during their flood cleanup.

Under the Waste & Recycling Bylaw (20M2001), Section 3.1, Council sets the rates for waste disposed of at a City disposal site. The 2015 rate for basic waste is \$110/tonne.

To provide relief, Administration is recommending a fifty percent rate reduction from \$110/tonne to \$55/tonne. Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) and Waste & Recycling Services will coordinate the terms & conditions of the bulk transfer of flood waste.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

As a regional partner The City provides support services and mutual aid in times of an emergency.