
CITY OF KELOWNA
MEMORANDUM

Date: June 4, 2001
File No.: 6530-12
To: City Manager
From: Director of Planning and Development Services
Subject: GARBAGE CONTAINERS FOR DOWNTOWN
Report Prepared by Patrick McCormick

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 for the purchase of new garbage containers for the downtown area, as per the Attachments to the Planning and Development Services Report of June 4, 2001;

AND THAT funding for this project in 2001 be transferred from the existing Civic Properties Downtown Streetscapes allocation (Account No. 10-230-C620).

EXISTING LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM

An annual budget is allocated through the City of Kelowna Works and Utilities Department for sweeping sidewalks and streets in the area, and for providing and emptying garbage containers. Additionally, the Parks Division is responsible for removing litter and debris from shrub beds. The Downtown Kelowna Association also performs some maintenance through its Biz Patrol program.

Each year, the Works and Utilities budget includes provision for two new containers for Downtown. Two containers have already been placed for this year, one in front of 220 Lawrence Ave. (Cheeta's Nightclub), and the other at the corner of Ellis and St. and Lawrence Ave. (in front of Interior Savings Insurance Services Inc.).

RESPONSE TO EXISTING PROGRAM

At the regular monthly meeting of the Downtown Plan Committee (DPC) in December, 2000, a Committee member raised the issue of maintenance of streets in the Downtown. The issue was raised in response to recent observations by the member that a number of areas in the Downtown were unsightly, principally because of litter. On April 17, 2001 at the request of the DPC, a letter was sent from Mayor Gray to all downtown property owners and merchants,

requesting their cooperation in keeping the streets in front of their properties and places of business free of litter.

Some merchants have suggested that the extent of litter on Downtown streets may be mitigated by providing more garbage containers. Merchants have also suggested that the areas with the greatest litter problems also have the fewest garbage containers. Downtown business owners have noted that reducing litter may be facilitated by adding more garbage containers on both Leon and Lawrence Avenues.

In response to input from downtown business owners, the Town Centre Implementation Committee (TCIC) recommended that additional attention be given to the issue of garbage containers. The DKA polled its membership in May, 2001 for broad-based feedback regarding the need for more garbage containers. Subsequently, the DKA submitted a letter to the TCIC indicating 39 locations where additional containers could be placed.

At the TCIC meeting in May, 2001 (there was no TCIC meeting in April), staff presented information on the costs and logistics related to providing the requested containers. In response to this information, the TCIC passed the following motion: *"That the Town Centre Implementation Committee ask the City to find a funding source to phase in 39 metal garbage containers to the downtown area over two years, with the DKA finding support for a portion of the funding."*

SUPPORT FROM THE DKA

The Downtown Kelowna Association (DKA) has stated its willingness to fund two containers in 2001 and two more containers in 2002, and has provided a map of preferred installation locations. In addition, the DKA has approved the estimated cost of their contribution for this year (approximately \$1,840.00) and has agreed to the terms outlined in this report.

DISCUSSION

Providing the 39 metal garbage containers (consistent with the designs recommended by the consultants to the *Kelowna Streetscape Design* currently in progress) would cost an estimated \$36,000. A Civic Properties "Downtown Streetscape" budget contains funding that could, with Council's approval, be used to provide \$20,000.00 for this project. The balance of the garbage containers not provided in 2001, or agreed to be provided by Works and Utilities and the DKA in 2002, is proposed to be identified as an item for Council's 2002 capital budget consideration (see Attachment 1).

SUMMARY

Clean streets that convey a sense of caring and community pride are essential in promoting an image of Downtown that befits its role as the "heart of the city".

It is recommended Council endorse the expenditure of up to \$20,000.00 for the purchase of new garbage containers for Kelowna's Central Business District according to the Attachments to the Planning and Development Services Report of June 4, 2001. With such endorsement, staff

would take the steps required to place the approved garbage containers at the earliest possible date and to endeavour to place the containers according to the locations preferred by the DKA.

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Approved for inclusion	
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Director of Planning & Development Services

Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1: TERMS FOR THE PROVISION OF GARBAGE CONTAINERS FOR DOWNTOWN IN 2001 AND 2002

- A total of 39 new garbage containers will be provided within Downtown over the next two years as per the summary below.
- Approximately 20 metal containers will be purchased in 2001 with funding from the Civic Properties Downtown Streetscape budget.
- The DKA will fund an additional two containers in 2001, and two containers in 2002.
- The containers to be provided by the will be included in the City's order to the supplier. The number of containers to be ordered in 2001 is therefore estimated to be 22. Delivery will be F.O.B. City Yards.
- The proposed garbage containers will be delivered from City Yards to preferred Downtown locations by City staff.
- The proposed garbage containers will be installed by City crews.
- Once the containers are installed, the DKA will be invoiced for the purchase and installation of the two containers it has agreed to fund.
- The containers funded by the DKA will become the property of the City of Kelowna which will henceforth maintain the containers.
- City staff will request funding in the City's 2002 capital budget for purchase of an estimated 11 metal garbage containers to be installed in 2002.
- The containers will be placed with due consideration for the access and mobility of pedestrians. With these considerations in mind, every effort will be made to give preference to the locations suggested by the DKA.

Summary

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Total</u>
Downtown Kelowna Association	2	2	4
Works and Utilities Department	2	2	4
Civic Properties Streetscape budget	20 (estimated)		20
<u>Capital Budget Item</u>	11 (estimated)		11
Total new containers	24	15	39

ATTACHMENT 2: ESTIMATED COST FOR NEW GARBAGE CONTAINERS FOR DOWNTOWN

Metal container- R31-1 (Frances Andrew Site Furnishings Ltd., Surrey, BC)

Estimated* price per unit including volume discount	\$709.20
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Estimated cost of 20 units: \$709.20 x 20	\$14,184.40
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PST on above amount	\$992.90
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Estimated freight charge	\$500.00
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GST on above amounts	\$1097.40
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Estimated cost of staff and equipment to deliver: 9 hrs. @ \$69.00/ hr.	\$ 621.00
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Estimated cost of staff time to install: \$50.00 per unit	\$1000.00
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Contingency amount (approximately 8%)	\$1,604.30
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Total cost	\$20,000.00~
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cost can vary depending upon volume discount, current freight rates etc.

~ does not include containers proposed to be funded by DKA