

Re: REFUSE COLLECTION - STRATA TITLE
RENTAL RATES FOR CONTAINERS

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Following is the report from the Municipal Engineer regarding rental rates on containers that will be used for collection of refuse from strata title properties by Municipal forces.

We anticipate that we will begin collecting refuse from strata title properties toward the end of February or the beginning of March. The final stages of implementation will commence in about two weeks time when we take delivery on the two front end loading container trucks that are required for this operation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve a rental rate of \$8.50 per month per container for containers supplied to strata title properties; and
2. THAT this charge remain in effect until December 31, 1977.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

20 January, 1977

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: REFUSE COLLECTION - STRATA TITLE
RENTAL RATES FOR CONTAINERS

During the meetings of the Burnaby Joint Refuse Committee, the question of rental rates for refuse containers was discussed but a final decision was not reached and after Council directed that container service would be provided for strata title properties, the Engineer was asked to report to Council on the matter of rental charges.

The philosophy behind the provision of "free" refuse service for strata title properties was to give these owners the "same treatment" as single family home owners. This being the case, it follows that, since the single family home owner provides his own refuse receptacles, the strata title owner should have a similar responsibility.

Since containers have to be specially designed for the type of vehicle used, it was not feasible to have each strata title group provide its own containers and therefore all containers are provided by the Corporation. Economies of scale resulting from bulk purchase have been achieved and these benefits accrue to the strata title owner.

Recovery of costs for containers must be done on some equitable basis and a rental system would seem to be the most logical answer.

At present, rental rates charged by private companies range from \$9.30 to \$15.00 per month per container. The average rental rate for 3 and 4 cubic yard containers, which are the sizes owned by the Corporation, is in the \$9.50 range.

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Based on a purchase price of \$360.00 per container, including castors, and a total maintenance cost of \$360.00 over a projected 8-year life for the container, a total of \$720.00 must be recovered, which would set the rental rate at \$7.50 per month per container for 1976. This would be comparable with the maintenance costs of a single family owner using garbage "cans" and a lot less than the costs incurred by owners using plastic bags; a household using three plastic bags per week has an annual cost of approximately \$22.00.

Rental rates should be reviewed from time to time and allowances made for inflation. The philosophy of the rental system for recovery of container costs and the mechanics of administration have been discussed with the Treasury Department.

Considering the above, together with an inflationary factor for 1977, we would consider a rental rate of \$8.50 per month for 3 and 4 cubic yard containers to be an equitable charge. This would mean that the average cost to a strata title owner would be \$6.80 per annum based on each container serving an average of 15 units.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve a rental rate of \$8.50 per month per container for containers supplied to strata title properties, and,

THAT this charge remain in effect until 31 December, 1977.

E.E. Olson
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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