



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
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Agenda Item #8

Public Input received October 30, 2023 from Michael Langegger regarding amendments to Residential Collections Services and Policy/Bylaw for Free Trips to the Kitimat Landfill (6.4.0.7)



To Mayor and Council,

I wish to provide comment on agenda item page 75 “Report – Amendments to residential collection services and policy/bylaw for free trips to the Kitimat landfill”. This is a very limited number (4) with a fee associated with any trip over that.

One of the benefits and priorities for Kitimat residents having industry in our community has always been the establishment of policy and bylaws that provides for a low residential tax base. In review of the document the consultant fails to recognize and consider this very important history of how industry in Kitimat is key to maintaining low residential taxes and user fees.

The Kitimat Municipal landfill has never had any direct residential user fees associated with it for three quarters of a century, being supported by tax revenues generated by industry, businesses, and residents.

The move towards establishing residential user fees “to recoup costs” “a tax to use the landfill is not supported at large, especially now that Kitimat has LNGC coming on line shortly, which will provide a huge tax revenue increase in the near future.

On the Municipal front LNGC was provided a tax benefit spanning 10 years starting in 2019 and coming to an end 2028. LNGC was provided in 2019 - \$650,000, 2020 - \$1,310,000, and in 2021 – \$1,200,000, totaling \$3,160,000 over a three year period. I’m unable to find details for 2022 and 2023 and will likely be much higher. Given such financial details how do residents and Council support moving towards any fee base usage of the Kitimat landfill for domestic use?<https://www.kitimat.ca/en/news/lng-canada-revitalization-bylaw-and-backgrounder.aspx>

In a time with high inflation, soaring food prices, inflated real-estate values, and increased interest rates, soaring fuel prices.... A heavy burden on many Kitimat families. Why would Council consider residential landfill user fees when an alternative exist.

Additionally if a residential fee structure is applied to the the Kitimat landfill I predict that we will see an increase of garbage being dumped in non-designated areas within our municipality. As such promoting a host of negative environmental consequences, cost burden to clean up, degrade visual appeal, and in some cases likely require costly remediation of sites. I see no mention of this risk and associated costs in the consultant report therefore flag it here.

LNGC has received millions of dollars in municipal tax incentives supported by Mayor and Council, coming to an end in 2028. Given this I believe it reasonable to ask that no fee be associated with residential use of the Kitimat landfill as it has been for over 75 years. That the current upgrades and operation of the Kitimat landfill be funded by our existing and soon to increase due to new industry tax base.

Respectfully.

Michael Langegger

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