**COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

DATE:	March 11, 2019	COUNCIL MEETING DATE:	March 18, 2019
DEPARTMENT:	Administration		
SUBJECT:	Community Composting Program		

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's direction regarding a composter.

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

In 2018 the Recycling & Solid Waste Committee directed Administration to investigate the feasibility of a community composting program, as part of the ongoing expansion of recycling services. Composting household organics can be an effective component of a recycling program, resulting in up to 25% less garbage per household that goes to the landfill. However, the District of Chetwynd Community Gardens Coordinator had discouraged installing a community compost center at the community gardens because of the following reasons:

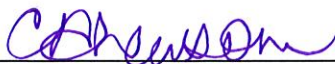
- materials that are not compostable may be included with the compostable materials and won't get sorted, resulting in contaminated and unusable compost
- an attendant should be available to go through the material before it is added to the compost to ensure it is compostable, and to turn the material while it is composting
- the smell of a large scale compost operation can become a nuisance to neighboring residents
- wildlife and vermin could be attracted to an unattended composite site and become a nuisance or danger to those using the community gardens

In view of the above, Council re-established a recycling incentive program to reimburse residents a rebate of up to \$50 upon receiving a receipt for a composter purchased locally to encourage residents to compost their household/garden/yard organics on their own properties.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council receive the report for information.

March 11, 2019

SUBMITTED BY:  _____ Department Head	REVIEWED AND CONCUR:  _____ Chief Administrative Officer
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