



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
March 9, 2026

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Item Title: BUDGET ORDINANCE 17-2026 | Fiscal Year 2026 budget amendment for purchases related to trash and recycling receptacles in the amount not to exceed \$ 30,000.

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Work Session Item [X]
Council Meeting Item [X]

Documentation Attached:
Ordinance 17-2026

Recommended Action:

Approve Ordinance 017-2026 amending the FY26 Budget and authorize the Town Administrator to execute the associated contracts for Trash and Recycling receptacles.

Council Summary

Authorization to Purchase Trash and Recycling Receptacles (Highway User Funds – Not to Exceed \$30,000)

Staff is requesting Council authorization for the Town Administrator to approve the purchase of trash and recycling receptacles in an amount not to exceed **\$30,000**, utilizing available **Highway User Funds**. The Town has been coordinating with the Town of Edmonston regarding the procurement of **BigBelly** trash and recycling receptacles. Edmonston recently moved forward with a similar purchase and is pursuing grant funding to offset costs. At the time of Council publication, the Town had not yet received a finalized quote; therefore, this item is presented as a holding authorization to allow staff to proceed once pricing is confirmed.

Council has previously expressed interest in deploying **BigBelly** receptacles where feasible. Since the Town’s initial purchase more than a decade ago, pricing has decreased significantly, making this a more cost-effective option than in prior years.

Rationale for BigBelly Receptacles



BigBelly units are being considered for the following operational advantages:

- **Durability and Strength** – Constructed for high-traffic public environments.
- **Tamper Resistance** – Reduces vandalism and unauthorized access.
- **Fullness Indicators** – Equipped with monitoring features that signal when receptacles are full, improving collection efficiency.
- **Compaction Capability** – Solar-powered compaction increases capacity and reduces overflow.

Operational Need

Concerns regarding trash and debris have been raised by the Town's Green Team and other community stakeholders. Over the past several years, the Town has installed additional trash and recycling receptacles to encourage proper disposal. However, pedestrian activity and residential density have increased, particularly along heavy-use corridors, resulting in higher waste volumes.

The proposed purchase would target these high-traffic areas to:

- Reduce litter and overflow conditions
- Improve corridor cleanliness
- Enhance overall town beautification
- Increase operational efficiency in waste collection

This investment aligns with ongoing efforts to improve public space maintenance and community appearance.

If approved, the Town Administrator will proceed with final pricing review and authorize the purchase within the approved funding limit.

The Town Administrator is available to answer any questions.

Budgeted Item: Yes [] No [X] Budgeted Amount: One-Time Cost: Ongoing Cost:	Continued Date:
Council Priority: Yes [] No []	Approved Date: