



Date: 10/22/25

To: Honorable Council, Mayor

CC: City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger

From: Public Works Director Herb Doudney

Subject: Tree grinding

We have a long-standing contract with T&W grinding to perform annual grinding of the city's yard waste site material. Over the last several years we have found local residents and farmers willing to take a great deal of the logs for firewood.

This year due to the sheer number of trees taken down throughout the city the site had become overwhelmed with big logs. T&W brought their big log grinder in and ground all the big wood in the site.

We had anticipated this would have to occur at some point thus the tree fee was left in place to cover the cost beyond the contract amount.

I wish the grinding company would give us a little better intent of their schedule so I could keep council informed of such a large expenditure, but they are at the mercy of weather and equipment failures and show up generally without notice.

The additional grinding is billed by the hour; they ran the big grinder for 35 hours at \$650.00 per hour for a total of \$22,750.00.

I ask the council approve this anticipated expenditure.

Herb Doudney
Public Works Director

