

USER-PAY CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

February 9, 2020

Dear chair and members of the Civic Works Committee,

The free January pickup for Christmas trees was voted down at our budget meetings. I believe our staff should investigate the possibility of reinstating the service on a user-pay basis for the following reasons:

1. There is a demand for it.
2. It will allow the city to generate revenue.
3. It is more convenient for residents than cutting up the tree to include in yard waste.
4. Free collection of the trees as yard waste will not generate offsetting city revenues.
5. The cost to the residents would be nominal (perhaps \$5).

To this end, I ask for your support of the following motion:

That staff investigate the possibility of collecting Christmas trees in January on a user-pay basis.

Sincerely,

Michael van Holst
Councillor, Ward 1