



### **Quotations**

The Town received two quotes for rain barrel prices. Staff was unable to locate a company that could provide a third quote. A summary of the prices received is outlined in the following table:

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Price (with PST tax)</b>	<b>Unit Price (with PST tax)</b>
Forest City Models and Patterns	RC 4000 204L (100 units)	\$5,724.00	\$57.24
	RC 4000 204L (321 units)	\$15,600.60	\$48.60
River Sides	RiverSafe 500L (100 units)	\$18,360.00	\$183.60
No Other Quote			

The Rain Catcher 4000 was decided to have the best combination of availability, desired features and affordable price. It is recommended that 100 units of the Rain Catcher 4000 model be purchased and be made available to residents of the municipality at a cost of \$60.00 per unit including tax consisting of \$57.24 direct expense plus allowance for Staff time.

It is proposed that the barrels be distributed from the Town Solid Waste Disposal Site when the site is open to the public.

Over the past two months a sample rain barrel has been on display in the Engineering and Public Works Department. As a result of this display 18 people have placed their name on a list to be contacted in the event that the Town offers rain barrels for purchase.

### **Timing**

From the date of order the barrels will take 3 to 4 weeks for delivery. Therefore, the Town may start offering the barrels mid August of this year.

## **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

This Report furthers the Town's Strategic Plan Goal # 2, "Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs" and #6 "providing a strong well managed municipal government".

## **D. Environmental Impacts**

A reduction on the reliance on the municipal water system for outdoor watering will reduce the demand on the municipal treatment system to produce more water; in turn, reducing pump and lift motor operation, thus reducing energy requirements and the associated greenhouse gas emissions. The use of fresh rain water will reduce the use

of chlorinated water on landscaping. Eliminating the use of chlorinated water on landscaping can improve plant health and will reduce the amount of chlorination and other treatment functions required at the water plant and within the system.

**E. Budget Impact**

The initial purchase of 100 rain barrels will be funded by the Water Division at cost of \$5,724.00. The cost of rain barrel purchase, an allowance for Staff time and miscellaneous expenses will be recovered through the sale of the rain barrels at \$60.00 per barrel.

Advertisement of the rain barrel availability will be allocated from the operating budget of Environmental Initiatives under advertisements and the Water Division Budget.

**F. Attached**

1. Pictures of Rain Catcher (RC) 4000, 204L

Respectfully submitted,

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