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3. On August 24, 1995, a blue box recycling program was implemented for single-family residences.

On May 23, 2001, Council approved a Waste Minimization Strategy that included, in part,

> "that a recycling target of 34,000 tonnes per year be established for single and multiple family residences and that the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works report to Council on a quarterly basis with respect to achieving the recycling target and the impact on garbage quantities going to the Brady Road Landfill. The target and progress towards it is to be advertised and made available on the City's Internet site."

On November 1, 2001, a comprehensive recycling program was implemented for multi-family residences.

On March 5, 2002, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works received as information the Recycling Activity Report for the period from October to December 2001, and Council subsequently adopted the report on March 20, 2002.

On May 28, 2002, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works received as information the Recycling Activity Report for the period from January to March 2002, and Council subsequently adopted the report on June 19, 2002.

The diversion target of 34,000 tonnes of recyclable materials reflects the minimum recycling rate expected for a community the size of the City of Winnipeg with a user fee system for garbage collection services.

Year	1st Half Recycling (tonnes)	1st Half Single Family Garbage (tonnes)	Annual Recycling (tonnes)	Annual Single Family Garbage (tonnes)
1997	11,246	78,932	23,143	163,349
1998	11,832	86,514	23,638	174,698
1999	11,940	85,449	23,515	183,181
2000	11,780	90,392	23,995	189,953
2001	13,772	90,956	28,513	185,901
2002	15,897	87,078	N.A.	N.A.

The amount of recycling has increased since Council approved the waste minimization strategy and the implementation of multi-family residential recycling program. In the first half of 2002, recycling has increased by 15% as compared to the same period in 2001, and by 35% over the same period in 2000.

The comprehensive multi-family recycling program was implemented on November 1, 2001.

A graph showing the recycling activities since 1997 is outlined on Attachment "A".

Based on the amount of recycling that has taken place since the start of the comprehensive multi-family recycling program, it is projected that the total recycling program will divert 31,800 tonnes of material from the waste stream per year. This amount is less than the target of 34,000 tonnes established by Council on May 23, 2001.

The amount of single-family residential garbage appears to be decreasing, and there is a corresponding increase in recycling. A reduction in garbage going to the landfill is an important goal of recycling.

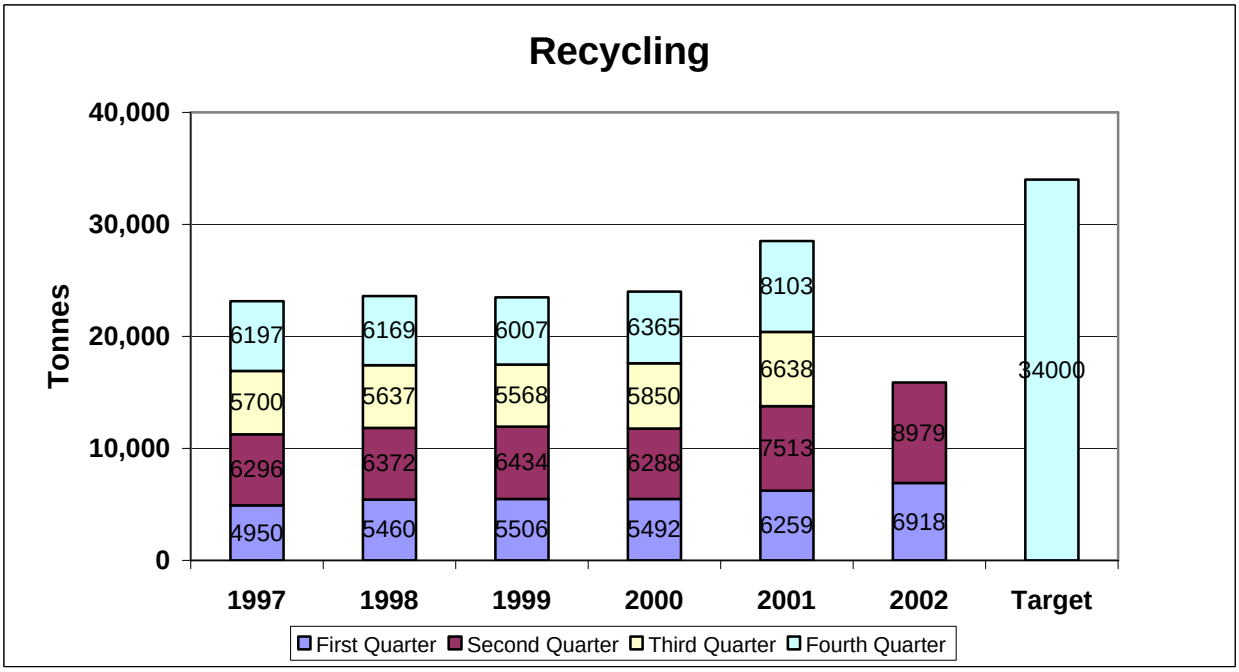
This information on the recycling target will be placed on the City of Winnipeg's Internet site. The Water and Waste Department will advertise the targets and the Internet page through the newspapers, along with its ongoing campaign to increase recycling. Resources will also be provided to assist residents with queries regarding the various recycling programs.

The Financial Impact Statement is shown on Attachment "B".

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works received the report as information and submits it to Council for their information.

Attachment “A” referred to in Clause 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated September 10, 2002

Appendix A



Attachment "B" referred to in Clause 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated September 10, 2002

Financial Impact Statement:

Project Name: Recycling Activity Status Report

Date: July 9, 2002 First Year of Program **2002**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required					
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal					
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other - Enter Description Here					
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 20,000	$ 20,000			
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery					
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	20,000	20,000			
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Direct costs incurred are for promotion activities associated with the recycling target.

Manager of Finance & Administration