Review of Disposal Charge Policy for Charitable Organizations
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2. On May 27, 1998, Council approved the following policy regarding solid waste disposal charges for registered charities, with the proviso that they be reviewed in three years:

- That solid waste disposal charges (tipping fees) for the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries be set at $10.00 per tonne (25% of the commercial rate) due to the waste reduction benefit to the City of the services of these organizations; and that Winnipeg Harvest be exempted from paying solid waste disposal charges.

- That the Administration be given the authority to apply this tipping fee to any registered charity, which can demonstrate a significant (greater than 70%) waste reduction benefit to the City.

On May 7, 1996, the former Committee on Works and Operations decided that solid waste disposal charges (tipping fees) for charitable organizations would not be waived effective January 1, 1997.

In November 1996, Winnipeg Harvest, the Salvation Army, and Goodwill Industries requested that their tipping fees be waived for a period of time while they investigated alternatives, such as a composting program, to reduce the amount of waste transported to the landfill.

On January 29, 1997, Council approved the waiving of tipping fees for Winnipeg Harvest for a period of 12 months, and for the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries for a period of 3 1/2 months, both commencing January 1, 1997. On January 28, 1998, Council approved an extension of the waiver of tipping fees to June 30, 1998.

The reason for the policy of reduced tipping fees for charities which can demonstrate a significant diversion of solid waste is to promote waste minimization, and to provide financial relief to registered charities.

The waste delivered to the Brady Landfill by Winnipeg Harvest, since the inception of this policy, has been drastically reduced, owing to aggressive waste minimization efforts. The waste from the Salvation Army has also been drastically reduced in this period; however, the majority of this reduction resulted from more selectivity in the recyclables that are picked up and less recyclables being processed in Winnipeg. The waste from Goodwill Industries for this period has increased slightly, owing to an expansion of its operations, but it is estimated that this organization is still achieving a greater than 70% waste reduction.

The waste reduction benefit is a calculation of the ratio of waste re-used or recycled to total waste, based on data from the charitable organizations and the City's disposal records. Calculations are carried out after a specified number of years to allow for anomalies that may occur in any one given year.

Recently, The Habitat ReStore has been granted reduced tipping fees according to this policy, since they qualify based on the level of waste reduction.

Overall, the existing policy has been effective in achieving waste minimization. Therefore, it is being recommended that the existing policy continue -- i.e., Winnipeg Harvest being exempt from paying waste disposal charges, and other registered charities demonstrating a greater than 70% waste reduction benefit to the City being charged tipping fees assessed at 25% of the prevailing rate. It is also being recommended that this policy be reviewed in five years, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council.

The financial impact statement is outlined on Appendix "A".

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommends:

I. That Winnipeg Harvest be exempt from paying waste disposal charges (tipping fees).

II. That registered charities which can demonstrate a greater than 70% waste reduction benefit to the City be charged tipping fees assessed at 25% of the prevailing rate.

III. That this policy be reviewed in five years.

IV. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council.

V. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Appendix "A" referred to in Clause 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated January 11, 2002

Financial Impact Statement:

Project Name: Disposal Charge Policy for Charitable Organizations

Date: October 22, 2001 First Year of Program 2001

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
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					
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	10,400	14,200	14,200	14,200	14,200
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 10,400	$ 14,200	$ 14,200	$ 14,200	$ 14,200
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	10,400	14,200	14,200	14,200	14,200
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The cost of this program is equivalent to tipping fees that would have been charged at full rate and has no impact on the current budget.

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