COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS

QUESTION PERIOD

1090 - Councillor Fraser requested confirmation of details of offers made to the recycling companies relative to the media articles claiming that these companies would go bankrupt; and as to whether or not there will be law suits against the City.

Councillor Duguid advised that Council almost unanimously supported the small business getting some form of compensation. He noted that there have been many meetings with the Minister and Administration of the Provincial Government as well as meetings with the Manitoba Stewardship Board which determines how these levies are spent. He referred to a proposal put forward that would have credited the recycling companies $128.00 a tonne of recyclables which they had diverted from the landfill sites from a period of January 1 to July 26 and a further period from July 26 until the City program began.

Councillor Fraser asked if he could be provided the details of the proposal such as the financial audit and what the sharing might be. He also asked if the Committee or Chair had devised any sort of announcement on collecting recyclables and what they might do in the interim.

Councillor Duguid advised that some interim alternatives were being investigated.

Councillor Silva asked if Winnipeg Hydro disconnect notices were sent in adequate time before the power is cut off.

Councillor Duguid advised that Winnipeg Hyrdo gives ample notice to the customer, but he would undertake to find out the disconnect time and notify him.

Councillor Golden asked if a solution could be negotiated whereby contractors can take new trucks out on a trial run for a pick up between now and the beginning of the program so that the people will not have to hold onto their recyclables.

Councillor Duguid advised that this alternative is currently being explored.

Councillor Golden asked what the earliest possible time could be for Laidlaw to begin the service.

Councillor Duguid advised that he would take the question as notice.

Council recessed at 11:45 a.m., and reconvened at 1:24 p.m., same members present.