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Minute No. 178
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – February 9, 2010

Item No. 3 Fees for Additional or Larger Automated Garbage Carts
File WT-1.3

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee did not concur in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, and concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service, and submits to Council:

1. That the Water and Waste Department charge, on a cost recovery basis, for additional and/or alternative carts in converted automated cart garbage collection areas on an as-requested basis, and that the Solid Waste By-law No. 1340/76 be amended to impose these charges.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works not be concurred in, and that the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

The Executive Policy Committee received submissions with respect to Fees for Additional or Larger Automated Garbage Carts from the following:

- Wayne Warren, Environmental Geographer, submitted a copy of his presentation
- Peter Miller and Kate Bergen, Resource Conservation Manitoba, submitted a communication dated February 16, 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 9, 2010, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works did not concur in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service, and recommended that the Water and Waste Department not be authorized to charge, on a cost recovery basis, for additional and/or alternative carts in converted automated cart garbage collection areas on an as-requested basis, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ISSUE: **Fees for Additional or Larger Automated Garbage Carts**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Work, EPC, Council.**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Water and Waste Department charge, on a cost recovery basis, for additional and/or alternative carts in converted automated cart garbage collection areas on an as-requested basis and that the Solid Waste By-Law be amended to impose these charges.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Automated garbage collection using 240 litre carts commenced in the north-west sector of Winnipeg on February 2, 2010. The current program provides for one cart per dwelling unit.

The 240 litre cart being provided has sufficient capacity for residents. Where concerns have arisen, the Department has advocated the use of other existing waste reduction programs and practices to help manage household waste including: reduce waste by purchasing products with less packaging; blue box recycling; grass mulching, also called grass-cycling; and back yard composting.

However, callers to 311 and to their elected officials have asked if more capacity was available and a number have expressed a willingness to pay for additional service through the supply and collection of a larger or additional cart. The recommendation of this report addresses this request.

If the recommendation is approved by Council, two options would be made available, an additional 240 litre cart or a larger 360 litre capacity cart. Both options would be on a cost recovery basis. This would allow an alternative for households concerned about inadequate capacity. The contracted service provider, BFI Canada, is willing to provide these additional services, and pricing has been received by Winnipeg Public Service.

The annual rates, including cart rental, collection service, disposal fees and administration would be as follows:

Cart Option	Standard issue 240 Litre	Swap 240 Litre Cart for 360 Litre Cart	Additional 240 Litre Cart	Additional 360 Litre Cart
Annual cost for service	No charge	$33 per year	$93 per year	$116 per year

Carts would be made available for pick up at a City location, or alternatively would be delivered to the customer for an additional delivery charge of $25.

The recovery mechanism for the charges would be a yearly charge for the cart and service on one of the quarterly water utility bills. This is consistent with the Bulky waste billing process already on the water utility bill.

The additional charge would be on an annual basis paid in advance. There would be no refunds if the service was discontinued by the customer part way through the year. This is done to reduce complexity and therefore administration costs and is consistent with the practice in other municipalities.

Other municipalities that have cart collection either provide additional cart volume on a cost recovery basis, as being proposed here or they do not provide the option for more than one cart per dwelling. The service cost being proposed is less than all other surveyed cities that offer the additional cart. The typical cost per year for a 240 litre cart $125-150 and $168-195 for a 360 litre cart. Some municipalities offer one cart swap at no cost, while most charge $20-40 for a delivery.

If approved, the Winnipeg Public Service expects to be prepared to deliver this additional service as soon as carts are available from the supplier.

Public messaging would be developed to inform residents of the proposed options for additional capacity.

HISTORY

In October 2009 Council approved an automated cart based collection program for garbage collection for the north-west sector of the city. This collection method allows residents to set out 240 litres of garbage volume per collection day. This amount is equivalent to about three normal sized garbage cans.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: February 3, 2010

Project Name:
Fees for additional/larger automated garbage carts

First Year of Program: **2010**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ 50,000
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: This program operates on a cost recovery basis.

"Original signed by L. Szkwarek, C.G.A."
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CONSULTATION

In preparing this Report there was consultation with:
n/a

SUBMITTED BY

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