Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - June 16, 2010

REPORTS

Item No. 10 Yard Waste Collection in Northwest Quadrant of City
eFile WT-1

The following resolution is submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS in October, 2009, Council approved an automated cart based collection program for garbage collection in the northwest quadrant of the City, which collection method limits the amount of garbage and yard waste that can be set out by residents;

AND WHEREAS on October 13, 2009, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works requested that the Winnipeg Public Service investigate options for a program on curbside pick-up of leaves, yard waste and organics;

AND WHEREAS in February, 2010, Council adopted the recommendations of the Winnipeg Public Service as set forth in the report entitled "Organics Collection Options", which stated in part that:

(i) a curbside collection program be implemented in the northwest automated cart collection area in order to collect surplus yard waste during the peak spring and fall periods; and
(ii) the St. James area Leaf-It-With-Us be closed following the implementation of recommendation (i);

AND WHEREAS residents in the northwest quadrant have expressed concerns about the limited availability of options for yard waste disposal following the implementation of the automated cart based collection program for garbage collection;

AND WHEREAS it is important that the City of Winnipeg consider an increased range of options for the citizens in the northwest quadrant impacted by the automated cart based collection program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

(i) in consultation with Councillors representing affected wards in the northwest quadrant of the City, identify four locations (one of which shall be the St. James Civic Centre) to operate ongoing Leaf-It-With-Us yard waste collection depots for an extended period during the summer of 2010, commencing on June 28 or sooner and ending on November 15, 2010 in conjunction with all Leaf-It-With-Us depots closing (weather dependent);

(ii) identify a maximum of $75,000.00 from within the Solid Waste Utility existing budget to fund extended openings at the four locations as identified in clause (i).