Minute No. 368
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Item No. 3 Recycling Depot Initiatives
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COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to work with the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA) to explore the implementation of a public spaces recycling pilot project for the City of Winnipeg, and provide quarterly status updates to the Executive Policy Committee on the status of this pilot project.

2 That the Province of Manitoba be encouraged to reduce waste, increase recycling and provide province-wide incentives for recovery of plastic and glass containers by exploring:

   (i) the implementation of voluntary depot programs in the Province of Manitoba;
   (ii) the provision of economic incentives for returning containers to voluntary depots;
   (iii) the inclusion of beverage and non-beverage containers in voluntary depot programs (i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles, Tetra Pak containers).

3. 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 His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
That the item be referred back the Executive Policy Committee for further investigation.

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At the request of Councillor Orlikow, each of the recommendations were considered separately.

The motion for adoption of Recommendation 1 was put and declared carried.

The motion for adoption of Recommendation 2 was put and declared carried.

Councillors Gerbasi, Orlikow and Smith asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation 2 in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure By-law 50/2007.

The motion for adoption of Recommendation 3 was put and declared carried.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 12, 2010, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Manitoba has implemented only municipal curbside recycling programs for plastic and glass containers;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan have deposit return programs for plastic and glass containers;

AND WHEREAS in 2008 the Province of Manitoba had the second-highest increase in trash in the country as well as the worst recycling rate in Canada;

AND WHEREAS recycling of plastic bottles and non-beverage containers in Winnipeg is governed by the Province of Manitoba (Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba (MMSM)) through a Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Regulation under the authority of the Waste Reduction and Prevention Act;

AND WHEREAS the 2010 Provincial Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) Stewardship Program Plan outlines that residential collection can include "curbside and depot systems that can be public and privately delivered";

AND WHEREAS the PPP Program Plan indicates that MMSM "will consult with municipalities…regarding best practices to recycling collection and processing in their communities";

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association (CBCRA) has approached the City of Winnipeg with a proposal for a public spaces recycling pilot project;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Policy Committee:

(1) directs the City of Winnipeg Public Service to work with the CBCRA to explore the implementation of a public spaces recycling pilot project for the City of Winnipeg, and provide quarterly status updates to the Executive Policy Committee on the status of this pilot project; and

(2) encourages the Province of Manitoba to reduce waste, increase recycling and provide province-wide incentives for recovery of plastic and glass containers by exploring:

    (i) the implementation of voluntary depot programs in the Province of Manitoba;
    (ii) the provision of economic incentives for returning containers to voluntary depots;
    (iii) the inclusion of beverage and non-beverage containers in voluntary depot programs (i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles, Tetra Pak containers),

and submitted the matter to Council.