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Item No. 5 Re-establishment of Solid Waste Collection Services by the City of Winnipeg

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 submits the following to Council:

1. That the Council Motion of October 24, 2012, pertaining to the re-establishment of Solid Waste Collection Services by the City of Winnipeg, be received as information.

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 Vandal,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works not be concurred in and the Council Motion of October 24, 2012, pertaining to re-establishment of Solid Waste Collection Services by the City of Winnipeg, be received as information, and forwarded to Council.

Carried

Dave Sauer, Winnipeg Labour Council, submitted a presentation dated November 7, 2012 with respect to reestablishing solid waste collection services.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works requested the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to Committee on the October 24, 2012 Council motion, in addition to, garbage and recycling service benchmarks established by other Canadian cities, including relevant comparisons of private and public sector service delivery and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further on October 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works received from Mike Davidson, CUPE Local 500, a presentation titled "Re-establishment of solid waste collection services within the Public Service", dated October 30, 2012.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 24, 2012, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2005, Council adopted Item 1 of the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee dated May 17, 2005, Solid Waste Collection Services Business Plan, as amended by the Executive Policy Committee, resulting in the contracting out of solid waste collection services for both manual and AutoBin collection and a reduction of permanent and temporary employees of the City of Winnipeg;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY: (continued)

COUNCIL DECISION: (continued)

AND WHEREAS, on October 19, 2011, Council adopted Item 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated October 3, 2011, Garbage and Recycling Master Plan, as amended, resulting in the removal of the AutoBin system and the implementation of a uniform city-wide automated cart system for the collection of garbage and recyclables in October 2012;

AND WHEREAS, from October 1 to 12, 2012, 311 reported 5,400 solid waste collection deficiency service requests including missed garbage and recycling pick-ups, missed walk-up service, abandoned bulky waste, and garbage piled and scattered in the streets and lanes and on private property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask the Winnipeg Public Service to consider the re-establishment of solid waste collection services within the Public Service, with consideration of the following key issues:

1. The loss of public control over residential garbage pick-up and recycling services,
2. The drop in the level of service delivery,
3. The loss of political accountability for solid waste collection services,
4. Cost savings to the Taxpayer.