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

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be requested 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.

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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 30, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works 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;

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY: (continued)

COUNCIL DECISION: (continued)

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.