Agenda – Council – June 26, 2013

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Item No. 4 Bulky Waste and Abandoned Garbage Collection Service

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 12, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service report, advising that the short-term changes to increase the bulk waste pick-up collection of illegally dumped items will commence immediately and continue until at least July 31, 2013, 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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 12, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 6, 2013, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further on June 6, 2013, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services received from Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward, a communication dated June 6, 2013, in support of Bulky Waste and Abandoned Garbage Collection Service.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 29, 2013, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS the Garbage and Recycle Master Plan was developed to work on a city wide basis with fee for service bulk waste collection according to the collection days of regular garbage and recycle pick up;

AND WHEREAS a number of neighbourhoods have dangerous levels of bulk waste accumulating in back lanes and on the street where there is an increased potential for fires;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's fire and police services use resources to deal with these fires which take their attention away from other emergencies;

AND WHEREAS By-law Enforcement has a new plan for catching and fining bulk waste dumpsters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the public service develop a plan for a bulky waste and abandoned garbage collection service that targets problematic areas of the City in an expedient manner and report back in 30 days.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **ADDITIONAL BULKY WASTE COLLECTION**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

To be received as information.
Short-term changes to increase the bulk waste pick-up collection of illegally dumped items will commence immediately and continue until at least July 31, 2013.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

At the May 29, 2013 Council referred the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

> *"That the public service develop a plan for bulky waste and abandoned garbage collection service that targets problematic areas of the city in an expedient manner and report back in 30 days."*

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Current bulk waste removal processes are coordinated by 311 City Services and may involve Water and Waste, Community By-law Enforcement Services and Public Works. Each of these areas has a distinct role depending on the nature of the situation.

There are three categories of abandoned and bulk garbage:

1) On private property
2) Partially on private property and partially on a lane, street or public right of way
3) On a lane, street, or public right of way

Bulk waste that is partially on private property and partially on public streets and laneways is of most concern, particularly if the property owner has not scheduled a pickup of the item or the item has been left without the property owner's knowledge. In this circumstance, 311 Operators will direct the complaint to Community By-law Enforcement Services for investigation and also use this as an opportunity to educate the public on the proper ways to dispose of these items. During the public consultation for the Garbage and Recycling Master Plan, more education and enforcement on this element was one of the top three requests by the public.

Community By-law Enforcement Officers may direct property owners to remove the items, or they may classify them as abandoned garbage, in which case Water and Waste is responsible for removal.

The following actions have been implemented for the remainder of the spring and summer season (June 1 to July 31), when quantities of abandoned bulk garbage are highest:

1) Expedite the process for dealing with pickup of abandoned bulk garbage.
2) Enhance the current level of service and provide pickup service:
    i) regardless if the item is adjacent to a public lane, street or right of way but on private property, in target neighbourhoods identified as problematic
    ii) twice a week in target neighborhoods. The days will include the regular recycling/garbage collection day and another day approximately three business days prior to or following (e.g., Monday and Thursday, Tuesday and Friday, Wednesday and Friday)
    iii) regardless if the property owner or tenant scheduled the pickup with 311 City Services.

If the items are on vacant lots, inside fences or more than 3 meters from the public lane, the items will not be collected under this plan.

HISTORY

On October 19, 2011, Council approved the Garbage and Recycling Master Plan which included the following Recommendations:

> That bulky waste service be provided at a charge of $5.00 per item, up to a maximum of 10 items per collection.
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> That the abandoned waste collection service continue.
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> That a communication plan, as well as a promotion and education and enforcement plan, be developed to support these recommendations as well as existing programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ADDITIONAL BULKY WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
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	$ 60,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 60,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	60,000	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: Additional funding is not being recommended for enhanced bulky waste collection services in the targeted areas. The department will attempt to fund the increased costs within the existing operating budget. This estimate does not include potentially lost bulky waste revenues resulting from providing an enhanced service at no cost to the residents.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Community By-Law Enforcement Services
Winnipeg Police Service
Winnipeg Fire and Paramedic Services

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