Agenda – Council – March 23, 2016

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the vast majority of household solid waste comes from goods and produce purchased at businesses from all over the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Comprehensive Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP), as adopted by Council in October, 2011, set out City of Winnipeg policy in regard to solid waste generated within the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's CIWMP promised a review of the new first phase of the autobin garbage and recycling program, and to be done by the Department of Water and Waste, and to have been reported back to Council in 2016, with further reviews to follow;

AND WHEREAS the Public Service has failed to meet the existing targets for waste diversion as per the CIWMP by 2016 under the first phase of the plan;

AND WHEREAS residential single to seven unit households are already taking personal responsibility for garbage recycling and organic waste diversion by regularly recycling and by diverting their own organic waste through household composters;

AND WHEREAS no Curbside Source Separated Organics (SSO) Trial/Pilot Project, as identified in the CIWMP implementation plan, has been undertaken;

AND WHEREAS despite past city consultation on curbside SSO waste collection, where it has been stated to have approval ratings as high as 63%, the fact that many citizens of Winnipeg, especially low and fixed income residents, do not want to pay another flat tax;

AND WHEREAS no organic waste programs have been carried out in Winnipeg neighbourhoods, other than offering, through regional centres, old style subsidized composters, and therefore ignoring the growth in community gardening and the local food movement;

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AND WHEREAS commercial, institutional and industrial waste, from operations such as restaurants, grocery stores, meat shops, schools, hospitals, and personal care homes, just to name a few, generate a huge amount of organic waste which is not diverted from landfills and has the need for a diversion program, as was identified in the CIWMP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service be directed to;

A) immediately conduct a comprehensive review of the existing autobin garbage/recycling program as approved by Council in the CIWMP 2011 report and report back to Council before the last Council meeting of 2016. The said review shall include a full analysis of the existing program, failures to meet promised levels of service, as well as comprehensive recommendations and steps required, that are fully costed, to improve the existing program/service;

B) immediately suspend the implementation plan for curbside SSO (kitchen waste) collection, and cancel any and all plans to conduct public consultations on a curbside SSO program;

C) develop a City Wide program to reduce organics waste from commercial, industrial and institutional waste and report back to Council in 180 days;

D) develop a City Wide organic diversion program that would be community based and work with existing not-for-profit groups and organizations and report back to Council in 180 days;

E) improve the existing program of subsidized organic bins for Winnipeg residents, by reviewing and potentially increasing the bin cost subsidy, increasing the times and locations when bins will be made available, and by increasing the options for the type of models of compost bins being made available at the subsidized rate, and report back to Council in 180 days.