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Item No. 3 Garbage, Recycling and Organic Waste Programs

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg 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. i. Develop a broader public consultation plan for opportunities for organic programs in Winnipeg.
    ii. Consult with the newly created Climate change working Group to explore funding partnerships and opportunities.
    ii. Report back to the Standing Policy Committee on the above in 120 days.

    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.

    F. That the City School Board Liaison be authorized, in consultation with city staff, to discuss with Winnipeg Area School Boards a potential organics collection program.

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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 Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

Peter Miller, Volunteer at Green Action Centre, submitted the following with respect to the matter:

- Presentation titled "Responsible and Smart Waste Management and Sustainable Budgeting"
- Communication dated March 21, 2016 from Tracy Hucul, Executive Director, Green Action Centre.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 14, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment concurred in the Council Motion of March 23, 2016, with the following amendments:

- Deleted recommendation B) in its entirety and replace it with the following:

  "B. i. Develop a broader public consultation plan for opportunities for organic programs in Winnipeg.
  ii. Consult with the newly created Climate change working Group to explore funding partnerships and opportunities.
  ii. Report back to the Standing Policy Committee on the above in 120 days."

- Add the following new recommendation:

  "F) That the City School Board Liaison be authorized, in consultation with city staff, to discuss with Winnipeg Area School Boards a potential organics collection program."

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

The Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment received submissions with respect to the matter from the following:

- Councillor Allard, St. Boniface Ward, presentation dated April 14, 2016.
- Peter Miller , presentation titled "Proposed Resolution for city of Winnipeg Council RE: Residential Organic Collection Program".
- Aaron McDowell on behalf of Gordie Howe, communication dated April 14, 2016.
- Sel Burrows , presentation titled "Organic recycling and Ted Cruz".
- Ron and Janice Morissette communication dated April 7, 2016.
- Karen von Hacht, Donwood School, submitted 13 communications dated April 8, 2016.
- Ron Blatz, Executive Director, Discovery Children's Centre Inc., communication dated April 8, 2016.
- John and Liz Sellors, communication dated April 11, 2016.
- Becky Block, communication dated April 11, 2016.
- Andrew Wiens, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Susan Antler, on behalf of The Compost Council of Canada, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Ken and Carol Hinther, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Brian and Penny Veinot, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Fred and Joan Bosko, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Alan Forbes, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Terry Mlynarovich, communication dated April 13, 2016.
- Mani Goodheart Tougas, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Ken and Evelyn Oertel, communication dated April 12, 2016.
- Al Chovanchak, communication dated April 13, 2016.
- Charles Reid and Evelyn MacKenzie-Reid, communication dated April 13, 2016.
- Ron Giercke, communication dated April 13, 2016.
- Bill Whitehead, communication dated April 13, 2016.
- Frank and Mavis Hyde, communication dated April 13, 2016.
- Mel Marginet, communication dated April 13, 2016, with respect tothe matter.
- Judy Slaa, communication dated April 14, 2016.
- Debby Powles, communication dated April 14, 2016.
- William Dentry, communication dated April 13, 2016.
- Arnold Groot Koerkamp, communication (undated) with respect to the matter.
- Anne Lindsey communication, dated April 14, 2016.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 23, 2016, Council referred the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment:

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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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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.