Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – May 2, 2016

Item No. 1 Delegated Authority to Waive Tipping Fees for Community Clean-up Events

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and adopted the following:

1. That authority to waive tipping fees be granted to the Director of Water and Waste, to a maximum of 70 tonnes per year, using the criteria set out in this report as the basis for authorizing the waiver.

2. That authority to remit the required Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) Program levy to the Province of Manitoba on the tonnage on which the tipping fees have been waived be granted to the Director of Water and Waste.

3. 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 adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 11, 2016, 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 matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 2, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Delegated Authority to Waive Tipping Fees for Community Clean-up Events

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval must be obtained to change or waive any fee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Neighbourhood community clean up events are beneficial to residents and the City, and offer a necessary clean up service that the Water and Waste Department and other City Departments would otherwise need to provide.

The annual total amount of waived fees would not exceed the value of 70 tonnes at the current annual rate in effect during the impacted fiscal year.

Based on this cap, the maximum value of lost tipping fee revenue to the Department, plus the contribution to the WRARS program (levied at $10/tonne) for 2016, would be $4,970 for the year.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The potential cost to the Department would be lost tipping fee revenue plus the contribution to the Provincial WRARS Program which is levied at $10/tonne. (This levy is included in the tipping fee rate but in this case the Department would cover the contribution amount.)

For 2016, the maximum potential amount of lost revenue and WRARS contribution would be valued at $4,970 for the year. It could be less depending on the number of applications approved and the tonnage actually received.

Waiving the tipping fees would make the cost of a community clean-up event less prohibitive for community groups and would encourage greater participation.

The value of the potential lost revenue is offset by cost savings the City would achieve through a reduced need to collect abandoned bulk and other waste in these neighbourhoods.

HISTORY / DISCUSSION

Neighbourhood clean-ups are beneficial for both residents and the City because they not only support a worthwhile community event and promote neighbourhood beautification, but they also assist the City in achieving its mandate to collect and properly dispose of solid waste.

The Department anticipates receiving five to ten such requests per year. These requests will be made in writing, prior to the event being held. Requests that meet the criteria listed below would be considered and granted until the maximum delegated authority amount had been reached for a particular fiscal year (70 tonnes x current annual rate of the impacted fiscal year).

CRITERIA

Organized Event:

- Supports a community-led neighbourhood clean-up effort and is it tied to a specific event; and
- Is driven by a volunteer base. No profit or fundraising component can be present for the organization.

Individual Effort:

- The individual will need to sufficiently demonstrate that the waste is derived from a community clean-up effort and not from household or private sources, and
- Be carried out on a volunteer basis. No profit or fundraising component can be present for the individual or an organization; and
- Individual-led events would be capped at a cumulative annual maximum amount of $100 in waived tipping fees.

After the tonnage cap for a particular year had been met, no new requests would be considered for that calendar year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** **April 7, 2016**

Project Name:

Delegated Authority to Waive Tipping Fees for Community Clean Up Events

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact as any revenue lost from waiving tipping fees is saved from not needing to provide collection services for abandonded bulky waste.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Waste Collection Services are consistent with:

1. Section 02-02 Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy – *"…consider long-term economic viability and community wellness, innovative approaches to infrastructure delivery…"*

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Solid Waste Services/Finance and Administration
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