Minute No. 391
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Innovation – May 24, 2016

Item No. 1 Delegation of Authority for Execution of Legal Agreements to Support Installation of Cameras for Surveillance of Illegal Dumping Activities

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and adopted the following:

1. That the City enter into legal agreements with property owners to permit the City to install cameras on their property for surveillance of illegal dumping activities and such other agreements as may be determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor to implement the intent of the foregoing.

2. That the authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the final terms and conditions of the legal agreements and such other agreements as determined necessary by the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 1, 2016, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 24, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Delegation of Authority for Execution of Legal Agreements to Support Installation of Cameras for Surveillance of Illegal Dumping Activities

Critical Path: SPC on Innovation – EPC – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City enter into legal agreements with property owners to permit the City to install cameras on their property for surveillance of illegal dumping activities and such other agreements as may be determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services to implement the intent of the foregoing.

2. That the authority be delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer to negotiate and approve the final terms and conditions of the legal agreements and such other agreements as determined necessary by the City Solicitor/Director of Legal Services.

3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The implementation of cameras for surveillance of illegal dumping activities will require the City of Winnipeg to locate some of the cameras on property that is not owned by the City of Winnipeg. As a result, the City of Winnipeg is required to enter into legal agreements with those property owners to access their property and indemnify them for liability relative to the City's access to their property, and at the same time, recognize those assets belonging to the City. Council approval for each agreement is required. Delegation of this authority to the Chief Administrative Officer will increase the City's agility in responding to stakeholder feedback and be more effective in deterring illegal dumping in the City of Winnipeg.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A number of locations have been identified as “hot spots” for illegal dumping. Many of those locations do not have City of Winnipeg assets available on which to secure surveillance cameras. To ensure the most effective placement of surveillance cameras, the City will require legal agreements with property owners to install cameras for surveillance of illegal dumping activities. Council approval for each agreement is required. Delegation of this authority to the Chief Administrative Officer will increase the City’s agility in responding to stakeholder feedback and be more effective in deterring illegal dumping in the City of Winnipeg.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Administrative Officer will be able to approve the terms and conditions of each legal agreement with another party for the installation of cameras for surveillance of illegal dumping activities.

There is no financial authority being delegated to the CAO relative to this recommendation.

HISTORY

On July 15, 2015 Council directed The Public Service to report back on resources required to run a two-year pilot that utilizes closed circuit television (CCTV) technology to assist in identifying vehicles and/or persons that are illegally dumping in priority sites. On September 17, 2015 the Standing Policy Committee on Finance approved $54,000 from the Innovation Capital Fund to conduct the pilot-project.

Illegal dumping investigations rely on sufficient visual evidence in order to have successful enforcement results. High resolution cameras are increasingly being used in Canadian and American cities to target illegal dumping “hot spots”.

The two-year pilot program was adopted to evaluate the effectiveness of an Illegal Dumping Surveillance Program in Winnipeg in reducing the occurrences of illegal dumping in targeted areas and the resulting efficiencies realized by the three City departments involved in responding to these occurrences (Community Services, Water and Waste, and Public Works).

Key partnerships with other City departments and outside agencies have been created to move this project forward.

A number of priority locations have been determined through consultation with community stakeholders, departments of the City of Winnipeg, and enforcement officers. Some of these locations are not on City-owned property.

Partnerships have been established with Manitoba Hydro, Public Works, and Water and Waste for the installation of CCTV units, re-location of units, and benchmarking of enforcement and illegal dumping activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: April 21, 2016

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this Report there was consultation with:

- Legal Services, as to legal issues

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

This Report directly aligns with a number of Our Winnipeg directions, most predominately with:

01-4 Housing Direction 4: Provide leadership in encouraging and enforcing property related housing standards that create and promote safe living conditions for homeowners, tenants and for communities as a whole; and

03-2 Vitality Direction 6: Promote cleanliness and beautification.

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Community By-law Enforcement Services
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Date: April 21, 2016