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Item No. 1 Bulky Waste

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 undertake all things necessary to bring the collection of "bulky waste" into the Winnipeg Public Service with enough flexibility to allow environmental efforts from organizations for specific types of bulky waste.

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.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Morantz

That the Winnipeg Public Service investigate all options with respect to the collection and treatment of bulky waste and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment within 120 days, subject to enough lead time before the next refuse and recycling collection contract coming into effect.

With the permission of Committee, Councillor Morantz withdrew his amendment.

The motion was put and declared carried.

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillor Gillingham and Councillor Morantz asked to be recorded as having voted against the above motion, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 28, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service undertake all things necessary to bring the collection of "bulky waste" into the Winnipeg Public Service with enough flexibility to allow environmental efforts from organizations for specific types of bulky waste.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Further on November 28, 2016, Councillor Eadie, Mynarski Ward, submitted a communication titled "Bulky Waste Numbers from November 2015 to October 31, 2016" in support of the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 26, 2016, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,

WHEREAS bulky waste that is dumped into Winnipeg neighbourhoods are a serious fire hazard;

AND WHEREAS over the last several years the exclusive collection of bulky waste contract has failed to keep up to the removal of bulky waste in back lanes, parks and vacant city lots;

AND WHEREAS fire fighters, Public Works staff and neighbourhood groups have had to pick up the bulky waste scattered all over the city, costing extra money over and above the payments to the bulky waste collection contractor;

AND WHEREAS the Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and Environment Committee was told by staff from the Solid Waste Division that the 4R Winnipeg Depots opening in the North and East will not accept bulky waste;

AND WHEREAS there are social enterprises in Winnipeg collecting bulky waste items such as mattresses with no ability to be a part of cleaning up our city under the exclusive bulky waste collection contract;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service undertake all things necessary to bring the collection of "bulky waste" into the Winnipeg Public Service with enough flexibility to allow environmental efforts from organizations for specific types of bulky waste.