Minute No. 117
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – November 28, 2016

Item No. 1 Bulky Waste

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 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 given the direction to bring the collection of bulky waste into the Winnipeg Public Service, that the Winnipeg Public Service to be directed to report back to Council (through the appropriate Standing Policy Committee) for consideration prior to February 2017 with a plan that includes the results and costs from the analysis, timeline and process currently ongoing.

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.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2016 the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment accepted a motion by Councillor Eadie which directed the Winnipeg Public Service to 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That given the direction to bring the collection of bulky waste into the Winnipeg Public Service, that the Winnipeg Public Service to be directed to report back to Council (through the appropriate Standing Policy Committee) for consideration prior to February 2017 with a plan that includes the results and costs from the analysis, timeline and process currently ongoing.

The motion moved by Councillor Gillingham and seconded by Councillor Mayes was put and declared carried.

The motion for adoption of the item, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Councillor Wyatt asked to be recorded as having voted against the item, as amended, in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 7, 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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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.

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;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

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.