Minute No. 248
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – February 27, 2017

Item No. 1 Bulky Waste Collection by Winnipeg Public Service

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 a further extension of time of 30 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as directed on December 14, 2016.

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 adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 8, 2017, 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 February 27, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment requested that a further extension of time of 30 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as directed on January 30, 2017, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 22, 2017, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and adopted a further extension of time of 30 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as directed on December 14, 2016.

On January 25, 2017, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and adopted an extension of time of 30 days for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back as directed on December 14, 2016.

On December 14, 2016, 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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

2. That given the direction to bring the collection of bulky waste into the Winnipeg Public Service, that the Winnipeg Public Service 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.

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.