Minute No. 807
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – September 9, 2022

Item No. 1 Consolidating City Garbage Services

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 Solid Waste Utility be directed to work with the Public Works Department to provide a report to Council within 180 days on consolidating all city garbage collection into the utility's operations with details such as, but not limited to, Public Works abandoned waste calls for service and costs, and the cost to consolidate the various Public Works garbage services, both private and public, with costs separated.

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.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 14, 2022, 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 September 9, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment concurred in the Council Motion of July 21, 2022, with the following amendments:

- In Recommendation 1, add the words within “180 days” immediately after “report to Council
- In Recommendation 1, delete the words “garbage services” and replace with “garbage collection”

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 21, 2022, 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,

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

WHEREAS the image of Winnipeg is one of garbage and litter all over the place versus Canadian cities such as Calgary and Saskatoon;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works litter bin street beautification program continues to be under funded to the point that the web page for the service states no money in the budget to add bins to be collected along image route and other ugly littered streets;

AND WHEREAS Streets removal of abandoned solid waste runs on a complaints-based system that fails to acknowledge the chronic dumping on right of ways in many areas of the city;

AND WHEREAS Parks and Open Spaces continues to not have enough litter bins picked up in a timely manner in Winnipeg's parks, and the Division's complaints-based system of garbage removal from green spaces by bridges and open city owned spaces fails to recognize the need to deal with the chronic dumping in many areas of the city;

AND WHEREAS the By-law Enforcement Neighbourhood Livability garbage complaints-based process takes too long to resolve health and safety issues in certain neighbourhoods which also have chronic vacant and derelict properties;

AND WHEREAS Solid Waste works with the city's Arson Task Force to remove garbage from at risk, vacant derelict properties to remove the inevitable accumulation of burnable garbage both property driven and abandoned bulk waste;

AND WHEREAS Solid Waste's 2021 annual report on the Waste Management Strategy (CIWMS) demonstrates that Solid Waste cannot provide comprehensive numbers on the Public Works garbage services and private garbage collection from Neighbourhood Livability garbage complaints that go to Rosser instead of Brady;

AND WHEREAS the cost of Public Work's hiring private garbage services can run as high as $800.00 for one complaint of garbage on city open spaces;

AND WHEREAS in the CIWMS annual report, Solid Waste does not keep records of Public Works' abandoned waste complaints that more than likely number in the thousands across the city;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Solid Waste Utility be directed to work with the Public Works Department to provide a report to Council on consolidating all city garbage services into the utility's operations with details such as, but not limited to, Public Works abandoned waste calls for service and costs, and the cost to consolidate the various Public Works garbage services, both private and public, with costs separated.