Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – October 17, 2023

REPORTS

Item No. 12 Winnipeg Food Council – Residential Food Waste Recommendations

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2023, the Winnipeg Food Council recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That a city-wide residential food waste collection and composting service as proposed by the Winnipeg Public Service in the Residential Food Waste (RFW) Pilot Results and Recommendations report be implemented.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to pay consideration to, and report back on:

    A. Ambitious targets for participate rates;

    B. User experience;

    C. Implementation timelines;

    D. Overall cost effectiveness of the program.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2023, the Winnipeg Food Council passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Brady Road Resource Management Facility remains one of the largest point source emitters of greenhouse gas emissions in Manitoba due to the anerobic decomposition of food waste and other organic material collected from Winnipeg households and businesses;

AND WHEREAS a city-wide composting program will help the City of Winnipeg meet the ambitious sustainability targets outlined in the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan, including a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from city operations;

AND WHEREAS existing Council-adopted priorities and policy enables and supports composting and waste diversion including:

1. Council's Strategic Priorities Action Plan 2023-2026, Action 4.8.

2. OurWinnipeg 2045 policy 2.1, 2.15, 2.16 and 2.22.

3. Community Energy Investment Roadmap Action #9.1, and

4. Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan 6.1 and 6.2 actions.

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Food Council's Research and Policy and Development and Communications sub-committees have discussed the implementation of a city-wide residential composting program and are strongly in favour of implementation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg recently finished a two-year Residential Food Waste pilot program that included collection of food waste from 4,061 households in the city.

AND WHEREAS the results of the Residential Food Waste pilot program indicate strong support for a city-wide composting service.

AND WHEREAS the report on the Residential Food Waste Pilot program noted challenges around participation rates, and user experience.

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service has recommended the development of a city-wide composting service to be implemented by 2030 and costs for the operation of the service to be paid for by an increase to the Waste Diversion Fee;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS, the City of Winnipeg's Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste supports the implementation of a city-wide green cart composting service for single-family residential dwellings based on the recommendations of the Winnipeg Public Service;

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED That the Winnipeg Food Council recommends that the Executive Policy Committee (EPC):

1. Implement a city-wide residential food waste collection and composting service as proposed by the Winnipeg Public Service in the Residential Food Waste (RFW) Pilot Results and Recommendations report to be considered by EPC September 21, 2023.

2. Instruct the Winnipeg Public Service to pay consideration to, and report back on:

    A. Ambitious targets for participate rates;

    B. User experience;

    C. Implementation timelines;

D. Overall cost effectiveness of the program