Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 16, 2024

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – April 8, 2024

Item No. 1 Consolidating City Garbage Services

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and submitted the following to Council:

1. That an extension of time of 60 days be granted for the Winnipeg Public Service to report back on the following:

    A. The financial and labour impact of potential consolidation of all garbage collection operations into one department.

    B. An update on the consolidation of waste service requests under the Water and Waste Department

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, Waste and Environment be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 8, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Title: Consolidating City Garbage Services

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and the Environment

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

The Public Service requests that an extension of up to 60 days be granted to report back on the following:

1. That the Public Service report back in 180 days regarding:
    A. The financial and labour impact of potential consolidation of all garbage collection operations into one department.
    B. An update on the consolidation of waste service requests under the Water and Waste Department

REASON FOR THE EXTENSION

The report considers the addition of the recommendation adopted by Council on December 14, 2023 where the Public Service was directed to retain a zone in which garbage and recycling collection services would be performed by City of Winnipeg staff.

The extension is requested to accommodate the coordination of information and review of the additional direction.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY

On October 26, 2023 Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and adopted the following:

1. That the Public Service report back in 180 days regarding:

    A. The financial and labour impact of potential consolidation of all garbage collection operations into one Department.
    B. An update on the consolidation of waste service requests under the Water and Waste Department.

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

On December 14, 2023 Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment and adopted the following:

1. That prior to issuing a request for proposal for household garbage and recycling collection services (likely to commence services in early 2027 due to extensions to existing contracts), the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to retain a zone in which garbage and recycling collection services will be performed by City of Winnipeg staff, and that this zone include the downtown and north end, approximately covering the Daniel McIntyre, Mynarski, and Point Douglas Wards, and the West Broadway neighbourhood.

2. That the Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment within 150 days on:

    A. The budgetary impact of this change, including a breakdown of the ongoing operational costs and the capital costs of new collection equipment and storage.
    B. Options for consideration by Council on how to use an in-house waste collection crew to address other issues such as downtown waste and recycling collection, bulky waste pick up, illegal dumping and encampment cleanups, or other garbage collection-related issues identified by the department.
    C. The potential impact of in-house collection on the upcoming study about waste collection consolidation and on the recently-approved organics collection program planning and operations.
    D. The effect of possible provincial regulation changes regarding the collection of recycling on in-house collection contracts.

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