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Item No. 3 Video Camera Enforcement Program for Illegal Garbage Dumping

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 180 days to the appropriate Committee of Council with:

    A. The total existing budget for the enforcement and remediation of illegal garbage dumping.

    B. The number of service requests received over the past five years related to illegal garbage dumping.

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 Santos,
That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 10, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services considered the Council Motion of November 21, 2024, and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back in 180 days to the appropriate Committee of Council with:

    A. The total existing budget for the enforcement and remediation of illegal garbage dumping.

    B. The number of service requests received over the past 5 years related to illegal garbage dumping.

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 21, 2024, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS several years ago By-law Enforcement ran a pilot video camera program to deal with the vehicles coming along and dumping bulk and other garbage on City and private properties;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the pilot was somewhat successful in catching the illegal dumping on camera and prosecuting the operator of the vehicle with images of before, vehicle licensee plate and after the dumping incident;

AND WHEREAS private properties are victimized by dumping still today along with city properties with private property owners more than likely wanting to sign onto an agreement to monitor their properties to avoid their cost to clean up their yards from garbage they had nothing to do with;

AND WHEREAS this video camera enforcement is one of several efforts that the City is and can take to deal with Winnipeg's serious garbage problem;

AND WHEREAS the equipment required today is cheaper and better at gathering the images required to prosecute and fine;

AND WHEREAS the Budget Working Group refused to fund the ongoing effort with this program in several budgets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a renewed video camera enforcement program be established to compliment existing efforts to resolve the garbage dumping problem in mostly the inner city of Winnipeg.