

Minutes – Council – March 27, 2025

Minute No. 220

Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – Motions

Item No. 1 In-House Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Services

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS in June 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment considered an administrative report dated June 7, 2024 regarding the cost of establishing a zone in which garbage and recycling collection services are performed by City of Winnipeg staff;

AND WHEREAS the report indicated that the cost of city staff providing seasonal leaf and yard waste collection in the newly established zone would be \$4.2 million, which was lower than the projected cost of \$6.1 million for contracted collection;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee recommended to Council that an ‘in-house zone’ be established consisting of approximately 1/5 of the City, focused in the downtown area, where garbage would be collected by city staff;

AND WHEREAS on July 18, 2024, as a result of a tie vote, Council did not adopt the recommendation due to concerns related to in-house collection;

AND WHEREAS new garbage, recycling and yard waste collection service contracts take effect in roughly February 2027;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That prior to the issuance of any new contracts for garbage and recycling collection services, the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to retain a zone in which seasonal leaf and yard waste collection services will be performed by City of Winnipeg staff, in recognition of cost savings identified in the administrative report dated June 7, 2024.
2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral of the motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment, in accordance with Rule 16(1) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007.