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Minute No. 273
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Item No. 5 In-House Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Services

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment, as amended by the Executive Policy Committee, and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to the Standing Committee in 60 days with a cost comparison for leaf and yard waste collection performed by City staff, and service provided by private contractors, and include the following:

    A. Costs for wages and benefits

    B. Estimates for collection throughout the entire City

    C. Estimates for collection within a specific zone

    D. Estimates of the capital costs for equipment required to undertake leaf and yard waste collections services considered in above Recommendations 1.B. and C.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment, as amended by the Executive Policy Committee, be adopted by consent.

Carried

Councillor Santos was absent from the vote on the above motion.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 22, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment with the following amendment:

- Add the following new Recommendation 1.D.:

  "D. Estimates of the capital costs for equipment required to undertake leaf and yard waste collections services considered in above Recommendations 1.B. and C."

and forwarded the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 11, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment considered the Council Motion of March 27, 2025, and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back to the Standing Committee in 60 days with a cost comparison for leaf and yard waste collection performed by City staff, and service provided by private contractors, and include the following:

   A. Costs for wages and benefits

   B. Estimates for collection throughout the entire City

   C. Estimates for collection within a specific zone

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

On March 27, 2025, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment:

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;

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 by authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.