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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment – December 1, 2025

Item No. 2 In House Composting

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. That the Public Service be directed to:

    A. Proceed with the bids on private collection of garbage, recycling and leaf and yard waste collection only, for commencement in 2027.

    B. Continue to research the comparative costs of providing compost collection in-house, including such issues as possible cost savings through joint equipment purchase with other jurisdictions, ability to offer entry level city jobs to members of disadvantaged communities, and ability to lease garage space before deciding whether to how to proceed on compost curbside collection.

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 Eadie,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment be concurred in, with the following amendment:

- In Recommendation 1.A., delete the words "garbage and recycling" and replace with "garbage, recycling and leaf and yard waste"

and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 1, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the Council Motion of November 27, 2025, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 27, 2025, Council referred the Notice of Motion to the December 1, 2025, meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and the Environment, namely

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg extended the two garbage and recycling pick up contracts by two years with expiry dates of January 31, 2027;

AND WHEREAS the City awarded the current contracts in October 2016 to commence October 1, 2017;

AND WHEREAS based on past practice, the city will soon be moving to tender out five-year renewal contracts for garbage and recycle pick up;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the city is projecting curb side compost pick up to commence in 2030, roughly year 3 of 5 of the new contracts;

AND WHEREAS the city has years to prepare for in-house compost pick up;

AND WHEREAS keeping compost pick up in-house would simplify tendering for the five year garbage and recycling contracts;

AND WHEREAS the city would have years to coordinate purchase of vehicles with other western Canadian cities providing in-house collection (with resultant cost savings);

AND WHEREAS the city could control for costs by requiring a wage rate for collection that is roughly comparable to wage rates paid for garbage / recycle collection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Public Service be directed to:

    A. proceed with the bids on private collection of garbage and recycling collection only, for commencement in 2027.

    B. continue to research the comparative costs of providing compost collection in-house, including such issues as possible cost savings through joint equipment purchase with other jurisdictions, ability to offer entry level city jobs to members of disadvantaged communities, and ability to lease garage space before deciding whether to how to proceed on compost curbside collection.

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