

Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated May 1, 2001

The City of Winnipeg Waste Minimization Strategy Files GL-5.6.1 (Vol. 5), WT-1.3 (Vol. 22) and WT-1 (Vol. 20)

580 - 3. The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, at its meeting held on May 1, 2001, passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS Council at its special meeting of February 12, 2001, adopted Clause 3 of the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee dated January 12, 2001, as amended, which provided for a Waste Minimization Strategy;

AND WHEREAS the adopted recommendations have been reviewed and it has been determined that there are implementation concerns with the existing direction;

AND WHEREAS at a Council Seminar held on Friday, April 27, 2001, Members of Council further deliberated the Waste Minimization Strategy;

AND WHEREAS arising from the Council Seminar, it is deemed desirable to make changes to the Waste Minimization Strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind its decision of February 12, 2001, and adopt the Waste Minimization Strategy as follows:

- I. That Council adopt a comprehensive residential waste minimization strategy for implementation effective November 1, 2001, consisting of:*
 - a) A comprehensive apartment and condominium recycling program.*
 - b) The Administration to submit a report to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works on the development of a pilot residential yard waste collection and composting program for 2002 to test public participation and program communications requirements.*
 - c) A rate for small commercial collection – for those locations receiving bin service – and that the rate be established on recovering the cost of service.*
 - d) A comprehensive public education and communication program be established to support implementation and ongoing program activities.*
 - e) INCREASED AWARENESS: The City will conduct workshops with recycling contractors to improve the existing curbside pickup service. A comprehensive, easy to understand education campaign will inform the public what items can be recycled and how garbage output can be reduced.*
 - f) PHONE HELP LINE: A phone help line will be established to answer questions and provide assistance to anyone with recycling and garbage concerns and to ensure quick action on any complaints of littering or inappropriate disposal of garbage. The help line would work directly with the education technicians to ensure a speedy response time to citizens' concerns.*
 - g) NEW MARKETS (for 3 to 7 plastics): The City will actively look for expanding markets to sell items not presently accepted in the recycling bins such as number 3 to 7 plastics, in partnership with the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation.*

- h) **FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS/BUSINESS:** *The City will work with other levels of government and business organizations such as the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce to reduce packaging, thereby eliminating waste at the source AND that Council appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with Provincial counterparts to develop a comprehensive Provincial waste minimization strategy.*
 - i) **RECYCLING FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES:** *That the Administration submit a report to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works on a recycling pickup program for all Community Centres within the City of Winnipeg, subject to the funding being received from the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation.*
 - j) **SIDEWALK RECYCLING:** *That the Water and Waste Department report to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, by May 29, 2001, with a methodology for the implementation of a sidewalk recycling program in Downtown Winnipeg.*
- II. *That a recycling target of 34,000 tonnes per year be established for single and multiple family residences and that the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works report to Council on a quarterly basis with respect to achieving the recycling target and the impact on garbage quantities going to the Brady Road Landfill. The target and progress toward it is to be advertised and made available on the City's internet site.*
 - III. *That approval be given for a new capital project at an estimated cost of \$0.7 million in start up costs for the design of a compost facility (\$0.1 million), a comprehensive public education program (\$0.4 million), a program to increase overall awareness of the recycling program and hold workshops with contractors (\$0.2 million), and that the project be funded from the retained earnings in the Solid Waste Disposal Utility.*
 - IV. *That the Solid Waste By-law be revised to incorporate the above changes and that the Administration submit the revised by-law for Council approval.*
 - V. *That Solid Waste Collection be removed from the Alternate Service Delivery Committee's agenda since the recommended program will continue to be funded through property taxes and the SOA concept will no longer be pursued for solid waste collection.*
 - VI. *That the funding shortfall in the amount of \$2,372,590.00 for implementation of the waste minimization strategy be referred to the 2002 to 2004 current estimates process.*
 - VII. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.*

and submits same for favourable consideration.

Adopted by consent.