



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Parking and By-law Services Division

PUBIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Operations Division

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	May 7, 2014
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Illegal Dumping Pilot Project (PED11127(f)/PW11052(g)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approved enforcement pilot to address illegal dumping across the City be extended for an additional 18 months (until December 2015) subject to funding in the amount of \$300,000 from Public Works Account 512510 (Waste Collection Support) with any revenues generated through fees and fines being directed back to Account 512510 (Waste Collection Support) to offset the actual gross cost.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff has conducted a review of the Council approved illegal dumping enforcement pilot which is set to expire in June 2014. It has been concluded that proactive enforcement is having a positive effect on the problem but further effort to control the problem is still required. Therefore, Public Works has agreed to fund an additional 18 months of proactive enforcement.

Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 3

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial/Staffing: An 18 month project extension to December 31, 2015 is estimated to cost \$300,000 and will be charged against Public Works Account 512510 and negative variances will be mitigated with the Divisional or Departmental budget.

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

On April 25, 2012 Council approved a 12 month pilot project to address the problem of illegal dumping across the City, the cost of which was funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046) with any revenues generated through fees and fines being directed back to the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046) to offset the actual gross cost.

On July 12, 2013, Council approved a further nine month extension of the pilot to June 2014 with the additional funding (estimated at \$165,000 for nine additional months) coming from the Tax Stabilization Reserve (110046).

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Public Works and Finance were consulted in the preparation of this Report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

While records indicate that complaints about illegal dumping received by staff increased from 2012 (1,750) to 2013 (1,950), staff concludes that the pilot is having a positive effect on the problem of illegal dumping across the City because of such facts as:

- virtually all of the Council identified “hot spots” have been cleared up such that only periodic monitoring is now required;
- complaints about illegal dumping in City Parks have increased dramatically (7,500 complaints in 2013), but enforcement staff are able to attend in a more timely manner than Parks staff and can take more effective (enforcement) action;
- while illegal dumping on private properties and Railway lands continue to be a problem, enforcement staff are working in partnership with CN and CP Police to aggressively attack the problem;

- illegal dumping around donation boxes now requires only periodic monitoring;
- temporary enforcement staff are able to work with staff from other areas (e.g. Public Works, City Housing, etc.) as well as with Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) in providing education and remedies to deal with problem areas (e.g. alleys, curb side, housing complexes and commercial areas);
- normal staff levels do not allow for complex investigations of significant illegal dumping situations such as across the escarpment and rural areas.

Public Works staff strongly support the pilot, and have agreed to fund an additional 18 months of proactive enforcement from their “Waste Collection Support “ Account rather than to continue funding from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

Staff will report back to the General Issues Committee prior to the December 2015 conclusion of the pilot with a full assessment and detailing the key performance measures identified in Report PED11127/PW11052.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Council could terminate the pilot in June 2014 as planned.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2012 – 2015 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

N/A

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