

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: November 18, 2019

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J.P. DANKO.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Modification of the Waste Collection Services Request for Proposal to Include Options for Bi-Weekly Collection of Landfill Waste (City Wide)

WHEREAS, in September 2019 City staff reported that the successful Request for Proposal for the Operations and Maintenance of the Material Recycling Facility would result in a net annual increase in cost of \$2.697 million for a total increase in cost to taxpayers of \$13.485 million over the five-year contract term;

WHEREAS, Hamilton taxpayers are facing significant municipal property tax increases in the following years and Council is dedicated to identifying savings and efficiencies in waste management;

WHEREAS, in October 2019 the Regional Municipality of Niagara approved changing from weekly collection of one container of landfill waste to bi-weekly collection of two containers of landfill waste;

WHEREAS, nine comparable municipalities including Halton, Waterloo and Ottawa all have bi-weekly collection of landfill waste which has resulted in significant improvements to diversion from landfills;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton has a landfill waste diversion goal of 65%;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton currently has a landfill waste diversion rate between 40% to 50% which has remained stagnant over the last several years;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that bi-weekly landfill waste collection will improve diversion rates and for every 5% of landfill waste diverted, the life of the Glanbrook Landfill would be extended by another four years resulting in an estimated value to taxpayers of \$63 million in landfill space;

WHEREAS, in January 2012 City staff recommended bi-weekly collection of landfill waste as the preferred option for the 2013 to 2020 waste collection service contract with

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an estimated savings of approximately \$3 million annually over the collection period of 2013 to 2020;

WHEREAS, in April 2017 the previous term of Council directed staff to “investigate opportunities for various alternative service delivery methods for the City’s waste collection programs for Council’s consideration, while retaining the current public/private service delivery model, the weekly collection service and the garbage collection days...”;

WHEREAS, City Staff executed a contractual one-year extension to the 2013 to 2020 waste collection service contract in order to evaluate impacts of the Waste Free Ontario Act, Extended Producer Responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, City staff are currently preparing a Request for Proposals for waste collection services including the weekly collection of landfill waste, bulk waste, yard waste, organic waste and front-end bin service garbage collection for the term of 2021-2028, and weekly collection of recyclables for the term of 2021 to 2025 to align with the Waste Free Ontario Act, Extended Producer Responsibility;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff amend the Request for Proposals for waste collection services that is currently being prepared to include the following two separate options for private sector bid:
 - (i) CONTRACTED WEEKLY LANDFILL WASTE COLLECTION of a single container of landfill waste and weekly collection of recycling, call-in bulk waste, yard waste, organic waste and front-end bin service garbage collection; and,
 - (ii) CONTRACTED BI-WEEKLY LANDFILL WASTE COLLECTION of two containers of landfill waste and maintaining weekly collection of recycling, call-in bulk waste, yard waste, organic waste and front-end bin service garbage collection;
- (b) That staff conduct an internal costing exercise to bring the procured waste collection service contract work in-house including the following two separate options:
 - (i) CITY WEEKLY LANDFILL WASTE COLLECTION of a single container of landfill waste and weekly collection of recycling, call-in bulk waste, yard waste, organic waste and front-end bin service garbage collection; and,
 - (ii) CITY BI-WEEKLY LANDFILL WASTE COLLECTION of two containers of landfill waste and maintaining weekly collection of recycling, call-in bulk

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waste, yard waste, organic waste and front-end bin service garbage collection;

- (c) That staff report back to the Public Works Committee on the results of the private sector bid for waste collection services and the staff internal costing exercise to bring the procured waste collection service contract work in-house.