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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Item 2, Report No. 4, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 16, 2016.

2 REVIEW OF THE WASTE COLLECTION BY-LAW - CITY WIDE

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, the Director, Environmental Services and the Director, By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services, dated January 18, 2016:

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager, Public Works, the Director, Environmental Services and the Director, By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services recommend:

1. That Waste Collection By-law No. 2017-10 be amended to provide for waste collection services from residential condominiums;
2. That the effective date of the amendment be January 1, 2018.

Contribution to Sustainability

Managing solid waste contributes to Green Directions Vaughan Goal 1: To significantly reduce our use of natural resources and the amount of waste we generate.

Economic Impact

The projected cost of providing municipal waste collection service to multi-residential and low rise condominium units which are not currently receiving the service, as part of next waste collection contract would represent an annual cost of approximately \$158,885 in 2018. This cost is based on the current contract price for multi-residential waste collection, and may be higher due to volume increases from growth and future contract price increases.

Communications Plan

A comprehensive communications plan targeting affected stakeholders will be developed in 2017, prior to the commencement of the new waste collection contract.

Purpose

This purpose of this report is to provide an update on actions taken to date in order to provide all residential condominiums with waste collection services beginning in January 2018 and to seek approval to make changes to the Waste Collection By-law to permit municipal collection of solid waste from all residential condominiums located in the City of Vaughan.

The changes to the Waste Collection By-Law will be made in advance of the preparation of the new waste collection contract to allow for collection at multi-residential buildings which are not considered to be eligible under the current policy.

Background - Analysis and Options

On April 21, 2015, Council adopted recommendations from the Committee of the Whole (Item 44, Report No. 17) requesting a review of the Waste Management Collection Policy. Specifically, the recommendations were:

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- a. That in recognition of the increase in low rise townhouse condominium developments, that staff review the waste management collection policy with consideration given to expanding the policy to include eligibility for residential developments fronting on private streets and laneways.
- b. That the findings of the Task Force on Residential Condominiums regarding waste collection be taken into consideration in the review.
- c. That staff report back to Committee of the Whole with the results of the review.

On June 23, 2015 Council adopted a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole (Item 4, Report No. 28) that subject to budget considerations waste collection service be provided to all residential condominiums commencing 2018 and that staff be directed to make provision for this consistent level of service to all residential condominiums on the City in the specifications for the new waste collection contract expected to be in place January 1, 2018.

The definition of an eligible property under the waste collection by-law does not include condominiums

Currently under the Waste Collection By-law an eligible property is defined as “a single family residential property solely intended for residential use that fronts onto a ‘Travelled Street’ (defined as a highway, street or road under the jurisdiction of the City of Vaughan or the Regional Municipality of York used by the general public for the passage of vehicles within the limits of the City, but does not include a laneway”) including a single detached dwelling, semi detached dwelling, duplex dwelling, townhouse or any other property designated by the Commissioner.”

Changes need to be made to the by-law to allow for municipal collection of solid waste at condominium buildings and complexes fronting on private streets and laneways

Several changes will be made to the by-law to reflect this change in service including updating the definition of an eligible property to include multi-residential condominium complexes (townhomes, high-rise, etc.) and to include properties which front on private streets and laneways.

In addition, the allowable waste receptacles will be updated to include receptacles which are normally used to collect waste, recycling and organic material from multi-residential complexes. Typical receptacles include front-end collection bins, semi-automated carts, roll-off containers, rear packer bins and compactor units.

Finally, a new section will be added to the by-law to describe the parameters for on-site waste collection on private property. These sections will include requirements for a site plan, as outlined in the Waste Collection Design Standards Policy, and will ensure that owners of multi-residential properties make provisions so that waste diversion programs are as easily accessible as the garbage program.

The City’s Waste Collection Design Standards Policy has been updated to reflect these changes

The Waste Collection Design Standards Policy, originally developed in 2007, has been updated to reflect that all residential condominiums will be eligible to receive municipal waste collection services beginning in January 2018. With the adoption of the 2007 Design Standards, Council also grandfathered 51 multi-unit residential buildings to which waste collection services are, and will continue to be, provided.

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Additional technical revisions have also been made to the document to reflect changing technologies in the field of solid waste collection, including recognition of alternative collection methods such as in-ground collection systems.

An application for waste collection services at multi-residential properties will be appended to the Waste Collection Design Standards Policy. This package will ensure that concerns such as site accessibility and damage to private property are properly addressed, and will determine any special requirements or barriers to providing collection services.

Environmental Services is developing specifications for a performance-based collection contract to be released in 2016

The Environmental Services Department is reviewing the current service levels for both multi-unit residential and single family residential waste collection. Staff will ensure that any new contract provides a consistent approach to waste collections services to single family residential homes as well as multi-unit and low-rise townhome condominiums.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report supports the Term of Council Priority of continuing to cultivate an environmentally responsible city.

Regional Implications

The City of Vaughan is working closely with the Regional Municipality of York as processing and disposal of solid waste falls under the Region's jurisdiction. Environmental Services has been working with the Region to ensure they are aware of the potential additional waste materials that they may be required to process beginning in 2018.

Conclusion

In implementing Council's direction to provide waste collection services to all residential condominiums in Vaughan, the Environmental Services Department has revised an updated its Waste Collection Design Standards and is now seeking approval from Council to amend the Waste Collection By-law accordingly. Environmental Services will continue to take the necessary steps to implement Council's direction and report back, as appropriate.

Attachments

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