

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017

Item 10, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 21, 2017.

10 MULTI-RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE EXPANSION

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works and the Director of Environmental Services, dated March 7, 2017:

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager, Public Works and the Director of Environmental Services in consultation with the Director of Financial Planning and Development Finance & Deputy City Treasurer recommend:

1. That Council approve the proposed timeline and implementation plan for expanded waste collection services to eligible multi-residential condominiums within the City of Vaughan; and
2. That costs for the expanded services be included for consideration in the 2018 budget process.

Contribution to Sustainability

Expansion of waste collection services to multi-residential condominiums by the City of Vaughan supports Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Master Plan.

Goal 1: To significantly reduce our use of natural resources and the amount of waste generated by encouraging all residents to adopt more environmentally conscious choices and consider new ways to reduce their waste.

The provision of waste collection services gives the City of Vaughan the opportunity to prescribe waste diversion programming to additional residents, helping to meet regional goals set through the York Region's SM4RT Living Plan (Integrated Waste Management Master Plan).

Economic Impact

The projected annual cost of providing municipal waste collection to multi-residential and low rise condominium units which are not currently receiving service is estimated to be \$250,000. This would be an additional cost within the next waste collection contract, once fully implemented and would be phased-in over two years based on the proposed implementation plan. This cost is based on the contract price for multi-residential waste collection using various sizes of front end bins and recycling carts, and curbside service for those properties fronting onto private roads and laneways. The costs may be higher due to volume increases from growth and future contract price increases.

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For the residential condominiums receiving curbside collection, blue boxes, green bins and kitchen containers will need to be provided at a cost of approximately \$37,500. Either the city or the respective condominium corporation may absorb this cost.

The estimated costs to expand municipal waste collection services as illustrated above will be included for consideration as part of the 2018 budget process. A one year contract position in Environmental Services was approved through the 2017 budget process to assist with the implementation.

Communications Plan

Environmental Services will be working with Corporate Communications to develop a comprehensive communications plan targeting affected stakeholders, prior to the commencement of the new waste collection contract.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval for the proposed timeline and implementation plan for expanded waste collection services to eligible residential condominiums within the City of Vaughan based on the estimated costs associated with this work.

Background

On June 23, 2015 Council adopted a recommendation to provide waste collection services to residential condominiums commencing 2018, subject to the outcome of budget deliberations.

The City of Vaughan provides waste collection services to all eligible residential properties. Municipal waste collection is currently provided to 52 “grand parented” multi-residential buildings (condominiums, apartments, social housing, and senior residences), with approximately 6,500 dwelling units.

On June 23, 2015 Council adopted a recommendation from Committee of the Whole (Item 4, Report No. 28) that “subject to the outcome of budget deliberations, waste collection services 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 in the City in the specifications for the new waste collection contract anticipated to be in place January 1, 2018”.

In preparation for the waste contract administration, on February 16, 2016 Council adopted a recommendation from the Committee of the Whole (Item 2, Report No. 4) to amend Waste Collection By-law No. 2017-10 to provide for these services to residential condominiums, effective January 1, 2018. Based on the approved changes to the By-law, staff are currently finalizing updates to the City of Vaughan Multi-Residential Collection Policy, which establishes standards and conditions of service and a formal application process for municipal waste collection for residential condominiums.

In August 2016, staff obtained the consulting services of *Waste Reduction Group* to determine a complete inventory of eligible residential condominiums for municipal waste collection services.

Based on their report, an additional 72 condominiums composed of approximately 6,450 individual units were identified. Representatives of these condominiums were surveyed to provide details on their current service levels, including:

- interest in participating in a municipally run waste-collection program
- details about the current collection service arrangement

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- space available for garbage and recycling receptacles and accessibility of waste collection vehicles on site

The survey results showed that the majority of identified residential condominiums were interested in receiving municipal waste collection, and based on site visits conducted by the consultant, would be eligible to receive municipal services. Some residential condominiums indicated that they will forgo municipal waste collection services because they do not wish to break long-term service contracts, or a desire for greater collection frequency. This will be determined on a case by case basis. As the city implements agreements with individual buildings, there may be locations that are deemed ineligible due to a lack of adequate safe access for waste collection vehicles or storage space.

Using this information, staff requested provisional pricing for all identified residential condominium units in the new waste collection contract, to start January 2, 2018.

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Attachments

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