

Request for Decision City Council



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Report Title

Preferred Residential Waste Management System

Policy Implication + Budget Impact



This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.

There is no budget impact in 2005 or 2006, while there will be an impact of approximately \$60,000 in 2007.



Background Attached

Recommendation

That Council approve the new co-collection system for Household Garbage and Leaf & Yard Trimmings, including Christmas trees as per the General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services report dated March 2, 2005; and

That staff implement the new system in January 2007; and

That staff be authorized to extend contracts and or delete portions of contracts on a month by month basis to co-ordinate the implementation schedule; and

That staff, along with the Communication Department co-ordinate the necessary educational campaign, within existing budgets.

Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head

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General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.

Mark Mieto
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: March 2, 2005

Report Prepared By



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Division Review

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On behalf on the Technical Steering Committee for the Waste Optimization Study, staff presented the Preferred Residential Waste Management System on February 23, 2005 to Priorities.

The recommendations were accepted in principle and staff was directed to report back to Council with a detailed implementation plan and financial costs.

This report will detail the requirements to implement the Co-collection System for the Household Garbage and Leaf & Yard Trimmings/Christmas Tree program. Details on the Landfill Gas and the Co-collection of Blue Box Recyclables and Household Organics will be dealt with in future reports to Council.

| | Current System (Status Quo) | New System |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Household Garbage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 3 garbage containers per week Weekly collection Out by 6 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 3 garbage containers per week Weekly collection Out by 7 a.m. |
| Leaf & Yard Trimmings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited quantity Collected twice in the Spring and twice in the Fall (4 weeks per year) Out by 6 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited quantity Collected each week Out by 7 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day |
| Christmas Trees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited quantity Collected over a one week period Out by 6 a.m. on the Monday of the special week | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited quantity Collected each week Out by 7 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day |

Aside from providing residents the opportunity to divert more waste, the new system for weekly co-collection of household garbage, leaf & yard trimmings, including Christmas trees will be easy to understand and more customer focussed. Since the service will be provided weekly, there will no longer be a requirement to store the leaf & yard trimmings or to know when the collection week has been scheduled.

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Preparation for a 2007 Implementation Schedule

Staff will be required to immediately review the collection routes, prepare the new tenders (10 year term) and/or order equipment. Staff will be dividing Greater Sudbury into three residential collection areas, as follows:

Area 1

Whitefish, Panache, Worthington, Lively, Fairbank, Sudbury (south of the bypass), Naughton, Levack, Dowling, Onaping, Chelmsford and Azilda. The area represents approximately 11,000 collection units.

Area 2

Copper Cliff and Sudbury. The area represents approximately 29,000 collection units.

Area 3

Capreol, Hanmer, Val Therese, Val Caron, Blezard Valley, Mcree Heights, Wahnapiatae, Falconbridge, Coniston, Skead, Wanup and Kukagami. The area represents approximately 14,000 collection units.

Budget Estimate

Collection:

The current allocation for garbage collection and leaf & yard trimmings collection, including Christmas Trees is \$3,078,000 (2005 Budget). The estimated collection cost for the new weekly co-collection system is \$2,973,000 (2007 Budget). This includes the cost for the new co-collection vehicles (annualized over a ten year period). A annual reduction in collection cost of approximately \$105,000 can be realized by adopting the new co-collection system.

Processing:

The current budget for leaf & yard trimmings, including Christmas tree processing is \$119,600. Based on a projected capture rate, staff estimates an increase in processing cost to \$283,500. This is an annual increase in processing costs of approximately \$163,900 by adopting the new system.

| | STATUS QUO (2005 Budget) | NEW SYSTEM (2007 Budget) | Budget Impact |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Collection | \$3,078,000 | \$2,973,000 | (\$105,000) |
| Processing | \$119,600 | \$283,500 | \$163,900 |
| Total | \$3,197,600 | \$3,256,500 | \$58,900 |

Overall Impact:

The net increase in cost for the new co-collection system for Household Garbage and Leaf & Yard Trimmings, including Christmas trees is estimated at \$58,900 (reduction in collection cost plus an increase in processing costs). This is a comparison of budgeted costs in 2005 to projected costs in 2007.

Although no significant landfill savings can be calculated at this time, the new system greatly enhances service levels for residents.

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Ontario's Best Start Implementation- Phase One

Policy Implication + Budget Impact

This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.

This report explains the first steps to implementation of the Province's "Best Start" initiative for child care and early learning, which will be funded with Ontario's share of National Child Care dollars announced in the February 2005 Federal budget. The City will be leading the planning of this initiative within the community. The Province has stated that all new funding will be provided at 100% in 2005/06 for additional administrative and program costs associated with this initiative.

This resolution carries no budget impact.

Background Attached

Recommendation

Whereas Greater Sudbury is well positioned to be a demonstration site for Best Start, with a well-functioning network of Children's Service providers, a strong base of integrated in-school child care and a system of preschool learning programs currently being piloted in high risk communities;

Therefore Be it resolved that the Council of Greater Sudbury write to the Minister of Children and Youth Services to request that Greater Sudbury be considered as an additional demonstration site for the Best Start plan to fully demonstrate the possibilities for Best Start in a diverse Northern community.

Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head

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Recommended by the C.A.O.

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Date: February 25th, 2005

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Best Start Program

On November 25, 2004 the Minister of Children and Youth Services announced the framework for the government's Best Start Plan, a 10 to 15-year plan to allow all children and youth to have the opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential. Program guidelines for the first phase of implementation of Best Start were released by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services in late February.

The Province's Best Start Plan will provide children and families with access to a range of seamless services to support learning and care, student success, and parental support, regardless of income. The Plan is multi-year and phased based on the provincial fiscal reality and includes significant child care expansion for 4 and 5 year olds. The plan does not follow the Quebec model of child care by fixing child care fees at a specific dollar amount per day. Instead, the Plan will build on a system of subsidy and parental contributions. The Province has announced its intention to move from the needs test to an income test in determining the level of fee subsidy for individual families. Families with incomes under \$25,000 per year are expected to have full subsidy. A sliding scale will provide families with incomes from \$25,000 to \$75,000 per year with partial subsidy and families with incomes in excess of \$75,000 will pay the full cost of care. Once guidelines for income testing are established, the Children Services Division will analyze the impact on the families currently in receipt of child care fee subsidy.

Phase 1 of Implementation

The initial phase of Best Start will focus on the expansion of child care in non-school hours for children in Junior and Senior Kindergarten. While the plan ideally increases licensed child care in schools to create early learning and care hubs, child care expansion is not limited to school locations. Early learning and care hubs will serve as a central place for screening, assessment and access to a range of services including child care, junior and senior kindergarten, Healthy Babies, preschool speech and language, infant hearing, children's mental health, and child welfare services. These hubs will start to be developed in the first phase of implementation.

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Phase 2 and Demonstration Sites

The full vision for early learning will also provide universal 2 1/2-hour early learning programs for all children 2 1/2 to 4 years of age. This component is slated to be developed as part of a later phase of implementation. However, the Province will be identifying three demonstration sites (urban, rural, and Northern/ Francophone) that will be "fast-tracked" with additional resources and support in order to develop the full vision of Best Start with all of its components.

The names of the three demonstration sites have not yet been released, however Ministry staff have indicated that no site has been chosen in the "Northern" region (from the Sudbury area west to the Manitoba border)

Funding

The Best Start Plan is dependent on the federal, provincial and territorial ministers finalizing an agreement for the distribution of the federal national early learning and child care funds that were announced in February's Federal Budget. It is expected that Ontario will receive \$400 million in 2005/2006 in federal funding.

Greater Sudbury's share of funding is not known at this time.

Regular child care funding in Ontario under the Day Nurseries Act is subject to cost sharing between the Province and Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) at 80/20 for program costs and 50/50 for administration.

However, the Minister has announced that in the first year of implementation of Best Start CMSMs will not be required to cost share in the additional expenditures. All new funding for 2005/06 will be provided at 100% for the additional administrative and program costs associated with this initiative.

Cost sharing requirements for future years of this initiative are not known at this time.

Planning- The Best Start Network

The first step in the implementation of Best Start will be the development of a Best Start Network, led by the City, and made up of representatives of school boards, child care centres, children service organizations and parents. The guidelines ask that this network be in place and operational by April 2005.

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This network will be charged with developing an implementation plan for the first phase of the Best Start initiative which will include recommendations for service expansion and integration to meet the goals of Best Start. This plan will need to be signed off by City Council, as well as all participating school boards and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.