

Request for Decision City Council



Type of Decision

Meeting Date	September 15, 2005				Report Date	August 10, 2005			
Decision Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed

Report Title

Endorsement: Building design features that maximize waste diversion

Policy Implication + Budget Impact

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

No policy implication at this time.

No additional budget impact at this time. The review process is funded under the approved budget for the Waste Optimization Study. The study has also been approved and supported financially by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

☒ Background Attached

Recommendation

That the following motion be endorsed:

WHEREAS, the goal of the Waste Optimization Study is to recommend to Council ways in which the City can reach a 65% total waste diversion target; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greater Sudbury has accepted in principle the manner in which the 65% waste diversion target will be reached within the residential sector; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Steering Committee firmly believes that to reach the 65% total waste diversion target, a long term management plan of all waste streams from all waste sources must be considered; and

☒ Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head

Alan Stephen
General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.

Mary Milto
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: August 10, 2005

Report Prepared By



Chantal Mathieu
Director of Solid Waste

Division Review

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RECOMMENDATION continued

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate areas for storing, collecting and loading recyclable and compostable materials can be a significant impediment to diverting solid waste within the high density residential, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of Planning, the Chief Building Officer in conjunction with the Director of Solid Waste be directed to investigate and report back on opportunities for the development and implementation of building design features that maximize waste diversion for the high density residential, industrial, commercial and institutional sector.

BACKGROUND

The Technical Steering Committee (TSC) for the Waste Optimization Study met on July 13th and reviewed the next steps in maximizing waste diversion for the high density residential, industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. The TSC agreed to focus the review on diversion opportunities for construction and demolition waste (i.e. lumber, drywall, metals, masonry (brick, concrete, etc.), carpet, plastic, pipe, rocks). Options will be reported to Council at a later date.

The TSC also discussed that the City may need to manage the entire waste stream from all waste sources in order to maximize the overall waste diversion rate. This was identified as a long term process, that would initially require an investigation and report on the opportunities for the development and implementation of building design features for both new buildings and potential retrofits for existing buildings.

The concept was drafted as a motion at the request of the TSC. The TSC supports and recommends that Council endorses this motion.

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Report Title

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (F.O.N.O.M.) - Funding for Forestry Consultant

Policy Implication + Budget Impact

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

If the City of Greater Sudbury provides funding for this initiative, it will be treated as an unbudgeted expenditure. There is no budget impact if any other option is chosen.

☒ Background Attached

Recommendation

Whereas a coalition of Northern Ontario associations, of which F.O.N.O.M. is one, have joined together to undertake a major lobbying effort of the Provincial government to intervene to save the future of the forestry industry in the North; and

Whereas F.O.N.O.M. is requesting member municipalities to offer feedback on the issue of providing funding from F.O.N.O.M.'s own finances to hire a professional consultant to assist in the coalition's efforts;

☒ Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head

S. Jonasson


S. Jonasson
Acting Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer

Recommended by the C.A.O.

M. Mieto

M. Mieto
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: September 9, 2005

Report Prepared By

E. Stankiewicz
Co-ordinator of Current Budget

Division Review

Therefore be it resolved that:

- A. The City of Greater Sudbury supports this initiative and the \$5,000 in contributions from F.O.N.O.M. finances; or
- B. The City of Greater Sudbury supports this initiative and the \$10,000 in contributions from F.O.N.O.M. finances; or
- C. The City of Greater Sudbury supports this initiative and funding should be \$ from F.O.N.O.M.'s finances; or
- D. The City of Greater Sudbury supports this initiative and will contribute \$ to this effort; or
- E. The City of Greater Sudbury does not support this initiative.

Executive Summary

This report deals with the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (F.O.N.O.M) request of securing support from its member municipalities to lobby the provincial government to intervene in order to save the future of forestry in the north through a coalition of northern Ontario associations.

Background

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (F.O.N.O.M) is requesting feedback from its members regarding the hiring of a professional consultant in conjunction with other northern municipal associations in order to lobby the province to intervene and support the forestry industry in the north. Attached is a letter from Austin H. Hunt, President of F.O.N.O.M., outlining their request and providing information regarding the pressures felt by the forestry industry and the impact of these pressures on the Ontario forest sector. F.O.N.O.M. is requesting that each Council debate this issue and provide feedback. F.O.N.O.M. wants to know if members support a contribution from F.O.N.O.M. finances, and if so, the amount of the contribution. If a municipality wishes to contribute financially to this initiative, they should forward contributions directly to the Northeastern Ontario Municipalities Association (N.O.M.A.)

The options outlined in the recommendation vary from not supporting the initiative to providing a financial contribution from the City.

Summary

F.O.N.O.M. is requesting that Council discuss this issue and provide feedback regarding funding to hire a professional consultant prior to the F.O.N.O.M. Executive Meeting of September 23 and 24, 2005.

F.O.N.O.M.
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Austin Hunt
President

Vonda Croissant
Executive Director

August 10, 2005

Mayor and Council
Members of FONOM

Via Facsimile

Dear FONOM Members:

Re: Funding for Forestry Consultant

By now you will have heard that a coalition of northern Ontario associations have joined together in a major lobbying effort on behalf of the economic future of the forest industry in northern communities. This coalition includes the Northeastern Ontario Municipalities Association (NOMA), the Ontario Forest Industry Association, the Ontario Lumber Manufacturers' Association, the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Northwestern Ontario Development Network. FONOM has been asked to support this lobbying effort financially as well as through contacting provincial decision makers. We have written to the Premier of Ontario stating "...FONOM hereby strongly endorses the position taken by NOMA and reiterates their request for intervention and meaningful action by the Government of Ontario to save the future of forestry in the North." It is with regard to the providing funding to support the coalition's lobbying efforts that I am writing to you as a FONOM member today.

The FONOM Executive met on July 15th and 16th and considered the matter of providing funding toward the hiring of a professional consultant. We considered the method that NOMA used which was to implement a special \$0.40 per capita levy on its member municipalities. Your FONOM Executive chose not to use this approach. We discussed whether FONOM should provide \$5,000 or \$10,000 from our own finances towards the cost of hiring a professional consultant. **We want to hear from each of our member municipalities how you feel about this expenditure.** We ask that you discuss this matter at your Councils and advise us if you believe FONOM should provide financial assistance to this effort. If you do support this expenditure, how large should our financial contribution be? Please respond to us by mailing or faxing your resolution to FONOM. We require your responses by September 12th in order to consider this matter at our next Executive meeting on September 23rd and 24th. Should your Council want to provide financial assistance directly to this initiative, you can send your contributions to NOMA at 161 East Brock Street, Thunder Bay, P7E 4H1.

I am attaching some background information provided by NOMA on the importance of the forestry industry to Ontario. I look forward to hearing from our FONOM members on this critical issue.

Sincerely yours,



Austin H. Hunt, President

Forestry Industry Crisis Will Affect the South

With nearly 200 communities in southern Ontario having a stake in the economic viability of Ontario's forest sector it is obvious that it is, in every sense, an Ontario industry.

The economic impacts of the forestry sector extend well beyond the mills which process wood fibre into lumber, paper and other manufactured products. Southern Ontario companies provide equipment, supplies and services utilized throughout all aspects of the production process from management and planning services, to harvesting, right through to the processing of end products. The economic footprint of the forest industry in Ontario is second only to the auto industry. It has \$19 billion in total sales with a \$8.5 billion contribution to the balance of trade and \$4.8 billion salaries and benefits to the 85,000 direct employees. There are an additional 190,000 people employed indirectly by the forest industry while taxes amount to \$2.3 billion a year.

All of Ontario's forest companies and processing facilities are deeply integrated in the provincial economy through the numerous businesses that provide equipment, supplies and services to the industry. In Southern Ontario 107 communities are the home of 177 mills or processing facilities. An additional 332 businesses located in 75 southern Ontario communities provide equipment and services to the pulp and paper sector, and nearly 100 businesses in 68 southern communities are directly involved, providing equipment and services to the forestry and wood products sectors.

For example, just one forest products company alone, operating in Ontario purchases over \$600 million worth of goods and services within the Province of Ontario every year. Of that total, almost \$330 million worth is purchased from southern Ontario vendors.

Status of Ontario's Forest Sector

The entire forest industry in Ontario is in crisis.

Several issues have converged to threaten the viability of Ontario's forest sector. Ontario has the unfortunate distinction of being one of the highest cost jurisdictions in the world. The extremely high costs of energy for industrial consumers pose huge challenges for even the most efficient processing facilities.

There is every indication the softwood lumber dispute will continue into the foreseeable future, and every cent the Canadian dollar rises costs the Ontario forest industry approximately \$80 million annually. All of which must be viewed against the backdrop of increasing competition from many low cost jurisdictions throughout the world.

At the beginning of June there were at least 12 forest industry mills that were identified as being at risk of closure in Ontario and five designated as high risk. Two of them closed early in June; neither one in the north and a third in Thunder Bay shut down temporarily. The cost to Ontario of failing to address the issues affecting the viability of the forest industry will be staggering.

Entire communities in the north will be severely impacted with economic recovery next to impossible. The cost scenario for the southern Ontario economy is every bit as ominous. Within the financial impact lies the social upheaval that accompanies widespread job loss and economic uncertainty.

Should the 12 at-risk mills close, the impact on employment will be devastating to northern Ontario communities that will lose 25,000 direct and indirect jobs. The ripple effect in southern Ontario will eliminate another 13,000 indirect jobs.

The loss of these facilities represents nearly \$1 billion in lost tax revenues for all three levels of government, with federal revenues dropping \$550 million, provincial revenues \$340 million and municipal \$75 million.

Action Needed

The answers to challenges facing the Ontario forest sector are contained within the Minister's Council on Forest Sector Competitiveness Report. This report provides a road map which outlines both immediate and long-term strategies to address the current challenges. The formation of this Council by the Minister of Natural Resources was explicit recognition on the part of government that change is needed to ensure the viability of the industry.

The report identifies the root causes of the industry's decline in Ontario and recommends a multi-pronged strategy to assist the province's forestry sector in regaining its competitive footing. The production of the report was a collaborative effort between individuals representing the forest industry, labour, First Nations, the environmental community, municipalities, and also included independent experts.

The Minister's Council report offers astute recommendations on how to assist Ontario's multi billion dollar forest sector overcome challenges stemming from:

- rapidly escalating energy costs,
- some of the highest delivered wood costs in the world
- the softwood lumber dispute,
- a dramatically higher Canadian dollar,
- increasing competition from lower cost jurisdictions.

Unfortunately, all the Minister of Natural Resources was able to announce was a loan guarantee of \$350 million and other changes that will only have an impact in the long term. None of the industries in crisis are in a position to invest any money in Ontario as long as it is the highest cost jurisdiction in the world.

The Minister's Council report can be downloaded at:

http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/forests/industry/woodsupply/ministers_council/forestsector_report.pdf

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