

Request for Decision City Council



Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	June 16, 2005				Report Date	June 6, 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

Co-collection of Blue Box Materials and Household Organics

Policy Implication + Budget Impact

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

No financial impact at this time.

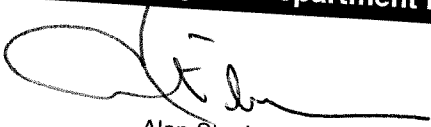
Background Attached

Recommendation

That staff be authorized to proceed with the review and the pilot project for the co-collection of blue box recyclables and household organics as detailed in the General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services report dated June 6, 2005.

Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head


Alan Stephen
General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.


Mark Mieto
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Division Review

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Background

The Technical Steering Committee (TSC) recommended that Council implement a co-collection system for blue box recyclables and household organics. Council accepted this recommendation in principle and requested further details prior to the final system approval.

Additional Review

One major aspect in implementing this type of system, is selecting a household organic container. This matter was taken to the TSC for review. Since members of the committee could not agree on one particular container type, it was agreed that a pilot project would provide the necessary data to make a decision. Choosing the right container is a key factor in whether residents will participate in the program.

The pilot project:

1. would be conducted over four seasons (at a minimum)
2. would be mainly available to residents on a curbside collection system
3. would be conducted in both urban and rural areas
4. would test various curbside container styles, including kitchen collectors (smaller bins kept under the counter)
5. would include specific instructions (how to use, tips etc.)
6. would survey residents on a regular basis

What are household organics?
fruit and vegetables
meat, chicken, fish, shellfish
dairy products (cheese, yogurt etc.)
baked goods and ingredients
coffee grounds, tea bags and filters
pasta, rice, sauces, gravy, eggs
household plants, including soil
non-recyclable paper & paper packaging
(disposable paper cups, paper towels, potato bags, flour bags, waxed cardboard etc.)

The pilot project would also provide an opportunity to test various recycling/organic collection methods for the high density residential and the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sectors.

More importantly, the pilot project would provide an opportunity to engage the public in the development of the system.

Next Steps

If Council is in agreement, staff would proceed in the development of a tender or request for proposal document that would request costing for the existing level of service, the new proposed co-collection system and options for pilot projects. This would be completed prior to the expiration of the current recycling contract date of April 2006.

Staff would then report back to Council with the various options and pricing, including a recommendation from the Technical Steering Committee.