

DEFERRAL

Item # 5.1.1

**Planning & Development Services Deferral to
Infrastructure and Planning Committee
2022 September 09**

**ISC: UNRESTRICTED
IPC2022-0906**

Deferral Request for Report back on Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites due September 2022 to no later than Q2 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Infrastructure and Planning Committee defer the report back on Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites due September 2022 to no later than Q2 2023.

Rationale

Administration requests a deferral on this report-back to align it with proposed amendments to the Business License Bylaw that will further advance progress on mitigating negative impacts of waste and recycling sites. These bylaw updates are expected by Q2 2023. This deferral does not impact the ongoing actions and efforts to minimize negative impacts of waste and recycling sites. While progress has been made, aligning the report back with the introduction of bylaw amendments will support the requested enforceable strategy for compliance as it relates to facilities that process and store waste and recycling materials; and, allow Council to consider progress of this work more comprehensively.

Background

On March 1, 2021, Administration received direction to minimize the negative impacts of waste and recycling sites through a series of actions (for reference, the direction is included below). On July 5, 2021, Administration reported back to Council via UCS2021-0903 to respond to directions 1 and 2. Work to address directions 3 – 7 is progressing well, with some items already being resolved. To make better use of Committee and Council time, we are proposing reporting on remaining progress at the same time as we will be bringing forward amendments to the Business License Bylaw.

In Alberta, waste is managed according to provincial legislation, regulations, and codes. Calgary bylaws direct how land is used and how those uses impact others living and working in the city. There are gaps that limit the controls The City of Calgary has over the impacts created by the operations on these sites. The forthcoming amendments will further address those gaps and strengthen compliance at waste and recycling processing and storage sites to minimize the potential risks they pose.

Previous Council Direction

Council directed Administration through PFC2021-0222 Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites to;

1. Appoint an Officer, be they internal or external, to lead an interdepartmental work group.

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2. Present their internal Officer or present the job description and their recommendations for funding should they be external, to Utilities and Corporate Services Committee no later than Q2 2021;
3. Examine the financial and environmental liability The City would incur in the case of these companies abandoning their sites, (to say what potential liabilities and fees would be incurred by The City through 1,000 M/t increments), and the management of these sites;
4. Develop an enforceable strategy for bringing all sites, that store and process waste, recycling and other materials into better compliance (pile height, screening, fire code, environmental, LUB, etc.), minimizing the potential risks they pose;
5. Combine the research in a report back through the Utilities and Corporate Services Committee no later than Q4 2021, outlining an initial set of recommendations for how to create enforceable development and operating standards and an enforcement strategy for targeting problematic sites that store and processes waste, recycling and other materials;
6. Circulate applications currently under review (March 1, 2021) to the Waste Management Facility Application Coordination Team for specialized review until such time as the working group presents their report;
7. Prepare a comprehensive list of recommendations, to submit with their report, on the tools available to Administration, should the enforcement strategy not be an adequate solution to managing the risk associated with these sites., (environmental, LUB, etc.), minimizing the potential risks they pose.