

Background and Previous Council Direction

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On 2021 March 1 Council directed Administration through Notice of Motion PFC2021-0222 to address the negative impacts of waste and recycling sites by establishing and hiring a new Waste Officer position and forming an inter-departmental working group.

On 2021 July 5 Council approved a new one-time operating budget request of \$300,000 to fund an internal Officer for a 24-month period (UCS2021-0903) and directed Administration to report back no later than Q3 2022 through the appropriate Standing Policy Committee to fulfill the remaining actions.

On 2022 September 9 Administration requested a deferral of the report back on Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites to no later than Q2 2023 to align with proposed amendments to the Business License Bylaw that will further advance progress on mitigating negative impacts of waste and recycling sites.

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DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2022 September 09	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 The Infrastructure and Planning Committee deferred the report back to no later than Q2 2023 to align with proposed amendments to the Business License Bylaw that will further advance progress on mitigating negative impacts of waste and recycling sites.
2021 July 05	UCS2021-0903	Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites – Officer Council approved a new one-time operating budget request of \$300,000 to fund an internal Officer for a 24-month period and directed Administration to report back no later than Q3 2022 through the appropriate Standing Policy Committee.
2021 March 01	PFC2021-0222	Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites The Notice of Motion directed Administration to: 1. Appoint an Officer, be they internal or external, to lead an interdepartmental work group; 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 (Actions 1-2 addressed through UCS2021-0903); 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; and 6. 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. Progress was made on this Action with Council's adoption of amendments to the Land Use Bylaw (IP2022-0503), with more work underway.