

2023 Action Plan for Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites

Council Directed Action	Administration Actions	Notes
Appoint a Waste Officer, be they internal or external, to lead an inter-departmental working group; Present Waste Officer job description and funding recommendations to Utilities and Corporate Services Committee no later than Q2 2021.	 <u>Complete</u> 2021 July 5 Council approved new one-time operating budget request of \$300,000 to fund a Waste Officer for a 24-month period. - Council approved job description and temporary Officer position was filled as Senior Planner.  <u>Ongoing</u> - Permanent Waste Officer position approved in 2023-2026 Service Plans Budget. - Appropriate Business Unit for Officer is currently under review. - Job Evaluation Questionnaire (JEQ) is currently under review.	Waste Officer responsibilities have been temporarily assigned to existing position until permanent position is filled.
Examine Financial and Environmental Liabilities for The City of Calgary in the case of Waste and Recycling companies abandoning sites.	 <u>Complete</u> - Waste Officer led an interdepartmental review to examine precedents and jurisdiction related to waste management in Alberta Sought internal advice regarding risks and liabilities. - Review found no precedent for The City to have liability in these circumstances.	
Develop an enforceable strategy for bringing all sites that store and process waste, recycling, and other materials into better compliance (pile	 <u>Complete</u> Waste Officer established a new coordinated inter-departmental inspections process with	Coordinated inspection process among multiple City departments has led to significant improvement in resolving negative impacts of poorly managed

height, screening, fire code, environmental, LUB, etc.), minimizing the potential risks they pose.	representatives from Calgary Fire, Business Licence, Planning /Development Inspections, Building Code, Environmental Management, and Waste and Recycling Services. ○ Waste Officer conducted an online survey of private waste and recycling businesses, industry experts and neighbouring properties in 2022 April to seek feedback about negative impacts of certain operations and possible new regulations to resolve impacts. ○ Administration prepared an informational booklet that describes the role of private waste and recycling sites in Calgary's waste management ecosystem and highlights Administration's current and ongoing actions to address unregulated operating practices. This booklet is designed to be shared with Councillors and their constituents and will be uploaded to a City of Calgary webpage that communicates goals and progress of minimizing negative impacts of waste and recycling sites.  Ongoing ○ Coordinated inspection process is intended to continue, led by Waste Officer.	operations, as enforcement is carried out in a more efficient manner. ○ Negative impacts on six of the original nine sites have been addressed through coordinated inspections and enforcement activities, and operations have remained in compliance. ○ Administration has not been able to resolve negative impacts achieve compliance on the three remaining sites with inspection and enforcement tools currently available. These three sites have been issued summons through Provincial Court and are awaiting rulings. ○ Dialogue has been instrumental in developing a supportive relationship with waste and recycling businesses. With guidance from The City, most businesses are eager to resolve negative impacts and remain in compliance.
Develop recommendations to create enforceable development and operating standards for businesses that store and processes waste, recycling, and other materials.	 Complete ○ Waste Officer collaborated with internal departments to propose development and operating standards that include: ▪ Use of Direct Control land use districts for waste and recycling land uses to enable PDS to apply more discretion on land use applications	○ Waste Officer will continue to coordinate with internal partners and oversee preparation of guide.

	▪ Apply conditions to Development Permits that enable PDS to define specific details of operations (e.g., size, height, location, etc.), and enable PDS to stop operations when site does not comply with conditions. ▪ Introduce pre-development operations plans to preemptively address potential nuisance concerns. ○ Waste Officer joined the existing Specialized Review process by Waste Management Facilities Coordination Team so there is more awareness of approval of new waste management facilities, and any Provincial or City regulations can be shared during planning and development approval process.  <u>Ongoing</u> ○ Waste Officer will continue to coordinate with internal partners to develop an operating guide for waste and recycling businesses that will explain all Provincial and City legislation and regulations and will help operators address potential negative impacts.	
Prepare a comprehensive list of recommendations on the tools available to Administration to deal with existing sites, should the enforcement strategy not be an adequate solution to managing the risk.	 <u>Complete</u> ○ 2022 July 26 Council approved amendments to the Land Use Bylaw that provide PDS with greater ability to manage planning and development processes for waste and recycling land uses (IP2022-0503).  <u>Ongoing</u> ○ Waste Officer will continue to coordinate with Development, Building and Business Services	○ Advocacy with the Province of Alberta (Environment and Protected Areas) will address: ○ Seeking clarity on how provincial and municipal regulations can work together ○ Sharing of information that can improve The City's ability to regulate waste and recycling sites ○ Amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw will be presented no later than Q2

	and Waste and Recycling Services to write amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw to introduce a new licence type that will allow for greater oversight by The City and allow The City to add requirements for specific types of waste and recycling businesses. ○ Waste Officer will continue to coordinate with Government Relations to advocate on specific issues with Province of Alberta (Environment and Protected Areas), and to establish a working group of regional municipal partners for regional coordination of waste and recycling regulations.	2024. Amendments will be communicated with businesses and neighbouring properties and will be accompanied by a comprehensive implementation plan.
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