

Previous Council Direction, Background

Background

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 2022 Q3 through the appropriate Standing Policy Committee to fulfill the remaining actions.

On 2022, July 26, through C2022-0896, Council approved amendments to the Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 to enable better regulations for Waste Management and Storage Uses.

On 2022 September 9, through IPC2022-0906, Administration requested a deferral of the report back on Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites to no later than 2023 Q2 to align with proposed amendments to the Business License Bylaw that will further advance progress on mitigating negative impacts of waste and recycling sites.

On 2023 July 4, through IP2023-0501, Council directed Administration to bring amendments to the Business Licence Bylaw 32M98 to address concerns around public health, safety and environmental impacts from the operations of waste and recycling sites in Calgary by no later than 2024 Q2.

On 2024 June 26, through CD2024-0768, Administration requested a deferral of the report back on amendments to the Business License Bylaw 32M98 to no later than 2024 Q4.

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Date	Report Number	Direction/Description
2024 June 26	CD2024-0768	Deferral Request for Report back on Amendments to the Business License Bylaw 32M98 due June 2024 to no later than 2024 Q4.
2023 July 4	IP2023-0501	Administration was directed by Council to bring amendments to the Business License Bylaw 32M98 to address concerns around public health, safety and environmental impacts from the operations of waste and recycling sites in Calgary by no later than 2024 Q2.

2022 September 9	IPC2022- 0906	Deferral Request for Report back on Minimizing Negative Impacts of Waste and Recycling Sites due September 2022 to no later than 2023 Q2. The Infrastructure and Planning Committee deferred the report back to no later than 2023 Q2 to align with proposed amendments to the Business License Bylaw 32M98 that will further advance progress on mitigating negative impacts of waste and recycling sites.
2022 July 26	C2022- 0896	Amendments to Land Use Bylaw 1P2007 were approved by Council to enable better regulations for Waste management and Storage uses
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 2022 Q3 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 2021 Q2 (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 2021 Q4, 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.