
2006 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE – Public Information and Education Program Regarding Termite Identification, Treatment and Eradication

Background:

At its meeting of January 24th, 2006 Budget Advisory Committee received a briefing note on the Public Information and Education Program Regarding Termite Identification, Treatment and Education and requested that the General Manager of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration:

- provide a copy of the report submitted to Council in 2005 on the Public Information and Education Program Regarding Termite Identification, Treatment and Eradication;
- identify a source of funding for the \$50,000 recommended to implement this program; and
- provide information on termite control programs in former municipalities; why Termite Information and Education was included in the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Budget and where it might more appropriately be located within the City.

Comments:

A copy of the 2005 report is attached for the reference of the Budget Advisory Committee. This report notes that prior to amalgamation, local area municipalities had a variety of programs and policies directed at managing termite infestation. This included homeowner grants, information and education, and by-law enforcement.

The Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Budget has reached 2% from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund and the \$50,000 for the public information and education program regarding termite identification, treatment and eradication could also be funded from the Reserve.

Termite information, education and research became part of the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division at the time of amalgamation as part of the Housing Improvements Program. The housing improvement function has recently been transferred to the Affordable Housing Office.

It is the view of Shelter, Support and Housing Administration staff that termite information, education and research should not be located within the Division and, on a go forward basis, is more appropriately situated elsewhere in the organization.

During 2006 Deputy City Manager Sue Corke will work with Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin to determine the most appropriate location within the city organization for the conduct of termite information, education and research and report out to Policy and Finance Committee prior to the commencement of the 2007 Operating Budget Process.

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