
Parks and Environment Committee

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Location Committee Room 1, City Hall

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| PE3.1 | NO AMENDMENT | | Transactional | Ward: All |
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Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors 2007

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council authorize the amendment of By-law No. 383-2004, to appoint area weed inspectors under the Weed Control Act and to repeal By-law No. 308-1998, "A By-law to appoint Weed Inspectors," to appoint David Chapman and Nancy Lowes as area weed inspectors and to revoke the appointments of Russell Warkman and Nancy Yarwood.
2. The City Clerk provide written notice to the Chief Weed Inspector as required under the Weed Control Act.
3. City Council authorize the amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 169, Officials, and City, to provide that:
 - a. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation is responsible for monitoring the need for changes to the City's area weed inspector appointments made by the by-law under the Weed Control Act; and
 - b. the General Manager may request the City Solicitor to submit the necessary bill directly to Council when the General Manager identifies the need to:
 - i. appoint an employee as an area weed inspector under the Weed Control Act;
 - ii. repeal the appointment of an area weed inspector as a result of changes in employment or duties; or

- iii. to make technical amendments to current appointments (for example, to reflect a name change).

(March 21, 2007) report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the amendment of By-law No. 383-2004, to appoint area weed inspectors under the Weed Control Act and to repeal By-law No. 308-1998, "A By-law to appoint Weed Inspectors," to appoint David Chapman and Nancy Lowes as area weed inspectors and to revoke the appointments of Russell Warkman and Nancy Yarwood;
2. the City Clerk provide written notice to the Chief Weed Inspector as required under the Weed Control Act;
3. City Council authorize the amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 169, Officials, and City, to provide that:
 - a. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation is responsible for monitoring the need for changes to the City's area weed inspector appointments made by the by-law under the Weed Control Act; and
 - b. the General Manager may request the City Solicitor to submit the necessary bill directly to Council when the General Manager identifies the need to:
 - i. appoint an employee as an area weed inspector under the Weed Control Act;
 - ii. repeal the appointment of an area weed inspector as a result of changes in employment or duties; or
 - iii. to make technical amendments to current appointments (for example, to reflect a name change).

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Summary

The City is required to appoint one or more area weed inspectors by by-law, under subsection 6(1) of the Weed Control Act.

The purpose of the report is to amend By-law No. 383-2004 with respect to changes in

appointments of area weed inspectors and identify the new area weed inspectors.

The report also recommends that Municipal Code Chapter 169, Officials, City, be amended to make the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation responsible for monitoring changes to the area weed inspectors' appointments. When the General Manager determines there is a need for a change, the General Manager is authorized to request the City Solicitor to submit the necessary bill directly to Council.

Background Information

Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors 2007

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2429.pdf>

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| PE3.2 | NO AMENDMENT | | Transactional | |
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Waste Audit of City Parks

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council forward a copy of the report (March 9, 2007) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to Waste Diversion Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Minister of the Environment.
2. City Council request the Ontario Minister of the Environment to designate fast food packaging under the Waste Diversion Act.

(March 9, 2007) report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that City Council:

1. forward a copy of the report (March 9, 2007) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to Waste Diversion Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Minister of the Environment; and
2. request the Ontario Minister of the Environment to designate fast food packaging under the Waste Diversion Act.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Summary

As part of its three-year Waste Diversion Plan, approved in 2004, Parks, Forestry and

Recreation recently conducted a Parks Waste Audit (Attachment 1). Staff examined almost three metric tonnes of waste from 585 litter and 157 recycling baskets at 126 parks – sorting, weighing and recording material using 14 separate categories (i.e., glass, paper, plastic, pet waste). A summary of findings and recommendations can be found on pages 49 to 51 of the attached Parks Waste Audit Report.

Subsequent to its 2004-2006 plan, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division submitted a four-year Waste Diversion Plan in January 2007 which sets out initiatives selected to improve future diversion rates. This year's program will continue twinning litter baskets with labelled recycling baskets to improve the diversion rate of recyclable materials from the litter stream as well as educational and outreach activities to address the large amount of recyclables and pet waste entering the Parks' litter stream.

The Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division will continue with its effort to meet future diversion targets and explore innovative methods to reduce parks' waste.

Background Information

Waste Audit of City Parks

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2149.pdf>

Attachment 1 - 2006 Parks Waste Audit - Final Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2155.pdf>

Attachment 2 - Waste Audit

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2156.pdf>

Communications

(April 10, 2007) Submission from Doug King - PEMainPE3.2.1

Council also considered the following:

- [Report \(April 23, 2007\) from the General Manager, Toronto Water \(PE3.2a\).](#)

Speakers

Doug King

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee requested:

1. the Deputy City Manager Richard Butts to report directly to City Council on whether the City of Pickering is using the City of Toronto's sewage system to dispose of dog waste deposited in Pickering's parks and, if so, what action the City of Toronto can take to prevent this;
2. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to continue to work with Solid Waste Management Services staff to improve and expand waste diversion initiatives in City parks;

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3. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff to collaborate with Solid Waste Management Services to educate the public and increase awareness of the need for waste diversion;
4. the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to consider the parks organics stream when expanding organics diversion facilities;
5. staff from Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division and Solid Waste Management Services Division to meet with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Parks and Environment Committee and the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and report back to the Parks and Environment Committee on:
 - a. methods to more rapidly divert recyclables in City parks;
 - b. options to deal with dog waste in the litter stream including options for increasing the green bin program in Toronto's parks; and
 - c. the effectiveness of by-law enforcement in reducing illegal dumping of household waste and include estimated costs for cleaning up this illegal dumping.

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| PE3.3 | NO AMENDMENT | | Transactional | |
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**2 for 1 Toronto Island Ferry Pricing for Adult Tickets,
 May 22-September 2, 2007 - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. A 2007 pilot pricing project wherein 2 for 1 pricing on adult fares be approved and implemented for the period from May 22 through to September 2 and the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. The following restrictions be implemented at the same time:
 - a. all holiday weekends and special events would be exempt from the 2 for 1 pricing and would be full price;
 - b. two tickets must be sold at one time and there will be no half-price tickets sold to one individual; and
 - c. the 2 for 1 offer would not operate in conjunction with any other promotion.

(March 15, 2007) report from the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation.

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends to City Council that:

1. a 2007 pilot pricing project wherein 2 for 1 pricing on adult fares be approved and implemented for the period from May 22 through to September 2 and the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and
2. the following restrictions be implemented at the same time:
 - a. all holiday weekends and special events would be exempt from the 2 for 1 pricing and would be full price;
 - b. two tickets must be sold at one time and there will be no half-price tickets sold to one individual; and
 - c. the 2 for 1 offer would not operate in conjunction with any other promotion.

Financial Impact

There will be no additional expenditures to the ferry service or island operation. If the customer response on this pilot project is substantial, there could be additional revenues due to sale of ferry tickets and in the concession rents due to us for both food and beverage sales.

Summary

The 2 for 1 ferry pricing is an attempt to attract adult customers to the Toronto Islands during off peak hours. Approximately 75% of our passengers leave the island at about 5:00 p.m. It is our intent to entice them to stay longer and increase their participation at island amenities. The special pricing will require City Council authority to change existing ticket prices.

This pilot project will operate within existing staffing resources and budget allotment. This should assist in earning additional revenue for the Toronto Islands' operation through the return on food and beverage sales as well as additional ferry ticket sales.

Background Information

2 for 1 Toronto Island Ferry Pricing for Adult tickets, May 22-September 2 2007
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-2390.pdf>)

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, and Tourism Toronto, to report to the September 14, 2007 meeting of the Parks and Environment Committee on marketing the City's destination parks.

Submitted Tuesday, April 10, 2007

Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair, Parks and Environment Committee

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