

Clause embodied in Report No. 14 of the Works Committee, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on October 2, 3 and 4, 2001.

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Transfer Service Fee Agreement with Region of Peel for Use of Disco Transfer Station

(City Council on October 2, 3 and 4, 2001, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Works Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (August 28, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services:

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to negotiate a formal agreement with the Region of Peel for the use of the Disco Transfer Station for the transfer of Peel Region's municipal waste for final disposal.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

No modifications to the Disco Transfer Station building are required to accommodate Peel Region's municipal waste. City of Toronto and Peel Region staff developed a price of \$8.50 per tonne payable to the City of Toronto for the receipt and loading of Peel's waste for final disposal. The price of \$8.50 was developed to cover the City's potential increased costs. Haulage and final disposal costs would be the Region of Peel's responsibility. A \$2.00 per tonne premium will apply to account for additional costs if Peel waste must be segregated from other wastes at the transfer station. The price per tonne would be adjusted January 1, 2002, and then annually in accordance with Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index for "Toronto All Items" and annually throughout the term of the agreement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be authorized to negotiate a formal agreement with the Region of Peel on terms and conditions acceptable to the Commissioner and the City Solicitor for the use of the Disco Transfer Station for the transfer of Peel Region's municipal waste for final disposal; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report back to the December 2001 meeting of the Works Committee on the status of the proposed agreement with the Region of Peel.

Background:

On May 9, 2001, Works Committee received a report from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services regarding proposed changes to the service areas at the City of Toronto's solid waste transfer station sites. In this report, Works Committee was advised that Solid Waste Management Services intended to proceed with an application to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to revise the City's transfer station service areas to include the entire City of Toronto and the neighbouring Regions of Durham, Peel and York. Expanding the service areas could generate new revenues and optimize the use of the City's current infrastructure. In addition, service area revisions would allow the City of Toronto to offer a service to the neighbouring municipalities of Durham, Peel and York following the closures of the Keele Valley and Britannia Sanitary Landfill Sites.

Peel Region's Britannia Sanitary Landfill Site (Mississauga) is scheduled to close between March and August of 2002. In February 2001, Region of Peel Council passed a resolution permitting staff to negotiate a contract with Republic Services of Canada for the haulage and disposal of Peel's waste on the closure of the Britannia Sanitary Landfill Site. Peel does not currently have the infrastructure necessary to accommodate the transfer of Peel's waste for haulage. In March 2001, the Region of Peel approached the City of Toronto regarding the potential use of the Disco Road Transfer Station for the transfer of Peel Region's waste for final disposal.

Comments:

In June 2001, the City of Toronto submitted Certificate of Approval amendment applications to the Ministry of the Environment to revise the transfer station service areas to include the City of Toronto and the neighbouring Regions of Durham, Peel and York. The proposed service area amendments would not change any other existing conditions of approval at the transfer stations. The Ministry of the Environment is currently reviewing this application. Acceptance of municipal waste from the Region of Peel at the Disco Transfer Station would be contingent on the receipt of an amendment to the Disco Transfer Station service area, and the ability to meet all other existing conditions of approval at the Disco Transfer Station.

The Region of Peel is currently negotiating a contract with Republic Services of Canada for the haulage and disposal of Peel's waste upon closure of the Britannia Sanitary Landfill Site. Any agreement between the City of Toronto and the Region of Peel would be contingent on the existence of a contract between Peel and a licensed landfill for haulage and disposal of waste from the Disco Transfer Station.

No modifications are required to the Disco Transfer Station building to accommodate Peel's municipal waste. A price per tonne payable to the City of Toronto of \$8.50 that is agreeable to both City of Toronto and Region of Peel staff has been developed for the receipt and loading of the Region of Peel's municipal waste for final disposal at the Disco Transfer Station. The price of \$8.50 was developed to cover the City's potential increased costs. Haulage and final disposal costs would be the Region of Peel's responsibility. A premium of \$2.00 per tonne will be applied to account for additional costs if it is deemed necessary to segregate Peel's waste from City of Toronto waste. The price per tonne will be adjusted January 1, 2002, and then annually

in accordance with Statistics Canada's Consumer Price Index for "Toronto All Items" and annually throughout the term of the agreement.

Peel staff intends to report to Regional Council within the next few months to obtain approval to negotiate a formal agreement with the City of Toronto.

Conclusions:

With the impending closure of the Britannia Sanitary Landfill Site, the City of Toronto has an opportunity to negotiate an agreement with the Region of Peel for the use of the Disco Transfer Station for the transfer of Peel Region's municipal waste for final disposal. It is recommended that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be authorized to negotiate a formal agreement with the Region of Peel on terms and conditions acceptable to the Commissioner and the City Solicitor for the use of the Disco Road Transfer Station for the transfer of Peel's municipal waste for final disposal, and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report back to Council on the status of negotiations at the December 2001 Works Committee meeting. Any agreement with the Region of Peel would be contingent on the existence of a contract between Peel and a licensed landfill for haulage and disposal of Peel waste from the Disco Transfer Station, and the ability of the City to meet all Ministry of the Environment Certificate of Approval requirements.

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