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2012 OPERATING BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Operating Budget Impact on Multi-Unit Buildings Green Bin Program

Issue/Background:

At its meeting on November 14, 2011, the Budget Committee requested the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services (SWMS) to provide a Briefing Note to the Executive Committee for its meeting on November 21, 2011 on the impact of the 2012 Recommended SWMS Operating Budget on the implementation of the Green Bin program in multi-unit buildings.

At its meeting of June 19, 20 and 22, 2007 City Council adopted EX9.1 “Proposed Initiatives and Financing Model to Get to 70% Solid Waste Diversion by 2010”. As part of that report it was recommended that the Source Separated Organic Programs (Green Bin Program) be rolled out city-wide

Key Points:

- In 2009 SWM began inviting Front-End Multi-Unit buildings to participate in the Green Bin Program.
- Implementation of the Green Bin Program in Multi-Unit buildings receiving front-end collection service was delayed for the 2010 SWMS Operating Budget until the end of 2011 in order to reduce the volume-based rate increase to 2%. Council then approved the allocation of one-time labour disruption savings to offset the need for a 2% rate increase.
- The Approved 2011 and Recommended 2012 SWMS Operating Budgets do not require any further delays to the rollout of the Green Bin Program to Front-End Multi-Unit Residential Buildings.
- As recommended in the 2012 SWMS Operating Budgets, funding is provided to collect and process 7,500 tonnes of SSO from front end customers, which represents a 36% increase to the amount of tonnes projected to be collected from Front End Multi-Unit buildings for 2011.
- Currently all of Front-End Multi-Residential buildings on the Solid Waste Management Services database have been invited to participate in the Green Bin Program. SWMS staff, are constantly updating the database to ensure opportunities to invite newly constructed buildings, or discover any buildings that may have been inadvertently missed.

- Buildings that are invited are provided with information packages including the specifications for front-end collection containers and in-unit application forms. Upon receipt of the collection containers and delivery of the in-unit containers, SWMS staff will schedule to begin collections.
- Both telephone and on-site support is provided to front-end locations to answer questions and to provide educational materials to residents and property management companies to assist in the implementation of the Green Bin Program.
- Buildings are responsible for advising SWMS when they are ready to implement. To date there are approximately 112,500 Multi-Unit units receiving front-end collection service on the Green Bin Program which represents just under one-third of the existing clients in the database.

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