

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Waste Reduction and Resource Recovery Framework Legislation - by Councillor Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

1. City Council support full producer responsibility and new, comprehensive provincial legislation for waste reduction and resource recovery.
2. City Council request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change to:
 - a. replace the Waste Diversion Act with a "made-in-Ontario" framework based on full producer responsibility and a legislated role for municipalities that respects the current complexity and functionality of the integrated waste management system;
 - b. ensure producers are responsible for 100 per cent of the end-of-life costs of designated waste;
 - c. request producers to work with the municipal sector on producer responsibility programs so that municipalities are fairly compensated for services provided to manage designated waste that enters the municipal system and to maintain service levels; and
 - d. continue to consult and engage with the City of Toronto and other Ontario municipalities to fully understand the impact of changes to the integrated waste management system under various extended producer responsibility models.
3. City Council direct the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services and designate to continue to participate in provincial efforts to prepare and adopt new waste reduction legislation, vote on all appropriate matters at Waste Diversion Ontario's Municipal Industry Program Committee and report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in the fall 2015 on the status of all such efforts.

Summary

Municipalities have little control over the form of waste that is generated from packaging and products that enter their jurisdictions and waste management systems.

Toronto bears more than 50 percent of the cost for the disposal and recycling of packaging and printed paper - products that are increasingly complex, multi-material and expensive to recycle, reclaim or dispose.

Toronto, like other municipalities, should not have to bear the cost of managing the disposal of these materials.

Recently, the Ontario Minister of the Environment and Climate Change announced that the current waste diversion legislation would be replaced.

Full producer responsibility provides that producers should be responsible for 100 percent of the end-of-life management costs for certain designated wastes.

Full producer responsibility would provide considerable savings to Toronto residents and grow the local economy as producers innovate to reduce waste, develop more easily recyclable packaging and work with municipalities on better ways to collect and process it.

Increased recycling and reclamation could add 13,000 good, high-quality jobs in Ontario and contribute more than \$1.5 billion every year to Ontario's economy.

This matter is urgent because the province will be reviewing its waste diversion legislation over the summer and City Council does not meet again until September 30, 2015.

Background Information (City Council)

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