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Subject Item 8.3.2 Curbside Organics Program Collection Options

Meeting (if known) Governance and Priorities Committee meeting on June 21, 2021

Comments

Please accept the attached comments for submission to the Monday morning meeting. Thank you.

Attachments

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I would like to address item *8.3.2 Curbside Organics Program Collection Option* at the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting of June 21, 2021.

The CURRENT program:

I am a subscriber to the Green Cart Program.

In 2021, my Yard and Food Waste is collected bi-weekly from May 3rd until November 1st. That is 14 pickups. The organics from the Green Cart Program are processed at the west-side compost depot (within the City limits).

My Garbage (Black Bin) is collected bi-weekly from January 8th to April 30th. Then it is collected weekly until October 1st. Then bi-weekly again until the end of the year. That is 37 pickups.

My Recycling (Blue Bin) is collected bi-weekly year-round. That is 26 pickups.

The PROPOSED program, effective 2023:

The Curbside Organics (Green Bin) will be bi-weekly year-round. That is 26 pickups.

The organics from the Green Cart Program will be processed by the approved contractor Green Prairie Environmental Ltd. Their location is Township Road 354, Cormon Park (8 kms south of Circle Drive and Lorne).

The Curbside Waste (Black Bin) will also be bi-weekly year-round. That is 26 pickups.

The Recycling (Blue Bin) will continue to be collected bi-weekly year-round. That is 26 pickups.

MY CONCERNS:

During the summer, my Green Bin is used regularly for grass clippings and food waste. A bi-weekly pickup works very well, as my bin is only ½ to ¾ full for each pickup.

Over the winter, when there are no pickups, my Green Bin is used for potato peelings, banana peels and other food waste. For the ENTIRE 6 months that there are no pickups, my Green Bin gets barely ¼ full. There is not nearly enough waste generated to require a pickup. Plus, over the winter, the waste remains frozen and does not generate unpleasant smells.

I do not understand the rationale for Green Bin pickups THROUGHOUT THE YEAR when the bulk of the waste (grass clippings and yard waste) is generated in the warmer months. It seems like a colossal waste of money and time. Add to that, driving 8 kms out of town for it!

When the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sectors are mandated for organics collection, then I understand that pickups throughout the year may be required for them. Restaurants and food processors would likely have a constant supply of food waste throughout the year, unlike ordinary residents.

And for Black Bins, I can't understand the rationale for BI-WEEKLY PICKUPS IN THE SUMMER. As it is now, I challenge you to walk down a street in the summer when the garbage bins are out for pickup. Not only are there many over-flowing bins for a weekly pickup, but the smell is overwhelming. Garbage plus summer heat does not make a good combination.

Please explain the reasoning for changing the timing of the current collection system, as I was not paying attention in October 2018 when this decision was made. If the collection timing remains as it is currently, the only impact would be the extra fuel and time required to drive the organics to the recently approved processing plant south of the city.

Thank you,
Sherry Tarasoff