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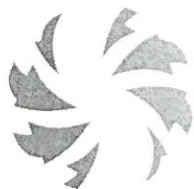
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October 11, 2018

His Worship the Mayor and Members Saskatoon City Council

Re: Curbside organics collection and pay-as-you-throw waste

We are writing to express our support for the City of Saskatoon implementing a comprehensive curbside organics collection service and for the city moving toward a Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) system for waste.

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council is a provincial NGO working towards zero waste for Saskatchewan. We work with municipalities, the waste/recycling industry and the public to encourage waste reduction and diversion practices. Organic waste has always been a key issue for us, as we see both its great diversion potential and its ability to be processed locally as factors that ought to make it a priority.

We applaud Saskatoon for adopting the target of 70 percent diversion from landfill by 2023. The two initiatives that you are considering now will be instrumental in moving the City toward that goal. Your own waste assessments show that organic materials comprise more than half of residential waste. Curbside organics collection is a convenient option for residents and is becoming more common across the country. For example, Lloydminster's curbside organics program has been in place for five years and diverts 27 percent of that city's residential waste.

Saskatoon has been a strong supporter of home composting over the years. While home composting does provide waste diversion, its primary benefit is the finished compost that is so useful for gardens and healthy yards. For backyard composters, the curbside organics program can be seen as a useful addition, as it will be able to handle overflow yard materials, weeds, and a wider range of kitchen scraps.

Similarly, PAYT can achieve significant waste reduction. PAYT provides an effective incentive for reducing waste; including the cost of waste services in taxes makes it invisible and thus seemingly 'free'. PAYT is also a fairer system, in that those who don't produce much waste are not subsidizing those who are, and those who contract separately for waste services don't pay twice.

PAYT systems are less effective in situations where those affected don't have options for diverting waste. Saskatoon does have diversion programs in its city-wide recycling program,

and now the comprehensive curbside organics program. These two options, along with many others available to Saskatoon residents that are not operated by the City, can enable residents to reduce their waste cost in a PAYT system.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to support Saskatoon moving toward its 70 percent waste diversion target.



Joanne Fedyk  
Executive Director