
Multi-Material Stewardship Western Funding Update – Additional Information

Recommendation

That the estimated \$2,730,000 in funds received through Multi-Material Stewardship Western be allocated in 2019 to the following programs:

- a) \$910,000 for the Multi-Unit Residential Recycling Program;
- b) \$428,300 for Compost Management;
- c) \$485,000 towards the repayment of the required debt on Recovery Park construction; and
- d) \$906,700 towards the Waste Minimization Reserve in order to fund the following projects:
 - i. \$746,700 for Curbside Organics Program Implementation;
 - ii. \$150,000 for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Waste Diversion Planning; and
 - iii. \$10,000 for Environmental Grants

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide additional information as well as revised recommendations as to how the Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) funding is utilized in 2019.

Report Highlights

1. The Administration is recommending revised funding allocations of the \$2,730,000 MMSW funding, based on decisions regarding the future of the City of Saskatoon's (City) waste program made at the November 19, 2018 regular meeting of City Council.

Strategic Goal

The information in this report supports numerous actions that will maximize solid waste diversion, an outcome under the Strategic Goal of Environmental Leadership. It also supports outcomes within the Strategic Goal of Asset and Financial Management including reducing reliance on property taxes.

Background

At its regular meeting on November 6, 2018, when considering the Multi-Material Stewardship Western Funding Update Recommendation report, the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services resolved that the following be recommended to City Council at 2019 Business Plan and Budget deliberations:

- “1. That funds received through Multi-Material Stewardship Western be allocated in 2019 to offset Multi-Unit Residential Recycling, the Compost Management Fee, and a transfer to the Waste Minimization Reserve to support Recovery Park, Waste Characterization, Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional waste

diversion planning, expanding the environmental grant, and Curbside Organics (and potential Pay-as-You-Throw) as described in this report;

2. That the Administration bring forward amendments to Council Policy C03-003 – Reserves for Future Expenditures as identified in this report; and
3. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement under the Corporate Seal.”

Report

2019 Multi-Material Stewardship Western Funding Allocations

The MMSW Funding Update and Recommendations report tabled on November 6, 2018 and included in this agenda provided multiple options on how to utilize the increased MMSW funding allocations, estimated at \$2,730,000 for 2019.

Based on decisions made at the November 19, 2018 regular meeting of City Council regarding the future of the City’s waste as a utility and corresponding property tax funded green bin program, the Administration has reconsidered the allocations of this funding and is proposing the following changes:

1. The \$380,000 is a required operating contribution and not to be funded from the Waste Minimization Reserve. It is recommended that this funding be allocated directly to the operating budget for debt repayment; and
2. That the previously identified funding of \$105,000 for Waste Characterization be allocated for additional funding for Recovery Park Debt Repayments. The development of Recovery Park is underway and will require approximately \$1.1 million in base funding in order to repay previously approved debt.

Including the first proposed change, the 2019 Business Plan and Budget will have \$760,000 in base funding in place and will take pressure off future phase-in requirements. This recommended allocation continues to align well with the purpose of MMSW funding and the waste diversion and funding models established by City Council.

A summary of the original and revised recommendations is below.

Initiative	Original Funding Allocation	Revised Funding Allocation
MURR ¹	\$ 910,000	\$ 910,000
Curbside Recycling ²	\$ 0	\$ 0
Compost Management Fee ¹ (existing depots)	\$ 428,300	\$ 428,300
Recovery Park Debt Repayment		\$ 485,000
Transfer to Waste Minimization Reserve	\$1,391,700	\$ 906,700
<i>Recovery Park</i>	\$ 380,000	\$ 0
<i>Waste Characterization</i>	\$ 105,000	
<i>Environmental Grants</i>	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
<i>ICI Waste Diversion Planning</i>	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
<i>Curbside Organics (and potential PAYT) Program Implementation</i>	\$ 746,700	\$ 746,700
TOTAL	\$2,730,000	\$2,730,000

¹ Already included in the 2019 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Book

² Administration notes that at least \$600,000 be allocated in 2020, but would not be required in 2019

Options to the Recommendation

City Council could choose to allocate this funding in alternative ways. A detailed overview of options were included in the original MMSW Funding Update and Recommendations report, which has been included in this agenda.

Environmental Implications

Ensuring that this funding is allocated toward recycling and waste diversion will help achieve positive environmental implications such as reduced use of raw resources and decreased greenhouse gas emissions.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no privacy or CPTED implications or considerations, and neither public and/or stakeholder involvement nor a communication plan is required.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

A follow-up report is expected by the end of 2019 updating waste diversion priorities and funding allocations for 2020 and beyond.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Report Approval

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