Comprehensive List of Resolutions

City Council, at its meeting held on August 17, 2011, considered the Landfill Optimization report and resolved, in part:

1. That the proposed changes in the design and operations of the Saskatoon Waste Management Facility (Spadina Landfill) be adopted as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated May 16, 2011, to protect the lifespan of the facility to forty (40) years and beyond.

This report included the Integrated Landfill Management Plan (XCG Consultants, 2011) which identified opportunities to extend the life of the landfill, including landfill cell expansions to the south and to the east.

On November 30, 2016, during the 2017 Business Plan and Budget deliberations, City Council received a report titled Fees for Waste Related Services 2017-2019. City Council considered green cart subscription fee options and resolved to maintain fees at $55 per season. The report identified that subscription fees do not cover the costs of operating the program and that annual shortfalls are covered by property taxes through the Landfill Operating Budget.

City Council, at its meeting held on June 26, 2017, considered the Expanding the Waste Services Utility – Key Considerations report and resolved:

1. That the Administration investigate a new business model for waste services that includes a waste utility; and
2. That the Administration report in August 2017 on a potential design for expanding the Waste Services Utility in Saskatoon.

City Council, at its meeting held on August 28, 2017, considered the Waste Utility Design Options report and resolved:

1. That the Administration continue to develop a program to expand the Waste Services Utility to include variable pricing options.
2. That the Administration engage citizens and stakeholders on variable pricing options based on the information presented in this report, and report back in the first quarter of 2018 with a proposed design and timeline for implementation for a utility model.

City Council, at its meeting held on August 28, 2017, considered the Organics Opportunities report and resolved:

“That the Administration continue research and program development on an organics program for the Residential, Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional sectors.”

City Council, at its meeting held on November 20, 2017, considered the Integrating the Recovery Park Project with Required Saskatoon Regional Waste Management Centre Projects report. This report identified that relocation of landfill-related facilities would
make available the final footprint expansion for the landfill and that cell construction is anticipated to be required in 2020 at an estimated cost of $8M.

City Council, at its meeting held on May 28, 2018, considered the Landfill Airspace Value report and resolved:

“1. That the landfill airspace valuation be used in the development of future waste rates and funding plans; and
2. That additional funding requirements be included in the calculation of a user fee associated with a potential Unified Waste Utility.”

City Council, at its meeting held on June 25, 2018, considered the Recommended Changes to Waste Management in Saskatoon report and resolved, in part:

“1. That a Pay-as-You-Throw Utility be developed for curbside residential garbage collection, where households pay a variable utility fee that corresponds to the size of their garbage cart (lower prices for smaller carts);
2. That an organics program be developed for year round curbside residential organics collection, utilizing a single green cart for co-mingled food and yard waste;
3. That a Capital Project be established to enable continued planning and development of the organics and Pay as You Throw programs, so they may be launched together as soon as possible (before 2020) with a budget of $1.6M, and that these funds be borrowed against the future utility.”

City Council, at its meeting held on June 25, 2018, considered the Changes to Waste Management in Saskatoon – Engagement Results report and resolved:

“That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance Department dated, June 11, 2018, be received as information in support of the Recommended Changes to Waste Management in Saskatoon Report.”

City Council, at its meeting held on October 22, 2018, considered the Waste Management Levels of Service – Curbside Organics and Pay as You Throw Waste Utility report and resolved:

“1. That a city-wide curbside organics program be established;
2. That option 1: year round, bi-weekly organics and waste collection be implemented as the new waste management service level for all curbside residential households;
3. That the compost depots continue to operate with the existing level of service;
4. That the Administration amend the draft RFP to reflect the City’s intent to implement an organics policy/program for the multi-unit residential sector by 2020; and
5. That the Administration amend the draft RFP to reflect the City’s intent to implement an organics bylaw for the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector within the next 2-4 years.

City Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2018, considered the Waste Management Levels of Services – Curbside Organics and Pay as You Throw Waste Utility and resolved, in part:

“6. That the curbside waste program – variable bin-size model be funded as a utility;
7. That the curbside organics program be funded by property tax.”

City Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2018, also considered the Ability to Pay Considerations for an Expanded Curbside Waste Utility report and resolved, in part:

“2. That the following collective benefit services remain funded by property taxes and not be funded by the new waste utility: Recovery Park, City-wide organics and recycling depots, Household Hazardous Waste programs, and administration, waste diversion planning, general education/enforcement, monitoring and reporting that benefits all programs.”

City Council, at its meeting held on December 17, 2018, considered Councillor Hill – Curbside Waste Collection Funding and resolved:

“That the resolution from the November 19, 2018, City Council meeting which stated: “That the curbside waste program – variable bin-size model be funded as a utility” be rescinded.”