



STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES & CORPORATE SERVICES

Preliminary Low Emissions Community Plan Initiatives

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That Option 2 – Building Overall Capacity work plan be approved in principle; and
2. That funding of \$435,000 in 2020, and \$987,000 in 2021 be considered for implementation of Option 2.

History

At the August 6, 2019 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting, a report from the General Manager, Utilities & Environment Department was considered regarding the above.

In addition to the two recommendations to the Governance and Priorities Committee's budget options discussion, it was resolved that the report be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for feedback and:

"That the Administration report providing additional information on Option 5, including actions and associated costs in line with The Low Emissions Community Plan and associated targets." (*See Attachment 2 to this Committee report for this additional information.*);

and

"That the context regarding the Multi-Material Stewardship Western Program funding for 2020 be provided by Administration as it pertains to previous Council direction."

The Administration has provided the following context as requested:

"The City of Saskatoon currently receives \$2,730,000 from the Multi-Material Stewardship Western Program. As part of the 2019 Business Plan and Budget these funds were allocated to the following programs:

- a) \$910,000 for the Multi-Unit Residential Recycling Program (Operating Budget);
- b) \$428,300 for Compost Management (Operating Budget);



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c) \$485,000 towards the repayment of the required debt on Recovery Park construction (Operating Budget); 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

While the operating budget items (a, b and c) will remain in place in 2020 and beyond, further direction on \$906,700 one-time allocation to capital in 2020 is required. This direction was received at the regular meeting of City Council on July 29, 2019 whereby City Council directed Administration to phase in this funding into the operating budget in 2020 and 2021 in order to reduce the ongoing waste deficit which in turn will reduce the property tax requirement by 0.13% in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Based on this direction, \$453,350 will be phased into the operating budget in 2020 and 2021 in order to reduce the property tax. However, there will be \$453,350 available for capital programming in 2020 before it is phased into the operating budget in 2021.

As included in the Preliminary Low Emissions Community Plan Initiatives 2020-2021 report presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services it is recommended that this funding be allocated towards two projects in 2020, which include:

- 1. Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multi-Unit Strategy Implementation; and



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2. Leading by Example – City operating facilities Mandatory Industrial, Commercial and Institutional compliance

Attachments

1. August 6, 2019 report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment
2. Low Emissions Community – Climate Action Plan 2020-2021 Actions