

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Monday, February 24, 2014
at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor R. Donauer
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Loewen
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor E. Olauson
Councillor T. Paulsen
A/City Manager Jorgenson
City Solicitor Warwick
A/General Manager, Asset & Financial Management Tarasoff
A/General Manager, Community Services Wallace
General Manager, Corporate Performance Gryba
Director of Government Relations Jordan
Chief Communications Officer Brown
City Clerk Sproule

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on January 27, 2014, be approved.

2. Multi-Unit Dwelling Recycling
- Results of the Public Consultation and Business Plan Review
(File No. CK. 7830-5)

The Committee considered a report of the General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Department dated February 18, 2014, providing a summary of the feedback collected during stakeholder consultations on the Multi-Unit Dwelling Recycling Program and the results of the Independent Review on the Cosmopolitan Industries contract price and business. The report also outlined the next steps with respect to recycling for Saskatoon's Multi-Unit Dwelling residential homes.

The Administrative report before the Committee recommended that a report be submitted to City Council recommending:

- 1) that regarding the Business Plan Review, the information be received;
- 2) that in consideration of the results of the public consultation, the rate charged to Multi-Unit Dwellings be set at \$2.50 per dwelling per unit for 2014;
- 3) that upon commencement of the program, the Administration be directed to collect these fees from Multi-Unit Dwellings in a similar manner as fees collected from single family homes;
- 4) that for 2014, the difference between what is paid to Cosmopolitan Industries and what is collected through the Multi-Unit Dwelling utility rate, estimated at \$215,000, be funded from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures until such time as the provincial Multi-Material Recycling Program provides sufficient funding to the City to repay RCE;
- 5) that for future years, the difference between what is paid to Cosmopolitan Industries and what is collected through the Multi-Unit Dwelling utility rate be funded from the upcoming MMRP being finalized by the Provincial Government;
- 6) that the Administration be directed to finalize the contract with Cosmopolitan Industries based on the terms and conditions considered by City Council at its meeting of August 14, 2013; and
- 7) that the Administration bring the final contract to City Council for review and consideration prior to execution.

General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Jorgenson, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the results of the Public Consultation and Business Plan Review for Multi-Unit Dwelling Recycling.

The City Clerk circulated correspondence from Keith Boechler, dated February 21, 2014, voicing disagreement with the proposal. The Committee also heard from the following individuals, who submitted requests to speak, as follows:

- Mr. Ken Homenick, on behalf of Cosmopolitan Industries, discussed the benefits to the community through Cosmo's recycling initiative, the external review recently undertaken, the sustainability of the business plan, the proposal to carry out a successful recycling program for multi-unit dwellings, and Cosmo's commitment to recycling.
- Ms. Isobelle McFadyen, representing Tuscan Ridge Condominium Corporation and Heritage View Presidents' Forum, discussed an existing fee paid to Loraas of \$1.59/unit, 2x monthly for recycling. Ms. McFadyen proposed that if the City was unable to meet the prices provided by the current provider, the multi-unit dwellings have the ability to choose a service provider that best suits their own needs. The option to choose for themselves should be provided.
- Ms. Donna Singbeil, representing the North Saskatchewan Chapter of the Canadian Condominium Institute (representing approximately 5400 Saskatoon condo owners) discussed the continuing tax burden for condo owners. She addressed the services currently provided by a number of private providers. She stated that she would like to see a funding structure for funding for Cosmo and the ability for condos to have the option to arrange their own private service for their own recycling needs.

Discussion and questions of Administration followed with respect to the following:

- The number of years remaining in the current single-family dwelling contract and any ability of Cosmo to bid on the single-family contract in the future;
- The lack of guarantee as to the timing and operation of the MMRP funding program;
- Proposed strategy if the MMRP funding does not come to be and the contract with Cosmo is signed;
- The source of interim funding and the obligation to find funding at budget time if a contract is signed and the MMRP funding is not in place;
- The need to find another source of funding if MMRP funding is not provided;
- The turnout at open houses and the ramping up since the open houses, particularly with respect to the rate;

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- The percentage of multi-family units in new concept plans and the determination of what constitutes a multi-family unit and whether it falls within the multi-unit dwelling recycling program and or the single-family program;
- The use of RCE funds and the impact on other programs;
- Potential alternate sources of funding other than RCE – Property Realized Reserve, Stabilization Reserve;
- Information on the amount of the MMRP from year to year and how programs qualify for funding;
- The necessity to fund the MUD recycling program on a long-term basis from MMRP funding and the ability to identify funds in the operating budget thereby opening up the MMRP funding in future years;
- Discussions with Cosmo regarding an annual operating grant;
- How the standard of service will be monitored and Cosmo's commitment to work with the collector or other agency to make sure site-specific services are still available and at the same cost;
- How the existing contracts in place with MUDs will be dealt with – any ability for extensions to allow the MUD to wrap up the contract. The industry was aware there would be an end date.

A deferral motion and two referral motions, as outlined below, were put before the Committee for consideration. The deferral motion was considered first and approved. As such, the referral motions were not voted on.

Referrals

- 1) that prior to the final contract being finalized with Cosmopolitan Industries, the Administration bring forward a further report on alternate sources of funding other than RCE for bridge financing; and
- 2) that prior to the final contract being finalized with Cosmopolitan Industries, the Administration bring forward a further report on alternate funding sources, as opposed to the Provincial MMRP, with respect to the difference between what is paid to Cosmopolitan Industries and what is collected through the MUD utility rate.

RESOLVED: that a report be forwarded to City Council recommending that Recommendations 1) through 7) set out in the report of the General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Department dated February 18, 2014, be deferred for 6 weeks, pending further reporting on funding alternatives.

3. Request for Raising of Ukraine Flag
(File No. CK. 205-1)

The City Clerk circulated an email dated February 21, 2014, from Councillor Donauer regarding a request for Council to fly the flag of Ukraine in light of the events happening in Kiev and in support of the large Ukrainian community in Saskatoon.

In light of the circumstances, Councillor Donauer requested the matter be considered by Executive Committee at this meeting; that the request to fly the flag of Ukraine for one week be recommended for formal approval by City Council at its next meeting; and that Executive Committee give consideration to allowing the flag to be raised as soon as possible in advance of formal approval by City Council.

- RESOLVED:
- 1) that a report be forwarded to City Council recommending formal approval to fly the flag of Ukraine for one week at City Hall; and
 - 2) that raising of the flag occur in advance of formal approval of City Council.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

His Worship, Mayor D. Atchison, Chair