

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Notice of Motion

Free Access to Waste Transfer Station for Local Non-Profit Groups

Motion:

That Administration be directed to present Council with a report for the implementation of granting registered Fort Saskatchewan Non-profit Societies and Organizations a card/pass which authorizes free access to waste disposal privileges at the Fort Saskatchewan Waste Transfer Station.

Purpose:

That Council provide direction on the motion described above.

Background:

At the June 13, 2017 regular Council meeting, Councillor Bossert presented a Notice of Motion directing Administration to present Council with a report outlining considerations for the implementation of a program that would grant registered Fort Saskatchewan Non-profit Societies and Organizations with a card/pass authorizing free access to waste disposal services at the Fort Saskatchewan Waste Transfer Station.

There are 114 non-profit community groups listed in the 2017 Spring/Summer Leisure Guide. This listing does not include local governmental agencies that could also qualify for a card/pass for free access to the Waste Transfer Station. The City currently supports non-profit groups with multiple initiatives such as, but not restricted to, grants to organizations, subsidized use of City facilities, and free access to parks amenities such as picnic tables, benches, etc., during special events.

As a past practice, the Waste Transfer Station currently allows free access to waste disposal privileges to two (2) non-profit groups: The Fort Saskatchewan Food Bank and Twice But Nice. Both groups receive donations and unwanted goods from the public that are unusable and must be disposed of. These items may include expired food, broken materials or items that cannot be reused or sold at a second-hand store.

It is proposed that the report to Council provides high level information on the following items:

1. Review regional comparators for similar programs and implementation.
2. Identify local community groups and government bodies that will benefit from access to free waste disposal privileges at the Fort Saskatchewan Waste Transfer Station.
3. Provide information on the cost of a card/pass system and mechanism for tracking volumes of waste disposed of by non-profit groups using the program.
4. Capture the impact on current service levels, staffing and costs/revenue shortfall analysis.
5. Develop an overview of operational processes and guidelines for user groups.
6. Identify benefits and concerns for providing access to free waste disposal for non-profit groups.
7. Identify impacts on the upcoming residential curbside waste management program, as approved by Council in May 2016.
8. Develop an implementation plan.

The Waste Management team is focusing on the implementation of the residential curbside program, approved by Council in May 2016. Therefore, this report may potentially be contracted to a third party consultant.

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