

BUDGET COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 16, 2005

COMPREHENSIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

1. The comprehensive waste management plan be presented at the Committee of the Whole – Working Session of March 1, 2005; and,
2. This report be received for information,

Purpose

To advise Council as to the status of the comprehensive waste management plan, and to advise as to when it will be presented.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Budget Committee meeting of December 14, 2004, Councillor Alan Shefman put forward a report entitled "Waste Diversion Improvements". The focus of the report was to improve recycling in Vaughan, and to move from the current every other week collection of recyclable materials to a weekly collection of recyclable materials.

As a result of the discussion around Councillor Shefman's report, staff were instructed to bring forth a comprehensive overall waste management plan that deals with all aspects of the City's waste management programs, including the new Source Separated Organics collection program.

Staff have completed the overall waste management plan, and due to the large number of recommendations and the implications of the recommendations, it is appropriate to present this report at a Committee of the Whole – Working Session. As such, the comprehensive waste management plan will be presented at the March 1, 2005 Committee of the Whole – Working Session.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The overall plan that will be presented on March 1, 2005, will meet Vaughan Vision A-3 "Safeguard Our Environment" and A-1 "Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services".

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Due to the amount of discussion that the comprehensive waste management report is anticipated to generate, the overall waste management strategy for Vaughan will be presented at the Committee of the Whole - Working Session of March 1, 2005.

Attachments

N/A

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