

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULE "L" OF FEES BY-LAW NO. 396-2002

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, recommends that:

Schedule "L" of By-law No. 396-2002 (as amended by By-law No. 286-2004), be further amended as outlined in this report to allow for the sale of green bins at a cost of \$20 each, in-house organic collection containers at a cost of \$6 each, blue boxes at a cost of \$6 each, and garbage tags at a cost of \$10 for a sheet of 10 tags.

Economic Impact

The green bins and in house containers would be sold at a price that recovers the City cost to purchase the containers and the associated administration cost. Although there will be revenue generated from the sale of garbage tags, it will not fully offset the additional collection costs associated with the green bin program as provided in the approved budget.

Purpose

To amend the Fees and Charges By-law to allow the Public Works Department to sell additional green bins and in-house organic collection containers (kitchen catchers) to the public, charge for all blue boxes, and to allow for the sale of garbage tags for additional items over the 3 bag limit.

Background - Analysis and Options

On March 21, 2005, Council approved the "Greening Vaughan waste strategy. The second phase of this strategy will begin this Fall with the City starting to deliver green bins and in-house organic collection containers (kitchen catchers) in October. Each single family dwelling unit that receives municipal waste collection services will be provided with one green bin and one in-house organic container (kitchen catcher). It is anticipated that those households with large families, or with young children in diapers, may wish to purchase an additional green bin or in-house container from the City.

As part of the second phase of Greening Vaughan, residents will also be required to purchase tags for placement on any item set out for collection that is above the 3 item limit. These tags will be sold at \$1 per tag, and will be sold in sheets of ten at various City-owned facilities.

Also included in the Greening Vaughan recommendations was that: *"the City implement a full cost recovery fee for all new, stolen, or lost blue boxes and green bins effective Tuesday, October 31, 2006."*

In order to implement Council's previous direction to sell additional green bins, in-house organic containers, and garbage tags to the public, Schedule "L" of the By-law No. 396-2002, as amended, must be changed to include these items, as follows:

Item	Fee or Charge
Green bin	\$20
In house organic container	\$6
Garbage Tags (per sheet of 10)	\$10
Blue Boxes	\$6

In order to allow the sale of green bins and blue boxes, as well as garbage tags for \$1 for each item over the 3 item limit, staff have advertised these changes to the fees in accordance with Notice By-law 394-2002, and the amending by-law will be brought forward to the September 25 Council meeting for approval.

Notice for the amendment to the Fees was given on August 27, 2006.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and complies with Vaughan Vision, specifically Vaughan Vision A-1 "Promote Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services".

Conclusion

The proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law will allow the City to sell additional green bins and in-house organic collection containers to the public, allow for the sale of the garbage tags to residents who have waste in excess of the 3 item limit, and comply with Council's previous direction to implement a cost recovery for blue boxes and green bins.

Attachments

N/A

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