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Report Date	July 17, 2023
Meeting Date	July 24, 2023
Service Area	Transportation and Environment Services

***SUBJECT: Extended Producer Responsibility Program Recycling Collection
Service Provider***

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT FOR OPEN
SESSION OF COUNCIL***

Changes and enhancements to the curbside recycling collection component of the City's modernized solid waste model, WasteWise, are pending in November 2023 and/or May 2024. Provincial Clean Water Act Regulation changes in 2021 require producers of various paper and packaging materials to pay for collection and recycling after use instead of City taxpayers. In addition to this net financial benefit to the City, the pending changes will eventually increase the number of residents that have access to curbside recycling and increase the number of waste products that get diverted from the regional landfill; both these financial and environmental benefits are in addition to those already realized through WasteWise. The Province designated Recycle NB to oversee roll out of the regulations. The consortium of producers of these paper and packaging materials have formed a non-profit called Circular Materials to implement their responsibilities.

Similar to all municipalities and local service districts in the province, the City is being offered a first-right-of-refusal to continue to collect curbside recycling for a 3-year, on behalf of Circular Materials. The alternative is Circular Materials will find alternate means to undertake their obligations. Whether or not the City continues to collect recycling, our community benefits financially and environmentally.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

As recommended by Committee of the Whole by resolution July 24, 2023, that Common Council decline the offer from Circular Materials for the City to be the Collection Contractor as per the proposed agreement documents presented to Committee of the Whole at its July 24, 2023 meeting.