

## COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2020-262
Report Date	October 20, 2020
Meeting Date	October 26, 2020
Service Area	Transportation and Environment Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

***SUBJECT: Modernization of Solid Waste Collection Service (Oct 2020 Update)***

***OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION***

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

***AUTHORIZATION***

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***RECOMMENDATION***

It is recommended that this report be received and filed by Common Council.

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

Due to the financial impacts of COVID 19, the City of Saint John postponed the pilot program related to Solid Waste Collection within the City of Saint John. Staff are working towards launching the pilot mid to late March 2021 and plan to run the pilot a period of 2-3 months to collect data. Once the pilot has concluded, results will be analyzed and adjustments made to the program before continuing with the implementation of the program City-wide to our approximate 23,000 households. Full implementation is expected to be completed by Spring 2022 assuming the business case supports.

The modernization of the City’s Solid Waste Service centered around an automated cart pick up service for regular household refuse with bag tags for excess refuse , and the introduction of curbside recycling. By moving to an automated pick up service, the City will be protecting the health and safety of their employees by limiting the manual material handling of household refuse. The addition of curbside recycling will encourage waste diversion and in turn reduce the overall cost of landfill tipping fees. The implementation of bag tags for additional refuse outside of amount that can fit in the cart provided will give citizens the ability to deal with the rare occasions when they may need to put out excess refuse.

***PREVIOUS RESOLUTION***

On October 7, 2019, it was resolved by Common Council to receive and file M&C 2019-206: “Modernization of Solid Waste Collection Service” as it relates to “Sustainability: Addressing the Deficit 2021-2022”.

***REPORT***

Please see the attached report for reference.

***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

Please see the attached report for reference.

***ATTACHMENTS***

M&C 2019-206: “Modernization of Solid Waste Collection Service”