

1. **Motion – Councillor R. Brockington - Council Motion - Banning of Organic Waste from Landfills**

Motion – R. Brockington, Conseiller – Motion du Conseil – Bannir l'acheminement des déchets organiques vers les décharges

Report Recommendation(s) as amended

That Council approve that staff in Solid Waste Services are directed to work with Councillor Brockington as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) representative for the City and AMO staff to advocate to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the ban on organics from landfill across the Province be advanced as a priority by or before 2030.

Recommandation(s) telle que modifiée

Que le Conseil approuve que soit donnée instruction au personnel des Services des déchets solides de travailler avec le conseiller Brockington, représentant de la Ville au sein de l'Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), et le personnel de l'AMO afin de faire valoir auprès du Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs l'importance de mettre l'interdiction d'acheminer les déchets organiques aux décharges de la province au rang des priorités à réaliser d'ici 2030.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Environment and Climate Change Committee report dated 18 June 2024 (ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0063)

Rapport du Comité de l'Environnement et du changement climatique, daté le 18 juin 2024 (ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0063)

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Environment and Climate Change Committee, 18 June 2024.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité de l'environnement et du changement climatique, le 18 juin 2024.

Extract of Draft Minutes 12
Environment and Climate
Change Committee

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Le 18 juin 2024

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File No. ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0063 – City-wide

Report Recommendation(s)

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The following Motion had been moved by Councillor Brockington and seconded by Councillor Menard at the City Council meeting of 14 June 2023:

Council Motion N°2023-16-09

WHEREAS the provincial government has previously indicated their intent to ban organic waste from landfills across Ontario by 2030,

WHEREAS diverting as much waste as possible that can be recycled or converted into compost must be maximized in Ottawa and across Ontario,

WHEREAS the City staff who participate on the Regional Public Works Commissionaires of Ontario Solid Waste Working Group as well by providing input to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario support this direction,

WHEREAS advancing the date to prohibit organic waste from landfills would divert more waste sooner and prolong the life of landfills,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council endorse the intention of the Province of Ontario to ban organic waste from landfills, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor write a letter to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in support and requesting that the date of 2030 be advanced.

Council Motion N°2023-16-10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Brockington/ Menard Motion be referred to the Environment and Climate Change Committee for consideration as part of the Solid Waste Master Plan.

Subsequent to the above, Councillor Brockington withdrew his original Motion and substituted the following:

Motion N° EPPSC 2024 12-01

WHEREAS methane, which is a powerful GHG that is 25 times more potent than CO₂ emissions, is one of the most significant green house gasses emitted from managing waste and is caused by decaying organic waste in landfill; and

WHEREAS methane is both a powerful GHG and short-lived compared to carbon dioxide, any increased diversion from landfill of organic material will have an exponentially significant effect on reducing GHG emissions from the City's waste operations and community emissions from waste disposal in private landfills, aligning with Council's climate change goals; and

WHEREAS the provincial government has previously indicated their intent to ban organic waste from landfills across Ontario by 2030 to reduce harmful emissions from landfills; and

WHEREAS Staff were advised through recent discussions with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) that the ban is no longer a priority initiative at this time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff in Solid Waste Services are directed to work with Councillor Brockington as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) representative for the City and AMO staff to advocate to the MECP for the ban on organics from landfill across the Province be advanced as a priority by or before 2030.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion replace the current motion listed as Item 4.1 on the Environment and Climate Change Agenda of today's meeting;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be submitted to Council for consideration.

The Motion was put before Committee and was 'CARRIED', as presented.