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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management and City Council receive this report for information.

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The Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report from Ms Nichole Hoover-Bienasz, Program Manager, Long-Term Planning, Solid Waste Long Term Planning Branch, Solid Waste Services, Public Works and Environmental Services (PWES) Department, and Mr. Ghislain Lamothe, Program Manager, Public Information, Public Information and Media Relations Service, Innovative Client Services (ICS) Department.

The presenters spoke to provide background; tonnage trends; the impacts of COVID19; curbside participation; end-use products; communications and outreach strategies, activities, expenses and measurement; follow-up market research, and next steps. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

The Committee then heard from Mr. Duncan Bury, Waste Watch Ottawa. A copy of Mr. Bury's speaking notes is also held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Committee questions to the delegation and to staff, and subsequent discussions touched upon the points referenced in the presentation and by the delegation,

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and included, but were not necessarily limited to: the upcoming Federal ban on single-use plastic bags; alternatives to non-biodegradable single-use plastics; continued acceptance of dog waste in the green bin program; the effectiveness of communications strategies to encourage green bin use; discussions on a strategy for multi-residential green bin use; alignment of the program with the Solid Waste Master Plan; encouraging green bin program usage in schools; how much organic material is being collected overall; whether the City has the legal authority to make organic waste re-use mandatory; questions as to why some municipalities have higher organics diversion rates; remaining reasons for a lack of uptake; and, strategies to try to shift behaviour and participation.

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Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Committee and was 'RECEIVED' and 'CARRIED' as presented.