

BACKFLOW PREVENTION PROGRAM

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CITY-WIDE

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**REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Environment Committee recommend Council approve the development of a Backflow Prevention Program in accordance with the parameters and consultation strategy described in this report, and report back to Committee and Council with program details in Q1 2016.**

The Committee received a detailed PowerPoint slide presentation (held on file with the City Clerk) from Ms. Sally McIntyre, Manager, Environmental Business Services Branch, Environmental Services Department (ESD). Messrs. Dixon Weir, General Manager, ESD, and Carey Thomson, Deputy City Solicitor, Corporate Development and Environmental Law Branch, were also present to respond to questions.

Committee questions to staff, and discussions, centred on: compliance timelines for buildings and institutions that will be impacted by the program; potential budget implications in terms of staff and fleet growth, and ways to address same; measures currently in place to deal with potential backflows; requirements for new multi-residential construction; potential sources of funding to provide financial incentives or assistance for building owners, and; how this program differs from earlier Council-approved backflow and cross-connection control reports from 2008 and 2012, respectively, which had not been implemented. Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before Committee and was "Carried" as presented, with Councillor Moffatt dissenting.

CARRIED, with Councillor S. Moffat dissenting