



March 7, 2013

City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor and Council

FR: Karen Brown

RE: 2013 Solid Waste Budget

Recommendation:

That in accordance with Notice By-Law Number 144-2007, public notice is hereby given that Council intends to formally adopt the 2013 Solid Waste Utility Budget at the March 18th Council Meeting; and

That Council hereby approves the 2013 Solid Waste Operating Budget and Five Year Capital Plan; and

That Council hereby gives three readings to By-Law Number 24-2013 – A By-Law to approve the 2013 Solid Waste Utility Budget.

Background:

The draft solid waste operating budget and five year capital plan were reviewed at a budget meeting of Council held on March 7, 2013. During this discussion, it was agreed that there was no plan for changes to the current bag tag rates. Council direction was given, however, for Operations staff to provide reports on the following:

- A review of the existing tipping fee rates for both the Transfer Facility as well as the Kenora Area Landfill, with a resulting recommendation back to Council as to whether or not these rates should be amended.
- A review of collection North of the By-pass, and a recommendation brought back to Council as to whether or not there should be any changes made to this collection.

It was recognized that the draft budgets included maintaining existing service levels. It was further recognized during the meeting that the City must continue to work on service delivery reviews and seek opportunities for both streamlining existing services, and confirming City priorities.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

The City needs to provide notice in accordance with Notice By-law Number 144-2007 that the City intends to adopt its 2013 solid waste utility budget.