

Councillor Request Inquiry

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Waste Management Services

Please provide information on the financial and economic impacts if the county were to take control of the commercial waste stream within the County.

Utilities Waste Management Roadmap (INIT 154) initiative (enclosed) focuses on developing a framework for waste diversion services and initiatives throughout the County.

Scope of Work:

Through the development of a Waste Management Roadmap, Strathcona County will undertake the process of creating a high-level strategy that will identify the community's philosophy, priorities and approach to Strathcona County's waste management system.

Objectives:

- To provide direction for the County's waste management system.
- To identify the community's values and vision for managing waste throughout the entire County (including non-residential sectors).
- To make progress towards further reduction of waste to landfill.
- To address service delivery needs and processing capacity for the next 10 years.

Commercial Focus:

One of the focus areas for this project will be to determine whether there is opportunity to address waste generation from all sectors of the community, including commercial, institutional, construction and demolition. As such, Utilities will be seeking input from the business community, as well as residents and other internal and external stakeholders regarding waste management in the commercial sector. This will also include exploring best practices, mechanisms and policy instruments that will successfully drive the waste management outcome that is desired.

Timeline:

Utilities intended to work through the commercial engagement process this spring, however with COVID-19, will be suspending this until the fall. Results, including financial impacts resulting from any Council approved service delivery changes, will be presented to Council once completed.

For additional information or clarification, please contact Leah Seabrook, Manager, Waste Management & Community Energy Services, via email to Leah.Seabrook@Strathcona.ca.

Thank you,

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UTILITIES

WASTE MANAGEMENT ROADMAP (INIT 154)

This initiative will address the updating of the Utilities Green Routine program that was launched in 2008 for collection services of organics, recycling and waste.

As the program is now over 10 years old, Utilities is taking the opportunity to explore developing a new roadmap for waste management services in Strathcona County for the next 10 years. This will assist in endorsing waste management principles, setting targets and goals for waste minimization practices in the community, and developing a roadmap that will outline steps over the course of the next 10 years.

Linkage to strategic goal and result:

Goal 4: Ensure effective stewardship of water, land, air and energy resources

- County uses best practice approach to waste management

Goal 7: Provide opportunities for the public engagement and communication

- Community is informed about County decisions

Department role:

Lead: Utilities

Timeframe:

Start time: Q1 2020

End time: Q3 2020