

2015 Capital Budget Amendment – Joint Compost Cure Site**Report Purpose**

To amend the 2015 Capital Budget to cancel the Joint Compost Cure Site project.

Recommendation

THAT an amendment to the 2015 Capital Budget to cancel the Joint Compost Cure Site project, in the amount of \$2,467,000, be approved.

Council History

December 2, 2014 Council approved a placeholder in the 2015 budget for the joint compost cure site project until Council approved a business case, Resolution #419.

December 9, 2014 Council approved the 2015 Capital Budget.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The processing function has been secured through contracted services.

Governance: n/a

Social: n/a

Culture: n/a

Environment: A viable outlet for processing of organic waste has been secured.

Other Impacts

Policy: FIN-001-024: Financial Reserves; FIN-001-027: Tangible Capital Assets Financial Reporting Policy

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Financial Services

Summary

When the Joint Compost Cure Site project was presented as part of the 2015 budget deliberations, Council expressed concerns. Council supported that Administration continue discussions with our partner (City of Edmonton) but did not approve the project. Administration was instructed to return with a business case for Council to review in advance of project approval.

In addition to having discussions with the City of Edmonton, Administration also included the provision of contracted organic processing as part of the waste collection procurement process. This procurement was completed in 2015 and organic processing service was secured through this contract until 2021. Through the procurement process Administration also found alternative processing options that could be viable in Alberta.

Administration has advised the City of Edmonton that we no longer need to pursue a partnership for a joint compost cure site. The province had allocated grant funding to the project through the Alberta Community Partnership Grant; the province has been informed the project will not be proceeding.

Year	2017	2018	2019	Total
Expenditure by Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -