

REPORT FOR INFORMATION**Update on Brush and Yard Waste Services Relocation (2025) Business Case****Report Purpose**

To provide an update to Priorities Committee regarding the brush and yard waste services relocation business case for 2025.

Our Strategic Goals

Goal 3 - Responsible Development

Goal 3 Priority - Investment in our infrastructure that supports development and complete communities

Goal 3 Priority - Environmental stewardship that addresses climate change and demonstrates responsible use of land and natural resources

Report

Brush and yard waste services are increasing in demand as users recognize the value in ensuring that these materials are diverted from landfill and alternate options in the region are limited.

Brush and yard waste is heavily utilized by both the residential (urban and rural) sector in the community, as well as landscape contractors that provide this service to residents in the community. It is estimated that throughout a year, 80% of the community rely on disposing brush and yard waste through the existing site.

Brush and yard waste services at Broadview are outgrowing capacity in terms of storage, processing, and transportation offsite; increased traffic is resulting in increased risk of incidents and safety concerns for staff and users of the site. Relocating to a larger operational site will provide opportunity for Utilities to expand services and ensure that they are safe for both users and staff. Offering a new convenient and accessible solution to the community will ensure that these resources are composted or used for future biomass feedstocks for the community energy system.

The relocation of brush and yard waste services has been identified as a future growth project for a number of years and has been planned to be moved to a location just west of Greenland Garden Centre, on land initially acquired for district heating purposes and funded through Utilities reserves.

The opening and success of the Hodge PodgeLodge exacerbated some of the challenges with brush and yard waste services at the Broadview Enviroservice site, so as part of the 2024 budget process, Utilities proposed a 2025 capital project to relocate brush and yard waste services from Broadview to the parcel adjacent to Greenland. Council had a number of questions and concerns about the proposed location. Since planning components for that parcel were not yet completed and the project was not contemplated to begin until 2025, administration withdrew the project from the proposed 3-Year Capital Budget and committed to bringing back more detail by Q2 2024.

Administration has been working through some alternate options and strategies in an attempt to address the questions/concerns Council raised during the budget process. A new and well-suited land option has recently presented itself; however, administrative and operational details need to be confirmed before returning to Council for approval.

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Administration intends to bring forward the details in Q3 2024 for discussion with Council. Based on Council's feedback in Q3, a revised capital project for 2025 will be included for consideration as part of the 2025 budget process.

Council and Committee History

November 22, 2023 THAT the Brush and Yard Waste Services Relocation project be removed from the Capital Budget and subsequently remove the funding requirement from municipal reserves.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Financial/Budget: Project cost estimates will be presented to Council in Q3 and incorporated into the 2025 Capital Budget process subject to Council direction.

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: Planning and Development Services; Transportation Engineering and Operations; Financial and Strategic Services

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

A communication's plan will be drafted should a new site be selected for relocation of brush and yard waste services.