

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2019 Mar 12

FROM: DIRECTOR, ENGINEERING **FILE:** 36500-02
Ref: Biomedical Waste

SUBJECT: PROVISIONS OF ADDITIONAL NO-FEE WASTE RECEPTACLES FOR MEDICAL CONDITIONS

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to provide an additional waste receptacle at no additional fee to accommodate the increased waste generated by the in-home treatment of serious medical conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Financial Management Committee recommend Council approve the provision of an additional 240L waste receptacle at no additional fee to accommodate the increased waste generated by the in-home treatment of serious medical conditions subject to the conditions described in the report below.

REPORT**INTRODUCTION**

From time to time the City receives requests for additional waste receptacles at no additional fee to accommodate the increased waste generated by the in-home treatment of serious medical conditions. An example of such an in-home treatment would be kidney dialysis. In the absence of a City policy, these requests have been dealt with inconsistently.

POLICY SECTION

The proposed policy is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan:

- An Inclusive Community
 - Serve a diverse community –
Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
 - Create a sense of community –
Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

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- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life –
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Healthy environment –
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability

DISCUSSION

Staff acknowledge that some in-home treatments of serious medical conditions generate a higher volume of waste than would be expected from a typical residential home. In these cases, additional waste receptacles are required to help ensure safe and sanitary living conditions. Staff propose that an additional 240L waste receptacle be provided to residents at no additional fee subject to the following policy conditions:

1. Shall only apply to single-family and multi-family residents which are currently serviced by toter receptacles;
2. Shall not apply to registered care homes;
3. Requesting individuals must provide a medical note from a registered physician indicating that excessive medical waste will be generated by the in-home treatment of the prescribed condition;
4. Annual renewal of the medical note is required to maintain provision;
5. Addresses with multiple residents generating additional medical waste will require a separate medical note for each individual if more than one additional receptacle is requested;
6. The medical condition which generates the excessive additional waste must not be elective or cosmetic in nature;
7. Requesting individuals must provide proof of residency in Burnaby;
8. Field inspection by staff to confirm that the resident is actively diverting recyclable materials and yard waste from the waste stream;
9. The additional receptacle can only be used for waste related to medical treatment;
10. The resident contacts the City in timely fashion to request removal of the receptacle when no longer required;

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11. No materials that create a health or safety risk such as sharps, pathogenic, toxic, or any other materials included in the definition of hazardous waste in the Hazardous Waste Regulation to the Environmental Management Act shall be placed in any City receptacles. These materials have special handling and disposal procedures and are controlled by the appropriate health authority.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Financial Management Committee recommend Council approve the provision of an additional 240L waste receptacle at no additional fee to accommodate the increased waste generated by the in-home treatment of serious medical conditions subject to the conditions described in this report.



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