



# COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Environmental Task Group Report –  
Recommendations from the March 11, 2021  
Meeting**

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From: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Chairperson

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## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council direct staff to investigate installing a user pay Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station at City Hall and other civic facilities that is accessible 24 hours a day to the public.
2. THAT Council request staff to include a budget in 2022 to retain a consultant to complete a streetscape and park waste audit and provide options to improve waste diversion.

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## SUMMARY:

The following are excerpts from the March 11, 2021 Environmental Task Group meeting in which motions were made regarding EV charging stations and Streetscape garbage/recycling receptacles.

### **EV Charging Stations**

The existing EV charging station in the City Hall parkade is inaccessible due to COVID restrictions and is further restricted in non-COVID times when Timms Community Center is closed. There was consensus on the task group that the City should consider adding additional 24/7 EV Stations in various locations on City Property.

- Staff noted that there are no plans at this time to put another charging station at City Hall or other city facilities.

- An issue surrounding supplying these stations is that it will be the Langley City taxpayers who would be subsidizing the cost of installation, maintenance and power for these vehicles.
- A question was asked if it would be possible for the City to charge a fee for the charging via credit card?
- It was noted that BC Hydro and senior governments offer rebates for charging station installation costs.

After further discussion it was suggested that the TG ask Council to direct staff to look into installing EV charging stations in various locations throughout the city and on city property that would be accessible 24 hours a day.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council direct staff to investigate installing a user pay EV charging station at City Hall and other civic facilities that is accessible 24 hours a day to the public.

CARRIED

### **Street Scape Receptacles**

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following:

- City has a contract with Creative Outdoor which supply's streetscape recycling/waste receptacles in exchange for advertising rights.
- The contract term is 2016 to 2026 with a six month notice for termination with possible payout costs for amortized cost of receptacles for remaining years in contract.
- There are 71 street receptacles provided by Creative Outdoor;
- The contamination rate is very high and therefore all 3 streams are disposed of in the landfill as garbage.
- The City's collection system consists of a single operator collection packer truck which collects all the material from the Creative Outdoor receptacles, as well as all other city garbage receptacles on city streets, in parks and trails.
- To improve waste diversion, it would be necessary to review the following:
  - Receptacle design and signage to clearly identify the acceptable materials that go into each slot/opening.

- If Creative Outdoor would work with the City to implement a new receptacle design or if there would be a cost to terminate the agreement?
- Determine waste contamination rates and reasonable expectations to be able to reduce contamination by making changes to receptacle signage
- Cost to supply new streetscape receptacles and implement a new multi-stream collection system
- Total streetscape waste/recycling weights and potential costs/savings to divert materials from the waste stream (landfill)

Upon further discussion there was general agreement that a better job in streetscape waste diversion needs to be made. A few other comments, questions and suggestions for the City's consideration were:

- Could city's existing receptacles be adapted to accept dog waste?
- Could a pilot project be done for dog waste at a couple of parks in the City, to gauge public response.
- Could city take out advertising on the receptacles to educate the public about separating the garbage and recycling streams?

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Council request staff to include a budget in 2022 to retain a consultant to complete a street scape and park waste audit and provide options to improve waste diversion

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



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Councillor Rosemary Wallace  
Chair