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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: October 2, 2015

SUBJECT: Extension of Weekly Green Cart Collection during the Month of September

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the September 22, 2015 session of Regional Council, Council approved a motion that Halifax Regional Council direct staff to produce a report for Council consideration, to determine feasibility and budgetary implications in extending weekly green bin pick-up for the month of September, starting in 2016, commencing with the 2016/17 budget cycle.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter, Part XIII, Solid –Waste Resource Management, Section 335 (b).

BACKGROUND

Residential source separated organic waste is collected as part of the curbside solid waste collection program. These services are completed under contract. Residents can place their household organic waste and leaf and yard waste in green carts provided by the municipality. In addition Halifax also collects excess leaf and yard waste, when in kraft paper bags, as well as brush in arm load size bundles (up to the limits set out in Bylaw S-600) every other week, from September through June. Council has approved the weekly collection of organics during July and August throughout the Municipality.

DISCUSSION

Pricing for the option of collecting green carts weekly in September is included in the Halifax Collection RFP No. 14-336, Collection and Transportation of Source-Separated Solid Waste. The following is the additional cost each year to extend weekly collection of source separated organics in all Collection Areas through the month of September, beginning in September, 2016:

September 2016 (22 Collection Days)	September 2017 (21 Collection Days)	September 2018 (20 Collection Days)
\$277,088	\$268,878	\$260,386

The above prices do not include net HST.

As per the Collection RFP, the Municipality may at its sole discretion choose to offer weekly organics collection in September and provide sixty days written notice to the contractors prior to commencing the option.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this time. Should Council decide to include this service commencing in Fiscal 2016/17, the additional cost over the remaining three year collection services contract would be \$840,913 (including net HST).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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