CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Council Date: April 15, 2009

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WHITEHEAD............................................................... 

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ...........................................................................

That Subsection 3(c) and 3(c) (iv) (in bold print) of Public Works Committee Report 07-015 approved by Council on November 28, 2007 respecting container limit on garbage be reconsidered:

3. Status of Solid Waste Management Master Plan, Options for Increasing Diversion and Landfill Capacity (PW07151) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

(a) That the Solid Waste Management Master Plan (SWMMP) Recommendation 3, “The City of Hamilton must set an aggressive objective of 65% waste diversion by the end of 2008, based on 2000 waste generation rates.” be amended to “The City must strive to meet an aggressive objective of 65% waste diversion by the end of 2011, based on 2006 waste diversion rates.”;

(b) That the implementation of the multi-residential diversion program be accelerated in 2008 for completion in 2009 as outlined in this report PW07151;
(c) That a one (1) container limit on garbage be established for implementation on March 31, 2008 together with:

(i) three (3) grace weeks following Victoria Day, Thanksgiving and New Years when residents could set out up to three (3) containers of garbage;

(ii) a transition period between March 31, 2008 and March 28, 2009 during which enforcement will focus on education and customer service;

(iii) a special consideration process for medical circumstances and families with three (3) or more children under the age of five (5) years; and

(iv) an allowance in the event that should residents require set outs beyond the weekly one (1) container limit, that an additional one (1) clear plastic bag be permitted to be set out for the period of March 30, 2009 to April 5, 2010, providing that it does not contain Unacceptable Garbage as defined in Solid Waste Management By-law 05-190;

all in conjunction with the 2008-09 Waste Collection Calendar;

(d) That the two (2) temporary Customer Service Co-ordinator positions, funded through the Waste Management operating budget since April 2006 continue as temporary positions for an eighteen (18) month term, and staff report back on the future need for the positions prior to the end of the new term;

(e) That enhanced enforcement of the Solid Waste Management By-law 05-190 be undertaken, including the addition of one half (.5) full-time employee (FTE) to the Municipal By-law Enforcement staffing in 2008 at no net cost, and further, that this be referred to the 2008 Budget Process;
(f) That, effective March 31, 2008, appropriate compostable bags be accepted in the City’s Green Cart program;

(g) That staff continues to explore options to reduce waste and to increase diversion in 2009 and 2010 to achieve the 65% diversion target;

(h) That Waste Management Project ID 5120890100 Annual User Pay Implementation in the amount of $835,000 be removed from the 2008 Tax Capital Budget request.

(i) That staff be directed to meet with the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee respecting their ability to comply with the one-container limit for garbage.