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Public Works Committee

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Re: Motion By the Waste Reduction Task Force Regarding the Transfer Station and Disposal Review (Community Recycling Centre Operations) (PW08033) - (City Wide)

Council Direction:
N/A

Information:

As part of the Transfer Station and Disposal Review, a number of activities were undertaken to gauge the effectiveness of the Community Recycling Centre (CRC) operations. As outlined in Information Update TDR-001, “Transfer Station and Disposal Review - Community Recycling Centre Effectiveness”, these activities included a waste audit, a user survey and the public opinion survey.

In addition, public consultation was sought through the Waste Reduction Task Force (WRTF), who heard a presentation on the CRC operations in November and had a further discussion on the matter at their February 20, 2008, meeting.

At that meeting the WRTF passed a motion “That staff continues to seek out new markets for recyclable material and new opportunities to increase the diversion of recoverable material at the Community Recycling Centres/Transfer Stations”.

The minutes from the WRTF meeting are included in the consent items of the Public Works Committee agenda for March 17, 2008.

The matter of markets is being addressed through the review process and will be incorporated into the Request for Proposal documents together with performance requirements around materials marketed. As such there is no need for the Public Works Committee to take action on this motion at this time.