**TO:**
CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

**FROM:**
JOHN BRAAM, P.ENG  
MANAGING DIRECTOR - ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES & CITY ENGINEER

**SUBJECT**
MUNICIPAL WASTE & RESOURCE MATERIALS COLLECTION BY-LAW AMENDMENT

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the draft amending by-law attached as Appendix A BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on September 13, 2016 to amend the Municipal Waste & Resource Collection By-law (WM-12) to increase the number of Container Limit Exemption Pickups from 2 to 4 pickups per year, effective October 1, 2016.

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**PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER**

Relevant reports that can be found at [www.london.ca](http://www.london.ca) under City Hall (Meetings) include:

- Proposed Changes to Garbage Container Limits (June 8, 2016 meeting of the Civic Works Committee (CWC) Item # 15)
- Garbage Container Limits (Waste Diversion) (May 10, 2015 meeting of the CWC Item # 6)
- Update: Interim Waste Diversion Plan (2014-2015) and Additions for 2016 (February 2, 2016 meeting of the CWC Item #15)
- Waste Diversion – Update on Examination of Residential Organic Waste (Food Scraps) and Next Steps (April 20, 2015 meeting of the CWC, Item #13)
- Garbage and Recycling Collection – Status and Potential Next Steps (December 16, 2014 meeting of the CWC, Item #12)
- Interim Waste Diversion Plan 2014-2015 (July 21, 2014 meeting of CWC Item #18)

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**STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2019**

Municipal Council has recognized the importance of solid waste management including waste diversion, climate change and other related environmental issues in its 2015-2019 - Strategic Plan for the City of London ([2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan](http://www.london.ca)). With respect to this CWC Report 2 of the 4 Areas of Focus address increasing waste diversion as it relates to garbage container limits.

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BACKGROUND

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide Civic Works Committee (CWC) and Council with amendments to the Municipal Waste & Resource Collection By-law (WM-12), to increase the number of Container Limit Exemption Pickups from 2 to 4 pickups per year.

CONTEXT:

At the June 14, 2016 meeting of Municipal Council, Civic Administration were directed to make a number of changes to the Municipal Waste & Resource Collection By-law prior to the 3 Container Limit being fully implemented in January 2017 including:

b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to increase the number of Container Limit Exemption Pickups from 2 to 4 pickups per year;

The first of the additional Container Limit Exemption Pickups has been added to the 2016-2017 Waste Reduction & Conservation Calendar and is planned to occur after the Thanksgiving weekend, the week of October 11, 2016. An amendment of the By-law is required prior to this additional Container Limit Exemption period.

Other specific items from the June 14, 2016 Council resolution dealing with changes to the garbage container limit such as the enforcement of the 3 Container Limit and permitting the use of garbage tags on each container over the 3 Container Limit will also require several amendments of the Municipal Waste & Resource Collection By-law (WM-12). Additional time is required to draft and review these amendments by Environmental & Engineering Services and Legal Services. They are planned for a CWC meeting in November or December 2016. These more substantive By-law amendments will take effect in January 2017.

DISCUSSION

To assist Londoners with the change in the container limit from 4 containers per pickup down to 3 containers per pickup, Council approved adding two additional Container Exemption pickups per year as follows:

Existing Container Limit Exemption Pickups:
- Collection following Christmas, week of December 27
- Spring collection in late April/early May, week of May 1

Additional Container Limit Exemption Pickups (recently approved):
- Collection at the start of September, week of September 5 (will occur in 2017)
- Collection following Thanksgiving, week of October 11 (will occur in 2016)

Similar to the existing container limit exemption pickups, the new exemption pickups have been scheduled to occur during times when it is likely that London residents may have extra garbage for disposal. The existing and proposed (as per the draft by-law amendment in Appendix A) container limit exemption pickups will appear on the new 2016-2017 Waste Reduction & Conservation Calendar. As noted above, the first one will occur following Thanksgiving, the week of October 11.

As a reminder, beginning in mid-September 2016 an awareness and education campaign for the new 3 Container Limit will begin. In Phase 1, from October 1 until January 13, 2017, London residents who set out more than 3 garbage containers for collection will have the additional container collected and will be provided with information on options to manage additional garbage once the new 3 container limit is enforced (January 2017).
Phase 2 begins January 16, 2017. Garbage containers above the 3 Container Limit, without a Garbage Tag, will not be picked up. The householder will be required to take further action.

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Appendix A

Bill No.
2016

By-law No.

A by-law to amend the By-law No. WM-12 being “A by-law to provide for the Collection of Municipal Waste and Resource Materials in the City of London”.

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public, and may pass by-laws respecting respecting the economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, and the health, safety and well-being of persons;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Council wishes to amend By-law No. WM-12, being “A by-law to provide for the Collection of Municipal Waste and Resource Materials in the City of London” in order to increase the number of Container Limit Exemption Pickups from 2 to 4 pickups per year;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. By-law WM-12 is hereby amended by deleting section 4.1.2 (1) and by replacing it with the following new section 4.1.2 (1);

“(1) during the first scheduled collection following April 29, Labour Day, Thanksgiving and December 25 each year; or”.

2. By-law WM-12 is hereby amended by deleting section 5.1.2 (1) and by replacing it with the following new section 5.1.2 (1);

“(1) during the first scheduled collection following April 29, Labour Day, Thanksgiving and December 25 each year; or”.
3. This by-law shall come into force and effect on October 1, 2016.

Passed in Open Council on September 13, 2016.

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk