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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 17, 2012
FROM:	JAY STANFORD, M.A., M.P.A. DIRECTOR- ENVIRONMENT, FLEET & SOLID WASTE
SUBJECT:	TEXTILES AND SMALL USED HOUSEHOLD GOODS DROP OFF AT THE OXFORD AND CLARKE ROAD ENVIRODEPOTS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director – Environment, Fleet & Solid Waste, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to Goodwill Industries recovering textiles and small used household goods (e.g., used clothing, linen, bedding, sporting goods, toys, books) at the Oxford and Clarke Road EnviroDepots:

- (a) The recovery of textiles and small used household goods at the Oxford EnviroDepot by Goodwill Industries **BE APPROVED** for a further two year period with an option to extend on a yearly basis thereafter, it being noted that Goodwill Industries has been operating at this location since 2008;
- (b) A demonstration project involving the recovery of textiles and small used household goods by Goodwill Industries at the Clarke Road EnviroDepot **BE APPROVED** for a two year period;
- (c) The Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this matter; and
- (d) The authorization given herein **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with Goodwill Industries, Ontario Great Lakes.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Relevant reports that can be found at www.london.ca under City Hall (Meetings) include:

- Textiles and Small Used Household Goods Dropped Off at the Oxford Street Community EnviroDepot (April 11, 2010 meeting of the Environment and Transportation Committee (ETC), Agenda Item #6)
- Interim Business Plan for the Green Bin Program and Zero Waste Strategies (January 11, 2010 meeting of ETC, Agenda Item #11)
- Update: Green Bin Program and Zero Waste Strategies (November 16, 2009 meeting of the ETC, Agenda Item #9)
- Update On Waste Diversion Programs (July 20, 2009 meeting of ETC, Agenda Item #30)
- Proposed Changes to the Community EnviroDepots and Yard Materials Management Program (June 22, 2009 meeting of the ETC, Agenda Item #22)
- Community EnviroDepot Update (November 12, 2007 meeting of ETC, Agenda Item #6)

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to extend the agreement with Goodwill Industries to recover textiles and small used household goods (e.g., used clothing, linen, bedding, sporting goods, toys, books) at the Oxford EnviroDepot and to start a two year demonstration project at the Clarke Road EnviroDepot.

CONTEXT

In November 2007 Council approved a two year demonstration project with Goodwill Industries to recover textiles and small used household goods (e.g. used clothing, linen, bedding, sporting goods, toys, books) at the Oxford and Clarke Road EnviroDepots. The demonstration project at

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Oxford EnviroDepot began in the spring 2008 and ended in 2010. No demonstration project was undertaken at Clarke Road due to resource limitations by Goodwill Industries.

In the spring of 2010 Council approved a two year extension of the demonstration project at the Oxford EnviroDepot.

DISCUSSION

Results of Demonstration Project

Goodwill Industries has operated a very successful drop off location for textiles and small used household goods at the Oxford EnviroDepot over the last four years. There is no cost to the City for Goodwill Industries to operate the drop off reuse centre.

As shown in Table 1 the number of donors and material received has increased dramatically over the last four years.

The drop off location also resulted in the creation of 3 full time equivalent jobs.

Table 1: Summary of Donations at Oxford

Period	# of Donors	Estimated Quantity Received (tonnes)
April 2008 to March 2009	9,600	260 tonnes
April 2009 to March 2010	9,100	250 tonnes
April 2010 to March 2011	14,100	380 tonnes
April 2011 to March 2012	17,400	490 tonnes
April 2012 to March 2013 (projected)	20,000	560 tonnes

The drop off location initially consisted of a 75m² (800 ft²) office trailer which is used as an office and to store materials that are dropped off. Goodwill Industries upgraded the facility to a 100m² (1,100 ft²) office trailer in June 2012 to accommodate the growth that has occurred over the four years. A picture of the new facility is presented below:

Source: Goodwill Industries



Goodwill Industries has expressed interest in continuing to collect textiles and small used household goods at the Oxford Street Community EnviroDepot.

Goodwill Industries has also expressed an interest in operating a similar operation at the Clarke Road EnviroDepot and would use the office trailer that was removed from Oxford EnviroDepot. This would create another 3 full time equivalent jobs.

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Interim Business Plan

The interim business plan for the Green Bin Program and Zero Waste Strategies that was approved by Council in January 2009 included a proposal to have reuse centers established at the Clarke Road and Oxford EnviroDepots. Continuing the operation at Oxford and establishing the new facility at Clarke Road is consistent with the interim business plan.

Next Steps

It is proposed to have Goodwill Industries continue to operate the drop off reuse centre at the Oxford EnviroDepot for a further two years with an option to extend indefinitely for further one year periods if both parties agree. It is also proposed to have Goodwill Industries establish a similar drop-off depot operation (demonstration project) at the Clarke Road EnviroDepot for a two year period.

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