

TO: Members of the Waste Management Steering Committee

FROM: W. H. Jackson, Director of Utility Services

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Report WMC12-004

Accessibility Improvements to 1333 Bensfort Road

## **PURPOSE**

To present a request to make accessibility improvements to 1333 Bensfort Road.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Waste Management Committee endorse the recommendation as outlined in Report WMC12-004 dated November 19, 2012, of the Director of Utility Services as follows:

That the requested accessibility improvements to 1333 Bensfort Road not be undertaken at the expense of the County/City.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The funds for the required accessibility improvements were not included in the 2012 budget. There are, however, funds available in the "Consulting Fees" portion of the 2012 Landfill Capital Budget and accordingly, if Committee so decided, \$10,000 of these available funds could be transferred to a budget to be established for the accessibility improvements.

## **BACKGROUND**

Staff has been approached by the tenants of 1333 Bensfort Road. Due to unfortunate circumstances, the tenant needs the doorways to be made wider to the kitchen, bathroom and living room to allow the tenant full access to these rooms.

The existing tenants have been at 1333 Bensfort Road since 2009. Since then, almost \$17,500 has been spent on various maintenance and upgrade work at this address. The tenant pays \$821.71 per month.

As a landlord, we are under no obligation to make these changes.

Circumstances are such that now the doorways to the kitchen, bathroom and living room need to be made wider for accessibility reasons. The best estimate to plan and undertake this work is in the order of \$10,000. Prior to any work being started however, a written description of the work required and detained cost estimate will be required.

The funds for the required accessibility improvements were not included in the 2012 budget. There are, however, funds available in the "Consulting Fees" portion of the 2012 Landfill Capital Budget and accordingly, if Committee decided to undertake this work as a cost to the County/City, \$10,000 of these available funds could be transferred to a budget to be established for the accessibility improvements

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