

# Waste Services

## Multi-unit Program Development Update

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Utility Committee

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## Edmonton's 25-Year Waste Strategy Objectives

- Edmonton's goals require both waste reduction and improved waste diversion for waste currently generated in Edmonton
- Multi-unit residences are a large segment of the residential sector, forecast to grow to 59%
- System improvements, program plans and diversion targets are based on a regulated utility model



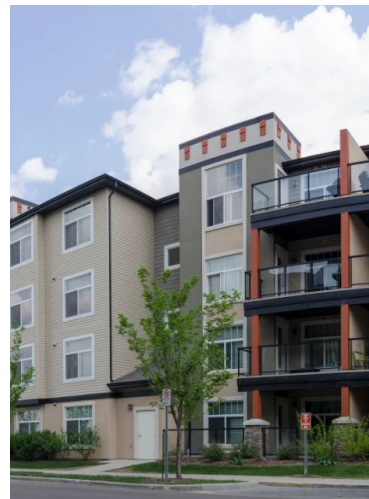
## Regulated Utility Model

- Waste Services has been a regulated utility since 2009
- Benefits of a utility model include service equity, long-term planning and financing, and consistent standards to support strategic policy objectives
- Costs to develop, operate and sustain the waste system are shared by all residential households
- There is no available option to opt-out of the regulated utility model for residential waste services



## Deregulation Analysis

- Deregulation would pose significant challenges for achieving the objectives of the 25-year Waste Strategy and Edmonton's climate commitments
- Stranded costs would need to be addressed so as not to unfairly inflate rates for service to the single unit residential households
- Rate impact of a source separated organics program is forecast to be mitigated by the utility model but should be expected to increase the cost of private sector waste collection



## Business Case Update

- Business case for mandatory source separation for multi-unit residential sector will be presented to Committee on June 25
- Part of the 25-year Waste Strategy commitment with a target of 90% waste diversion across all sectors
- Supported by ongoing efforts to enhance the customer experience, streamline operations, improve efficiency and maximize the recovered value of utility assets



## Next Steps

DATE	ITEM
June 25, 2021	Presentation of multi-unit strategy and business case
2022	Enacting bylaw
2023	Start of program rollout



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