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**Sent via e-mail**

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**Re: Repurposing of Old City Computers**

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The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of February 3, 2021 was approved by Council on February 17, 2021:

**CW053-2021**

That the delegation from Jules Bedeau, Renewed Computer Technology, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 3, 2021, re: **Repurposing of Old City Computers**, be received; and

WHEREAS the City of Brampton currently reuses computers and supportive equipment (including desktop towers, monitors, keyboards, mouse, laptops and tablets) within the Corporation until they fail to function, then disposes them;

WHEREAS desktop towers are disposed after 5 years through an active contract with a vendor (CSI Electronics Processing), where they remove the equipment, securely destruct the data and send the City a certificate of destruction and a reimbursement cheque for the fair market value of the equipment that is deemed salvageable for the resale market;

WHEREAS Renewed Computer Technology is a non-profit, charitable organization that delivers renewed computers to public schools, First Nations bands, charities, non-profits and individuals and families living with limited income across Ontario, including the Region of Peel and the City of Brampton;

WHEREAS since 1993, the “Computers for Schools” program has delivered over 1.5 million computers that have been renewed and recycled across Canada, with over 455,000 in Ontario alone;

WHEREAS over 22 million pound of e-waste will be diverted from landfills, aligned with the City’s “Brampton 2040 Vision” and the “Grown Green Environment Master Plan;”

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a significant increase in demand for renewed and refurbished computers and computer equipment;

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WHEREAS Renewed Computer Technology has provided 62% more laptops in Q1-Q2 2020 when compared to Q1-Q2 2019, to help organizations, schools and individuals across Ontario stay connected from home since the start of the pandemic;

WHEREAS the Peel District School Board was supplied 2500 renewed desktops to classrooms between 2020-2021, supporting hundreds of low-income Brampton residents with affordable technology;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City staff be requested to investigate and report back to Council on the proposal by Renewed Computer Technology, as outlined in their delegation, to donate outdated City computer technology to Renewed Computer Technology for their repair, renewal and repurposing for other community uses, with such report to address the following, but not limited, considerations;

1. Renewed Computer Technology secure and certify that all hard drives will be wiped and data destruction practices are followed to ensure City and Corporate data is not at risk;
2. The City of Brampton's Digital Innovation and Information Technology services will not provide post-donation support;
3. Renewed Computer Technology provide tax receipts for the City of Brampton's computer donations and support the circular economy, where computers and supportive equipment will be refurbished and reused, and not go to waste or in a landfill.

By copy of this correspondence to K. Gopalasamy, Chief Information Officer, he is requested to carry out the direction in the recommendation above. Item **RM 10/2021** has been added to the [Referred Matters List](#) for the report requested.

Yours truly,

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