

Other Items Considered by the Committee

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, received this Clause, as information, subject to:

- (1) striking out and referring Item (a), entitled "General Cleanliness in the Downtown Core", embodied therein, back to the Works Committee for further consideration; and*
 - (2) striking out and referring Item (m), entitled "Feasibility of Direct Purchasing as a Method of Purchasing Commodities", embodied therein, to the Policy and Finance Committee for further consideration, notwithstanding subsection 127(5) of the Council Procedural By-law.)*
- (a) General Cleanliness in the Downtown Core.**

The Works Committee reports having:

- (1) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to:**
 - (i) develop a plan as outlined in the following communication from Councillor Chow;**
 - (ii) meet or communicate with the downtown area Councillors to review options for running a "Clean Toronto" pilot project; and**
 - (iii) develop the terms of reference for a uniform commercial litter container program;**

and submit a comprehensive report on the foregoing, including budgetary implications, to the Community Councils in January 2000, for comment to the Works Committee, such report to also include the following:

- (a) costs of upgrading the standard of commercial waste collection, and necessary public education programs;**
- (b) resources required to provide flexibility in handling statutory holidays;**
- (c) a proposal for requiring and enforcing the disposal of waste in garbage bags;**
- (d) an investigation of alternative forms of garbage collection for tourist areas such as Chinatown, Yorkville, Yonge Street and the India Bazaar; and**
- (e) the feasibility of garbage collection from laneways;**

- (2) **further requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to:**
- (i) **meet with Councillors to review the sidewalk steam-cleaning schedule to determine whether adjustments are necessary; and**
 - (ii) **provide support to Councillors by way of information on what means of enforcement are available to them to respond to complaints; and**
- (3) **requested the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services to submit a report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the extension of boulevard occupancy licences to the East York, York, Etobicoke and Scarborough communities:**
- (i) (October 18, 1999) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Downtown, recommending that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services develop a comprehensive plan that will improve the general cleanliness of the downtown core, including increasing the number of times the streets are swept and the number of garbage receptacles in the downtown core and involving a public education campaign.
 - (ii) (November 2, 1999) from Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River, suggesting that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services meet as soon as possible with the downtown area Councillors concerned about this issue, and review options for running a “Clean Toronto” pilot project that addresses the deteriorating level of cleanliness in the City core; and further suggesting that the Commissioner conclude the discussions and complete the development of a strategy by early January.
 - (iii) (November 2, 1999) from Mr. Gordon Dreger, Urban Design Committee Chair, Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area, concurring with Councillor Chow that the level of street cleaning and the number of garbage receptacles presently provided needs to be increased; noting that by-law enforcement also requires improvement; and requesting that the Bloor-Yorkville BIA be included in recommendations for improvement.

The following persons appeared before the Works Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Helen Hatton, Toronto, Ontario;
- Councillor Olivia Chow, Downtown;
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Don River;
- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, High Park;
- Councillor Sandra Bussin, East Toronto; and
- Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown.

(b) Garbage Packers.

The Works Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following communications and report:

- (i) (April 19, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on April 13, 14 and 15, 1999, directed that Clause No. 6 contained in Report No. 4 of The Works and Utilities Committee, headed "Garbage Packers", be struck out and referred back to the Works and Utilities Committee for further consideration; and that Council also adopted the following recommendation:

"It is recommended that the Chair of the Works and Utilities Committee, Councillor Shiner and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services meet to discuss this matter prior to it being again considered by the Works and Utilities Committee."

- (ii) (September 3, 1999) from Mr. Raymond E. Hacker, Regional International Corporation, respecting the implementation of one-man refuse collection in the City of Toronto; forwarding a list of municipalities which have successfully implemented cost reduction programs with one-man collection vehicles; and requesting the opportunity to review the confidential staff report and all other supporting documentation in order to address the Committee.
- (iii) (October 28, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:
- (1) Council authorize the appropriate officials to tender the sale of 30 one-person side load garbage packers currently in the City's fleet; and
 - (2) Council authorize the appropriate officials to issue a Request for Proposals for the purpose of purchasing ten 25 cubic yard high density tandem axle rear load replacement vehicles.
- (iv) (November 3, 1999) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union - CUPE Local 416, in opposition to the use of side packers, and outlining concerns with respect to safety and workload.

The following persons appeared before the Works Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Raymond E. Hacker, Regional International Corporation, and filed a submission entitled "Chronology of Ergonomic Studies performed in the City of Rochester";

- Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, and Mr. Peter Leiss, Executive Vice-President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union - CUPE Local 416, and submitted a communication with respect thereto;
- Mr. Bill Heinrich, Wittke Waste Equipment; and
- Councillor Douglas Holyday, Markland Centennial.

**(c) White Goods Curbside Collection –
Tender No. 6033-99-01845.**

The Works Committee reports having:

- (1) deferred consideration of the following communications and report until its next meeting, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999, with a request that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report on issues raised at the meeting, including:**
 - (i) the costs associated with a completely City-run program compared to what can be provided by re-tendering the contract;**
 - (ii) all aspects of the collection, reuse and recycling of white goods and scrap metals, including CFCs;**
 - (iii) current costs by district/area for the last three years; and**
 - (iv) the promptness of the current response time for the collection of white goods; and**
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to continue extending the current contract for a period that is necessary for the Committee to further consider the report and the option for a re-tendering process:**
 - (i) (October 18, 1999) from Mr. Mike Di Cenzo, Merchandise Recovery Services Inc., respecting Tender Request No. 6033-99-01845, regarding the white goods curbside collection program; and requesting an opportunity to make a deputation before the Works Committee at its meeting on November 3, 1999.
 - (ii) (October 29, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services informing the Committee of the results from the Quotation Request for the collection and reuse or recycling of white goods and scrap metals from residential and transfer and disposal locations in the City of Toronto; advising that after a review of the price proposal from Merchandise Recovery Services Inc., staff are planning to issue two new requests for quotations, and that a follow-up report with the results of the new quotation requests will be forwarded to the Committee in December; and recommending that this report be received for information.

- (iii) (November 3, 1999) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416, requesting that the Works Department work with the Union to analyze the cost of doing this work in house; and to discuss what is the best method of collection and how applying best practices might reduce costs across the City.

The following persons appeared before the Works Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Bruce Davis, Urban Intelligence, and Mr. Mike Di Cenzo, Merchandise Recovery Services Inc., and filed a copy of the offer submitted by Merchandise Recovery Services Inc. to the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services Division, on September 28, 1999;
- Mr. Peter Leiss, Executive Vice-President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416; and
- Councillor Douglas Holyday, Markland Centennial.

**(d) Works and Emergency Services
Capital Budget Requirements.**

The Works Committee reports having:

- (1) deferred consideration of the following motion by Councillor Shiner to the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999, with a request that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, submit a report thereon to the Committee; and**
- (2) further requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to bring forward at that time the Sustainable Transportation Report:**

Moved by Councillor Shiner:

“Whereas the City of Toronto is currently developing both a Strategic Plan and a new Official Plan for the City; and

Whereas the development of these new strategic documents will include new directions for transportation within the City of Toronto; and

Whereas the City is also providing input to the Greater Toronto Services Board in the development of a Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto Area; and

Whereas the Capital Works Program for Transportation Services continues to place a high priority on the rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing road infrastructure in the City; and

Whereas, in addition to the important priority placed on the rehabilitation of existing infrastructure, attention should also be placed on technological, operational and facility-based strategic investments to improve the City's road-related transportation system to meet the policy objective to be set out in the Strategic Plan and the Official Plan; and

Whereas it is important for the future prosperity of the City of Toronto that a plan be developed for the implementation of transportation infrastructure projects that support the long-term policy objectives of the City;

Therefore, it is recommended that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services and the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission, report on a process for the development of a transportation infrastructure implementation plan that not only places a priority on the maintenance and rehabilitation of the City's existing assets, but also identifies strategic investments in technological, operational and facility improvements which support the mobility needs of the City and the City's role in the Greater Toronto Area."

The Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services gave a presentation to the Works Committee on the Capital Budget requirements for the Works and Emergency Services Department, as requested by the Committee at its meeting of September 8, 1999.

(e) **Bessarion Station – Reinstatement of
Centre Left Turn Lane on Sheppard Avenue.
(Bessarion Road)**

The Works Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following communications sine die, on the understanding that, if necessary, this matter again be considered by the Committee at a later date:

- (i) (October 5, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council at its meeting on September 28 and 29, 1999, had before it Clause No. 16 contained in Report No. 3 of The Works Committee, headed "Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Sheppard Avenue East between Greenbriar Road and Blue Ridge Road (North York – Centre South; Seneca Heights"; and further advising that in adopting the Clause, as amended, Council directed that the following portion of the recommendation of the Works Committee be struck out and referred back to the

Works Committee for further consideration at such time as the Toronto Transit Commission has submitted further comments in this regard to the Committee:

“and the eastbound left-turn lane at Bessarion (to the Plaza and garden centre) being maintained during the construction period”.

- (ii) (October 21, 1999) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, submitting a confidential report considered by the Toronto Transit Commission at its in camera meeting on October 20, 1999.

(f) Construction and its Effects on Small Business.

The Works Committee reports having referred the following communications to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for a report thereon to its next meeting, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999, to be considered as a deputation item:

- (i) (September 27, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, outlining serious concerns regarding construction activities of both the Toronto Transit Commission and the City in general as they relate to the effects on small businesses; and recommending that these issues be addressed in a joint report headed by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, in full consultation with BIAs and the Board of Trade.
- (ii) (November 2, 1999) from Mr. Richard C. Ducharme, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, addressed to Councillor Jack Layton, forwarding an internal memorandum providing background and responding to concerns on the community impacts resulting from streetcar track construction.
- (iii) (November 2, 1999) from Mr. Jason Wong, President, Chinese Chamber of Commerce (East Toronto) Inc., expressing disappointment on behalf of merchants in the Broadview and Gerrard area over the construction project in their area in September 1999.

(g) Use of Road Salt on City Roads and Sidewalks.

The Works Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following report until its next meeting, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999:

(October 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services outlining, for the information of the Committee, the policies for the use of road salt in the former municipalities and the means by which salt can be reduced in lanes, selected neighborhoods and sidewalks, as requested by the Committee at its meeting of September 8, 1999; and noting that staff have attempted to harmonize its use with the goal of using the minimum required to provide safe driving and walking conditions, and

that the use of better equipment, trained supervisors, and knowledgeable operators will assist the City in achieving its goals.

(h) No-Fault Flood Grant Program; Basement Flooding Damages and Clean-up Costs.

The Works Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following report until its next meeting, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999:

(October 22, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) a No-Fault Flood Grant Program not be established, as it would not provide any beneficial affects for the City, the cost of the program is excessive and unpredictable, and the program would be in direct conflict with the legislative requirements under the *Municipal Act*; and
- (2) Resolution No. 91-21 of the former North York City Council be repealed, being a public no fault grant program which provides financial assistance to former City of North York residents for damages caused by sewer back-ups and watermain breaks. This repeal would be in keeping with the harmonization of the City's insurance practices and recent legislative changes.

(i) Summer Water Use By-Law.

The Works Committee reports having referred the following communication to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for a report thereon to the Committee; and having requested that any Councillors' concerns with respect thereto be forwarded to the Commissioner for consideration in such report:

- (i) (July 26, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Environmental Task Force on July 20, 1999, endorsed the Motion dated July 13, 1999, by Councillor Saundercook wherein it is resolved that the Works Committee request that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report back to the Committee with regard to the implementation of a Summer Water Use By-law for the City of Toronto in the year 2000, as outlined therein; and directed that the Works Committee be advised accordingly.
- (ii) (November 3, 1999) from Ms. Karey Shinn, Chair, Safe Sewage Committee, in support of the efforts of the City to meet and exceed the 15 percent reduction of water use as planned.

(j) Costs for Connecting the Remaining Eastern Beaches Storm Sewers to the Maclean Avenue Detention Tank. (East Toronto)

The Works Committee reports having deferred consideration of the aforementioned report until its next meeting, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999.

(October 13, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the costs for connecting the remaining Eastern Beaches storm sewers to the Maclean Avenue Detention Tank in conjunction with the construction of a forcemain from the R.C. Harris Filtration Plant along the beach to the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant, as requested by the Works and Utilities Committee at its meeting of January 13, 1999; advising that the estimated cost to construct a storage conduit to intercept the four storm sewers and connect to the detention tank is \$3.28 million; that the department will request \$60,000.00 from the 2000 Capital Budget to undertake a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Schedule "B" projects to evaluate the costs and benefits of undertaking such a project; and that if the Class EA concludes that the storage conduit is recommended, \$0.2 million in savings would be realized and the impact of construction would be minimized if this work is done together with the proposed forcemain for the residue from the R.C. Harris Filtration Plant; and recommending that this report be received for information.

(k) Wet Waste Collection from Businesses in City of Toronto.

The Works Committee reports having received the following report, on the understanding that Works and Emergency Services staff will be participating in meetings with businesses in the Don River area, and will report back to the Committee on whether a pilot emerges from such meetings:

(August 24, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to a request from City Council to research options for a pilot project and full implementation of a wet waste collection program for businesses in the City of Toronto; concluding that due to the logistical difficulties and high costs associated with developing a wet waste collection for businesses, it is not recommended to proceed with a pilot or full implementation at this time; and recommending that this report be received for information.

(l) Relocation of Litter Bins.

The Works Committee reports having received the following report for information:

(September 21, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the relocation of existing litter bins which will become available as a result of the placement of new bins with advertising, as requested by Council at its meeting of June 9, 10 and 11, 1999; advising that staff are planning to replace existing litter bins in the Community Council area of Scarborough and in the Midtown and High Park wards that are in poor condition, with better quality bins that will become available as the new OMG Media bins are placed in other areas of Toronto, but that staff do not recommend relocating surplus litter bins due to the increased costs that would be incurred to empty

and maintain these additional bins; and recommending that this report be received for information.

(m) Feasibility of Direct Purchasing as a Method of Purchasing Commodities.

The Works Committee reports having received the following report for information:

(September 22, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing information requested by Council at its meeting on July 6, 7 and 8, 1999, respecting the feasibility of direct purchasing as a method of purchasing commodities; concluding that the current process of purchasing commodities which provides all interested suppliers, whether manufacturers or distributors, an opportunity to compete and provide bids for City requirements should be maintained; and recommending that this report be received for information.

(Councillor Augimeri, at the Council meeting held on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, declared her interest in the foregoing Clause, in that her husband is a shareholder in a company that deals with environmentally-responsible goods.)

(n) Vehicle Emission Testing.

The Works Committee reports having received the following communication:

(August 6, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its meeting held on July 27, 28, 29 and 30, 1999, struck out and referred back to the Works Committee for further consideration Item (w), entitled "Vehicle Emission Testing (All Wards)" embodied in Clause No. 33 contained in Report No. 2 of The Works Committee, headed "Other Items Considered by the Committee", wherein the Works Committee reported having received a report dated June 15, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services which provided additional information on the provincial Vehicle Emission Testing program, as requested by City Council at its meeting of April 13, 14 and 15, 1999.

(o) Environmental Remediation.

The Works Committee reports having:

- (1) endorsed, in principle, the initiative outlined in the following communication with a request that Mr. Manella be invited to appear before the Committee at its next meeting, scheduled to be held on December 1, 1999; and**
- (2) suggested that Mr. Manella also contact the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with respect thereto:**

(October 27, 1999) from Mr. Cosmo Mannella, Labourers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Canadian Tri Fund, requesting the opportunity to give a presentation to the Works Committee on LIUNA's efforts to have the federal government establish a fund for environmental remediation, similar to the U.S. Superfund.

**(p) City Properties – 80 and 100 Turnberry Avenue.
(Ward 21)**

The Works Committee reports having received the following report for information:

(October 31, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update on the status of the City properties located at 80 and 100 Turnberry Avenue, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on July 14, 1999; advising that the property located at 100 Turnberry Avenue is the site of an operating Transportation Division yard, and that the department is currently preparing a Terms of Reference and Project Plan for a major yards consolidation in this part of the City; further advising that the sale of the property located at 80 Turnberry Avenue was authorized by City Council; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**(q) Works and Emergency Services –
By-law Harmonization Priorities.**

The Works Committee reports having received the following report for information:

(October 31, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services forwarding a list of by-law harmonization priorities for 1999-2000 as identified by senior management of the Works and Emergency Services Department; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

BILL SAUNDERCOOK
Chair

Toronto, November 3, 1999

(Report No. 5 of The Works Committee, including additions thereto, was adopted, as amended, by City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999.)

