
WORKS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date of Meeting:	June 21, 2001	Enquiry:	Trudy Perrin
Time:	10:00 a.m.		Committee Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 2		(416) 392-8027
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
WASTE DIVERSION TASK FORCE 2010.**

DEPUTATION ITEM

Report not yet available.

**2. GARBAGE SERVICES FEE HARMONIZATION
AND ENHANCED DIVERSION INITIATIVES
FOR THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR.**

DEPUTATION ITEM

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(May 23, 2001)

Recommending that Council approve in principle the following:

- (1) all business-related food waste and organics, recyclable corrugated cardboard (excluding waxed coated corrugated cardboard), and recyclable container materials be banned from municipally collected commercial garbage;

- (2) municipal recycling collection of container materials and fibre materials (mixed paper, newspapers and corrugated cardboard) be provided at no charge to eligible commercial locations twice per week in the “Core” area and extended to eligible commercial locations in the “Non-Core” areas of the City with a collection frequency of once per week;
- (3) the “Core” or downtown tourist area be defined as being the area bounded by the shore of Lake Ontario to the south, Parkside Drive and Keele Street to the west, Eglinton Avenue to the north, and Victoria Park Avenue to the east. The Core area would include commercial locations on both sides of the referenced boundary streets;
- (4) eligible commercial businesses in the “Core” area be limited to businesses in buildings with a ground floor area not exceeding 500 square metres and less than four above ground commercial floors and industrial locations are not eligible;
- (5) eligible commercial businesses in the “Non-Core” area be limited to businesses in mixed residential/commercial buildings including businesses in plazas and malls where the residential area of the plaza or mall is at least one-third of the total area, and with less than three above ground floors and industrial locations are not eligible;
- (6) businesses that are eligible for municipal garbage collection that also need food waste collection will be provided this service by the City of Toronto. Only businesses that are eligible for garbage collection will be permitted to set their food waste at the curb for collection;
- (7) businesses that are otherwise eligible for commercial municipal garbage collection that choose to contract with the private sector for either garbage or organics collection are not eligible for municipal garbage, organic or recyclable collection;
- (8) food waste and organics set out at the curb from eligible municipal commercial locations must be in containers approved by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;
- (9) municipal garbage collection from eligible commercial locations be limited to a standard two times per week across the City, Monday to Friday;
- (10) businesses currently receiving municipal commercial garbage collection that do not meet the recommended eligibility criteria, including commercial and industrial businesses that may have been included under “grandfather” provisions with former municipalities, have three months to arrange for private sector service after being notified in writing by the City of their eligibility status, at which time the City will discontinue the service;

- (11) commercial waste (garbage, recyclables and food waste) collected by private contractors cannot be set out for collection on the street before 12:00 midnight or after 6:00 a.m. and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services will regulate the days of the week when private commercial collection is permitted for each affected street;
- (12) municipally collected garbage from eligible commercial locations other than municipally collected cart or bulk lift materials, must be set out in plastic bags with a capacity not exceeding 66 centimetres (26 inches) by 90 centimetres (36 inches) and capable of supporting 20 kg and the weight not exceeding 20 kg, with materials that cannot be readily placed in bags, wrapped in bundles not exceeding 120 centimetres (48 inches) by 60 centimetres (24 inches) by 30 centimetres (12 inches) and not exceeding 20 kg;
- (13) all costs associated with municipal collection and disposal of garbage and municipal collection and processing of organics from commercial locations be fully recovered by the use of a service fee dependant upon the volume of materials set out by the business for collection; and
- (14) local Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), the Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association of Ontario, as well as other interested parties be consulted in regard to the recommendations outlined in this report, and that staff report further to the Works Committee at its September 2001 meeting on fee schedules, implementation plans, organic collection and processing plans.

2a. *(DEFERRED FROM MEETING OF MAY 9, 2001)*

City Clerk

(April 17, 2001)

Advising that the Audit Committee, on April 11, 2001, had before it a report (March 29, 2001) from the City Auditor respecting the Commercial Garbage Collection Review, which recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in harmonizing commercial garbage collection service across the City, consider:
 - (a) limiting commercial garbage collection service to a standard twice-weekly collection for all eligible businesses, and that businesses requiring more frequent garbage collection service beyond the standard service provided by the City, augment that service by contracting with a private garbage collection service; and
 - (b) the revenue and cost implications associated with limiting commercial garbage collection to a twice-weekly service for all eligible businesses across the City, and report to the Works Committee, accordingly;

- (2) the Solid Waste Management Division re-evaluate the current rate structure for commercial garbage collection as a result of the number of businesses that have had their collection service reduced to twice per week and assess the impact on the recovery of costs (including related administrative costs);
- (3) to streamline administrative procedures and to facilitate the billings and collection process:
 - (a) the Solid Waste Management Division, in consultation with Revenue Services Division of the Finance Department, investigate the feasibility of billing for commercial garbage collection services, in advance, on an annual or semi-annual basis; and
 - (b) City Legal Services, in consultation with Solid Waste Management Division, develop the necessary by-laws or determine the required changes to existing by-laws to enable the City to charge property owners for commercial garbage collection service;
- (4) the Solid Waste Management Division, in consultation with City Legal Services, incorporate into the harmonized commercial garbage collection by-law, the right for the City to charge back to the property owner's tax bill, costs relating to the inspection, clean-up and court costs associated with any garbage related infraction; and
- (5) the By-law Enforcement Unit of Solid Waste Management Division implement a plan to re-deploy by-law enforcement officers to the night shift, to perform targeted inspections of businesses who have had their commercial garbage collection service reduced to twice weekly, but continue to put out garbage;

and further advising that the Audit Committee:

- (1) referred the aforementioned report to the Works Committee with the request that it report back to the Audit Committee for its meeting to be held in June 2001; and
- (2) recommended to the Works Committee the adoption of the following motion from Councillor Balkissoon:

“That the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer engage a collection agency to recover outstanding garbage collection fees.”

2b. Councillor Pam McConnell,
Ward 28 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale
 (May 7, 2001)

Expressing deep concern about the Audit Committee's proposals for reductions in garbage pick-up in the downtown core.

- 2c.** Ms. Colette French and Ms. Helene
St. Jacques, Directors,
Queen East Business Association Inc.
(May 8, 2001)

In opposition to any reduction in garbage and recycling services, and urging the Committee to deliver a world class waste diversion program.

3. LITTER FROM FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS.

Acting City Clerk
(June 7, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001, had before it Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 6 of The Works Committee, headed "Litter from Fast-Food Restaurants"; and that Council struck out and referred this Clause, together with the following motion, back to the Works Committee for further consideration at its special meeting to be held on June 21, 2001:

Moved by Councillor Miller:

"It is further recommended that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to conduct a waste composition audit on a representative sample of litter collected by the City forces across the City and determine which fast-food businesses and fast-food corporations are the main contributors to the litter problem in the City; and further, that identified businesses be required to adopt litter bins within a certain vicinity of their business promoting messages to keep the City clean by depositing litter and recycling from their business in the relevant bin; and that staff report on the mechanisms required to accomplish this goal."

4. DISPOSABLE DIAPERS.

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services
(May 14, 2001)

Recommending that the Minister of the Environment act immediately to bring forward legislation to the Legislature to implement the recommendations of the Waste Diversion Organization so that Ontario municipalities can obtain funding for the blue box program, recovery of household hazardous waste and composting of disposable diapers and low grade papers.

5. TORONTO INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (“TIRM”) PROCESS, CATEGORY 1, PROVEN DIVERSION CAPACITY, TECHNICAL DUE DILIGENCE FINDINGS AND PROPOSAL NEGOTIATIONS RESULTS.

Confidential report not yet available.