

Clause embodied in Report No. 12 of the Works Committee, which was before the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001.

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### **Other Items Considered by the Committee**

*(City Council on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, received this Clause as information, subject to striking out and referring Item (l), entitled “Tender No. 95-2001: Collection of Curbside Waste, Bulky Items, Yard Waste, Recyclables and Waste, and Waste and Recyclables from Public Receptacles in Former City of Etobicoke”, embodied therein, back to the Works Committee for further consideration.)*

**(a) Basement Flooding –  
689 Old Weston Road.**

**The Works Committee reports that the following communication was withdrawn at the request of Councillor Disero:**

(May 30, 2001) from Councillor Betty Disero, Ward 17 – Davenport, forwarding correspondence relating to basement flooding at 689 Old Weston Road, and advising that the property owner, Mr. Paul Moulton, is requesting that consideration be given for an exemption from the policy adopted by City Council and thereby requesting full compensation under the Basement Flooding Protection Subsidy Program.

**(b) Works Best Practices Program –  
Status Report No. Three.**

**The Works Committee reports having received the following reports and communications:**

- (i) (May 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services forwarding the third status report on the Works Best Practices Program, which provides an overview of the program and its progress to date, including benefits achieved and costs incurred from program inception since 1996, and which highlights the major tasks planned for 2001; and recommending that this report be received for information.
- (ii) (June 27, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the Committee’s request for an update with respect to the communications from CUPE Locals 416 and 79 submitted at the meeting of the Committee on June 6, 2001; advising that staff believe that adequate vehicles and remedies exist for discussion and issue resolution between the City and both locals; noting that status reports will be issued every six months for the

Committee to monitor progress; and recommending that this report be received for information.

- (iii) (June 6, 2001) from Mr. Bill Guthrie, Vice President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, CUPE Local 416, highlighting difficulties experienced as a result of displacements in the Water and Wastewater Services Division; and requesting that City Council direct management to enter into a joint redeployment program with Local 416 as soon as possible to facilitate the placement of workers displaced by the Works Best Practices Program.
  - (iv) (June 6, 2001) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, CUPE Local 79, advising that CUPE Local 79 has serious reservations about the Works Best Practices Program in light of the third status report, and urging the Committee to refer the report back to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for a comprehensive review of quality services.
- (c) **City-Wide Service Levels for Sidewalk Snow Clearing, Leaf Collection and City Cleanliness.**

**The Works Committee reports having:**

- (i) **deferred consideration of the following communications from the Acting City Clerk with respect to City-wide service levels for harmonization of mechanical leaf collection until its meeting scheduled to be held on October 17, 2001.**
- (ii) **recommended to Council, for consideration with Clause No. 2 of Report No. 11 of The Works Committee:**
  - (1) **the establishment of a Working Group comprised of Councillors Pitfield and Lindsay Luby and one member of the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and**
  - (2) **that the mandate of the Working Group shall be to consult with all Members of Council and to develop a public survey of service delivery with communications staff of the Works and Emergency Services Department as follows:**
    - (i) **the survey to be completed by the end of September 2001 and the results forwarded to the Works Committee for its meeting on October 17, 2001; and**
    - (ii) **the survey to focus on public opinion on service level standards and public priorities with respect to hard services, such as garbage collection, snow removal, leaf collection, street cleaning, litter and water services; and**

- (iii) the survey to be broad-ranging with a minimum of 100 residents per ward; and**
- (iii) requested that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the appointment of one member of the Committee to the proposed Working Group:**
- (i) (June 6, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the Works Committee at its meeting on June 6, 2001, had before it a report (May 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting City-wide service levels of sidewalk snow clearing, leaf collection and City cleanliness; and further advising that the Committee:
- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and (2)(a) contained in the aforementioned report respecting the City snow-clearing policy;
  - (2) deferred consideration of the following Recommendation No. (3) until its next regular meeting, scheduled to be held on July 4, 2001:  
  
“(3) the special mechanical leaf collection provided to selected areas within the City be discontinued and all residents be required to bag leaves from private property and adjacent boulevards.”;
  - (3) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report directly to the Community Councils on the cost to contract out mechanical leaf collection; and
  - (4) requested the Community Councils to submit their recommendations and comments with respect to Recommendation No. (3) to the Works Committee for its next meeting.
- (ii) (June 15, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the Downtown Community Council at its meeting on June 12, 2001, recommended the adoption of Recommendation No. (3) of the report (May 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;
- (iii) (June 13, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the East Community Council at its meeting on June 12, 2001, recommended with respect to Recommendation No. (3), contained in the report (May 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, that leaf pick-up be harmonized uniformly across the City as soon as possible based on criteria;
- (iv) (June 13, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the Midtown Community Council at its meeting on June 12, 2001, recommended adoption of Recommendation No. (3) contained in the report (May 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;

- (v) (June 18, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the North Community Council at its meeting on June 13, 2001, recommended to the Works Committee and Council, that Recommendation No. (3) embodied in the report (May 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be received;
  - (vi) (June 18, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the Southwest Community Council at its meeting on June 12, 2001, recommended to the Works Committee that:
    - (1) Recommendation No. (3) contained in the report (May 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, with respect to the discontinuation of the special mechanical leaf collection, be adopted; and
    - (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Works Committee on expanding City-wide, the current Sidewalk Snow Clearing Program for:
      - (i) seniors and the disabled; and
      - (ii) all public schools located on local roads, in addition to schools on collector and arterial roads; and
  - (vii) (June 15, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk advising that the West Community Council at its meeting on June 13, 2001, recommended to the Works Committee that consideration of the discontinuance of the mechanical leaf collection program be deferred until beyond 2001, pending submission of a report from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services on the possibility of each Community Council Area having a discretionary fund for the provision of unique services, including mechanical leaf collection and snow removal.
- (d) **Noise Mitigation Efforts for Audible Pedestrian Signals.**

**The Works Committee reports having received the following report, and directed that it be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Board of Health for information, as recommended:**

(June 13, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to a request from the Planning and Transportation Committee to report on the cost and feasibility of amending audible traffic signals to reduce ambient noise levels by utilizing receivers for people who require them; and recommending that this report be received by the Works Committee and forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Board of Health for information.

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Ms. Lois James appeared before the Works Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(e) **Cost Sharing of Grade Separations in the City of Toronto.**

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

(June 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to the request of the Committee at its meeting of July 12, 2000, for a report on several issues related to cost sharing for the construction of rail grade separations in the new City of Toronto; advising that the viability of embarking upon a proactive program of grade separations at this time on a City-wide basis is unlikely without a considerable and sustained funding commitment on the part of City Council and senior levels of government; noting that staff will continue to evaluate the need for grade separations at site specific locations with implementation through the annual capital program with due regard to City-wide needs and priorities; that staff will also continue investigating alternative funding scenarios through private development initiatives, ongoing discussions with railway companies and senior levels of government; and recommending that this report be received for information.

(f) **Toronto Bike Plan and 2001 Cycling Projects.**

**The Works Committee reports having received the following communication for information:**

(May 22, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting on May 14, 2001:

- (1) requested that the report (May 11, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee, for their information; and
- (2) requested that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee strongly endorses the acquisition of the abandoned CN Leaside Branch, by the City of Toronto, for the purpose of connecting the Upper Don Trail to the Lower Don Trail, providing a continuous cyclable off-street route through the City of Toronto, as recognized in the Toronto Bike Plan and the Victor Ford Associates Hydro Rail Corridor Study.

**(g) Contracted Engineering Services –  
Water Pollution Control Treatment Plants.**

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

(June 11, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update on the annual expenditures pertaining to existing long-term engineering consulting services for the three major Water Pollution Control Treatment Plants, including actual annual expenditures for 1992-2000, estimated expenditures for 2001-2002, and potential future commitments under each engineering consulting services agreement; and recommending that this report be received for information purposes.

**(h) Monthly Status Report on District 1  
Development Applications.**

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

(June 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing a monthly status report on the Department's progress relative to the development application backlog, and the volume of development applications received and processed in District 1, as requested by the Committee at its meeting on March 28, 2001; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**(i) Contract Extension for Refuse, Bulky Items and  
Recyclable Collection from Multi-Residential  
Apartment Buildings, Multi-Residential Townhouse  
Locations, Municipal and Institutional and  
Commercial Establishments in Districts 3 and 4  
(North York and Scarborough) – Contract No. 358.**

**The Works Committee reports having recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the following joint report:**

(i) (June 21, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to extend the existing contract with J & F Waste Systems Inc. for refuse, bulky items and recyclable collection from multi-residential apartment buildings, multi-residential townhouse locations, and municipal, institutional and commercial establishments in Districts 3 and 4 (North York and Scarborough) at a total estimated cost of \$1,915,548.75 including all charges and taxes, for an additional one-year period commencing February 1, 2002, and expiring on January 31, 2003; and

- (2) the appropriate officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.
- (ii) (July 4, 2001) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union – CUPE Local 416, recommending that the Works Committee approve the extension of the contract with J & F Waste Systems Inc. only on condition that staff bring forward a plan to have this work performed “in house” when the contract expires.
- (j) Progress Report for the Western Beaches Tunnel  
Design-Build Contract – Contract No. 58507.  
(Ward 14 – Parkdale-High Park, Ward 19 – Trinity-Spadina)**

**The Works Committee reports having received the following report for information, and expressed its thanks to staff for their efforts to move this project forward as quickly as possible:**

(June 28, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the progress of the contract for the design and construction of the Western Beaches Tunnel; advising that while the contractor has indicated that the tunnel system could be ready to accept flows by July 1, 2001, the City has advised that on completion of the major outstanding contractual activities mentioned in the report and on completion of commissioning of the system, the City will assume the operation of the WBT; further advising that this date is now tentatively envisaged as mid-August 2001, with the balance of the restoration, landscaping and other work that does not prevent operation of the system to be completed possibly by the end of summer 2001; and recommending that this report be received for information purposes.

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Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Ward 14 – Parkdale-High Park, appeared before the Works Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

- (k) Transportation of Residual  
Solid Waste to Michigan.**

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

(June 27, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing an update regarding the potential of engaging rail transport as an alternative to truck transport of residual solid waste to landfills in Michigan under contract to the City of Toronto; advising that in order to discuss rail-based transport of solid waste to Michigan with the City's landfill suppliers, Republic and Onyx, staff have engaged in contract discussions that include tonnages and duration in order to report on price impacts and service adjustments; noting that it is staff's intention to conduct contract discussions over the course of the summer of 2001 and report on the outcome in the fall of 2001; further

advising that if the Committee elects to continue to pursue rail-based transport at that time, staff will engage in the consultation process regarding the rail haul option(s) with stakeholders previously identified by the Committee, including the South-Western Ontario Trash Coalition; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**(I) Tender No. 95-2001: Collection of Curbside Waste, Bulky Items, Yard Waste, Recyclables and Waste, and Waste and Recyclables from Public Receptacles in Former City of Etobicoke.**

**The Works Committee reports having deferred consideration of the following communication until its meeting scheduled to be held on October 17, 2001, for deputations when the report on the award of the tender is before the Committee:**

(July 4, 2001) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union - CUPE Local 416, expressing concerns with respect to Tender No. 95-2001, for the collection of curbside waste, bulky items, yard waste, recyclables and waste, and waste and recyclables from public receptacles in the former City of Etobicoke, which closes on July 18, 2001; and recommending that the City not go forward with the tendering process, and instead provide direction to staff that this work be brought "in house" and that it be used as an opportunity to test the new waste diversion system.