

June 7, 2006

Councillor Shelley Carroll, Chair
Works Committee
Ward 33, Don Valley East
Suite A14

Dear Councillor Carroll:

RE: LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR LANEWAY CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

At the last City Council meeting of May 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2006, Works Committee Report No. 3, Clause 21 (d) concerning "Inventory of City Laneways and Level of Services Provided" was referred back to the Works Committee.

As noted in the report dated April 11, 2006 from the General Manager of Transportation Services, "Transportation Services performs some limited sweeping on busy commercial laneways with restaurants on an as requested basis by Solid Waste Management Services and minor surface repairs are performed, when requested by users of laneways or on complaints received through the local Councillor's office."

Furthermore, the report states that "with regard to surface conditions and ongoing repair in laneways, the City is **not** bound by provincial regulation to maintain laneways to any maintenance standard of repair since Minimum Maintenance Standards do not exist for the class of road laneways fall under."

The purpose of this communication is to ask appropriate City staff to further investigate and report on the following motion:

Whereas services provided by the City in laneways, is provided on a complaint basis only whereby some public lanes have not been swept or cleaned and remain unsightly and unsanitary; and

Whereas because the narrow width and configuration of the bulk of public laneways precludes effective mechanized sweeping using conventional equipment; and

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Whereas given considerable advancements in street sweeping technologies like the current “baby sweeper” that is utilized for the cleaning program in some parts of the City; and

Whereas the maintenance and cleanliness of transportation infrastructure, including laneways, is an essential part of the City’s “Clean and Beautiful” mandate;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the General Manager of Transportation, in consultation with the General Manager of Solid Waste Management, report to the July Works Committee meeting on the availability and cost of compact sweepers for deployment in City laneways, on a City-wide basis, together with appropriate service level an equipment/resources requirements;

And Be It Further Resolved That a Pilot Project be conducted in Ward 17, with the existing “baby sweeper” or any other efficient and cost-effective equipment.

Attached is copy of my missive dated June 6, 2006 to Mr. John Niedra, Director of Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District, asking for the introduction of a “Pilot Project” to introduce parking prohibitions to enhance mechanical street sweeping operations in some sections of Ward 17.

In view of the above-noted points, I’m requesting that the reports be on the agenda of the July Works Committee meeting.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation.

Sincerely Yours,

Cesar Palacio
Toronto City Council
Ward 17 – Davenport
Attach.

cc— Members of the Works Committee

Mr. John Niedra, Director, Transportation Services—Etobicoke York District

Mr. Richard Butts, General Manager – Solid Waste Management

Ms. Ros Dyers, Committee Administrator, Works Committee, 10th Floor, West Tower

June 6, 2006

Mr. John Niedra, Director
Transportation Services – Etobicoke York District
Etobicoke Civic Centre
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Toronto, Ontario M9C 2Y2

Dear Mr. Niedra:

This is further to our meeting of May 9th, whereby we discussed the following:

- 1) Introduction of a pilot project to introduce parking prohibitions to enhance mechanical street sweeping operations in the area bounded by Caledonia Road, Dufferin Street, Davenport Road and Rogers Road, as well as the area bounded by Dufferin Street, Davenport Road, St. Clair Avenue West and Winona Drive.
- 2) I am looking forward to your report to the Etobicoke York Community Council at the meeting of July 11, 2006.
- 3) With regards to the Public Notice to send to the community informing them about the upcoming issue, please let me know how your department will deal with it or how we can co-ordinate the effort.
- 4) I believe that an aggressive educational campaign, as Councillor Giambrone did in Ward 18, would be the way to go.

I am convinced that this initiative will be embraced in the community and will work well, even though it will be a challenge to us in the Etobicoke York District. The opportunities are great, in terms of cost savings and making this part of the City clean and beautiful.

I am excited about this and anxiously waiting for the report to start working on it.

- 5) The maintenance of public lanes within Ward 17 is an issue of great concern to me. As I noted in my Notice of Motion that was adopted by City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006 and referred to the Works Committee, I'm prepared to do everything in my power to assist you in getting the tools that are needed to do this work.

It is my understanding that Mr. Sam DiTomaso was going to share information about the small machines that are used in the Niagara Region for smaller sweeping projects. These machines could be used in public laneways or a Pilot Project in Ward 17 where the City either borrows or purchases the machines to see how they work, in terms of keeping our public laneways clean, which must be part of the "clean and beautiful" City initiative.

I have discussed, and floated these ideas with several of our local Residents' Associations who are extremely enthusiastic and supportive of this initiative. They are willing to help get the word out about the importance of co-operation which should ensure these projects' success.

I would appreciate if you could please keep me informed on the above issues. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Cesar Palacio
Toronto City Council
Ward 17 – Davenport

cc—Mr. Sam DiTomaso, Manager, Road Operations, Bering Works Yard, Transportation Services
Mr. Dominic Gulli, Manager, Traffic Operations, Transportation Services
Mr. Roman Oleksij, Supervisor, Traffic Engineering, Transportation Services