

Toronto 3Rs Working Group

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

June 10, 2008

Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
Toronto City Hall
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c/o: Ms. Ros Dyers, Committee Administrator, City Clerk's Office

Dear PW&I Committee members:

Re: (1) 3Rs Working Group Update at the June 27, 2008 PW&I meeting and (2) Edward Lee's sabbatical

(1) 3Rs Working Group Update

Section 13 of the 3Rs Working Group (3RWG) Terms of Reference indicates that the Chair and the Vice Chair of the 3RWG will have a standing presentation or deputation before the Public Works and Infrastructure (PW&I) Committee.

At the April 9, 2008 PW&I meeting, the 3RWG Chair committed to updating the Committee on the Group's activities at the June PW&I meeting. To that end, the 3RWG would like to present to PW&I some of the key project ideas we have identified over the last few months which we believe could effectively support the City's waste reduction and diversion programs within our mandated focus on consultation, promotion, education and outreach. While all of these project ideas need more development, we would like to keep PW&I apprised of our work to date and provide Committee members with an opportunity to give feedback in the early planning stages.

Some of our key project ideas include:

- **Toronto 3Rs Ambassador Network:** creating and supporting a volunteer network of community-based Ambassadors willing and able to organize 3Rs outreach activities in their own wards and communities of interest
- **3Rs Multi-Family Toolkit:** development of a 3Rs information toolkit by and for residents of apartments, condos and townhouses
- **Waste Reduction "Poster Child" campaign:** identifying a target material for elimination from the City's waste/recycling streams, then using it as a focal point for communications about the first "R" – Reduce

Our committee is also exploring numerous other related ideas, including: improving 3Rs content on the City's websites, door-to-door recycling in apartments, and public consultation on how the City can help citizens reduce their waste. Time permitting, additional project ideas may also be presented to PW&I at the June 27, 2008 meeting.

The 3RWG is committed to working with staff on further exploring these ideas over the next few months and reporting back to PW&I with detailed implementation plans at the appropriate time.

(2) Edward Lee's Sabbatical from the 3RWG

Section 9 of the Terms of Reference for the 3Rs Working Group indicates that members who miss three consecutive meetings are deemed to have resigned, with the provision that this requirement may be waived by the Group with the agreement of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

Edward Lee, one of the initial members of the 3RWG, was obliged to travel overseas in April 2008 for several months to attend to business and family matters. At its meeting on April 10, 2008 the 3Rs Working Group passed a motion to grant Mr. Lee a sabbatical for the reasons given. The motion is documented in the minutes for that meeting, which are available on-line at http://www.toronto.ca/garbage/3rwg/pdf/meetings/2008-04-10_minutes.pdf.

We recommend that the Public Works and Infrastructure agree with this motion and permit Mr. Lee to return to full membership privileges and duties upon his return to the country.

Best regards,

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Chair, Toronto 3RWG

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Vice Chair, Toronto 3RWG