

**NOTICE OF MOTION****Garbage Collection – For Tenants in Residential Units Above Commercial Properties****Moved by: Councillor Moscoe**

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**SUMMARY:**

The city's switch to a 3 stream waste system has been successful in low rise residential neighbourhoods. The system is now being rolled out to include residential units above commercial businesses.

Under the new waste system the cost of waste handling is removed from the tax bill and added to the water bill. In single family homes this is not a problem because it is simply a transfer from one homeowner's pocket to the other. With residential units above commercial the owner of the property receives the tax reduction and the tenant who was previously getting service from the landlord now has to pay for collection over and above the payment he makes for his rent.

This represents a fundamental shift in the cost of waste collection from the property owner to the tenant leaving the tenant to seek redress through the rent review process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The waste collection bylaw be amended to require the property owner, who receives the tax rebate, to provide bag tags to the tenant at no additional cost to the tenant.