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MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Re-establishment of Laneway Commercial Collections on Bloor Street West, The Queensway, and Dundas Street West in Ward 5, Etobicoke Lakeshore

Moved by: **Councillor Milczyn**

Seconded by: **Councillor Grimes**

SUMMARY:

Commencing July 1, 2008, Solid Waste Collections implemented changes to the commercial collection schedules (and above residential) on Bloor Street West, Dundas Street West and The Queensway in Ward 5. This involved a change to the dates of collection, as well as a more significant change to curbside collection rather than rear laneway collection.

The harmonization to curbside collection (from rear laneway), while it might serve some areas of the City of Toronto better, was not necessary nor desired by businesses in Ward 5. The new collection procedures are problematic and of grave concern to the local BIA's, businesses, and residents in Ward 5. The implementation of this change has proven to be highly unsuccessful.

None of the rationalizations provided by Staff for the change from rear laneway to front curbside collection are defensible or reflective of conditions in Ward 5, Etobicoke Lakeshore. Staff claims that Solid Waste collection vehicles have difficulty entering the laneways, the laneways are too narrow, unsafe, unlit, and that enforcement is not feasible are not borne out by the fact that collections have safely and effectively taken place in rear laneways in Ward 5 for the last sixty years. Etobicoke's laneways tend to be wider and better lit than those found in older parts of the City of Toronto.

This change is causing hardship on businesses who have to drag garbage bins around their blocks for collection. Residents are finding the sidewalks difficult to pass, rather than promoting a "Clean & Beautiful City" this change is leading to more litter and less aesthetic appeal of retail areas in Ward 5, Etobicoke Lakeshore.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council direct the General Manager, Solid Waste Collections to direct Staff to revert to collection of Solid Waste, Recyclables, and Organics from rear laneways in Ward 5 in all those locations which enjoyed such service prior to July 1, 2008.

2, That City Council direct the General Manager, Solid Waste Collections to communicate

this to each municipal address effected by addressed mail.

July 15, 2008

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	*
Is before Council for debate	(v)
Chair agrees that the Motion Recommendations are **Urgent**	(v)

* Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to advise.