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## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM50.18	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Collaborating toward the reduction of food waste - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, as part of the Municipal Solid Waste Long Term Strategy, to work with the Toronto Food Policy Council and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to provide information and support to the National Zero Waste Council's Food Working Group.

#### **Summary**

Through its membership in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the City of Toronto is a member of the National Zero Waste Council (NZWC), a cross-sector leadership initiative bringing together governments, businesses, and non-government organizations to advance a national waste reduction agenda in Canada. Founded by Metro Vancouver in collaboration with FCM, its mission is to act collaboratively with business, government and the community, at the national and international level, as an agent of change for waste prevention and reduction in the design, production and use of goods.

Much of the Council's priority areas of work will be undertaken through working groups such as the Food Working Group and Packaging Working Group. Working Groups are endorsed by the NZWC Collaboration and Management Boards.

Food waste represents a significant portion of the waste generated globally and is a growing focus of waste prevention efforts. The Food Working Group offers the opportunity to explore activities and stakeholder partnerships that can make the biggest impact on this waste stream. This also presents an opportunity to impact one of the cost pressures facing Toronto Council in its development of a long-term solid waste strategy, that being source separation and processing of organics.

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**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM50.18