



SUBMISSION TO CITY OF TORONTO PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

FROM SCEPTER CANADA INC.

REGARDING RFP # 0401-14-3100, NEXT GENERATION GREEN BIN

APRIL 9, 2015

We respectfully request that the Committee consider the following concerns expressed by Scepter Canada Inc. related to the above RFP.

1. As per the Selection Criteria, "each prototype will be tested and evaluated based on collection and dumping functionality, effectiveness and functionality of the raccoon resistant latch, bin design and functionality and feedback based on public consultation". The Scepter bin was never evaluated by the City for Raccoon resistance nor consumer acceptance. Scepter's independent tests for all three functions were very favourable.
2. During the collection and dumping evaluation, it would have been helpful if Scepter staff had been present in order to assess any problems related to this evaluation. This did not occur. Our previous testing of Prototypes at GFL indicated that the mechanism worked well. The causes for the failures documented during City tests are unclear.
3. As part of Step 3, Review of Prototypes, Scepter adequately addressed the list of deviations received on December 10, 2014. These were primarily dimensional deviations. That list of concerns did not require an Engineer's Certificate. Subsequent correspondence from the City requested an Engineer's Certificate. We indicated clearly that we were unable to provide an Engineer's Certificate within the requested timeframe. We were later advised that failure to provide this Certificate would render our bid as "informal", not non-compliant.
4. On January 19, 2015, we were advised by the City that our Proposal was non-compliant.

We therefore request that the Committee defer this decision and request staff to review and prepare a report dealing with the above issues.

Sincerely,

SCEPTER CANADA INC.

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