Date: November 14, 2017
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Councillor Michael Ford and Councillor Frances Nunziata

Re: Request for second round of 2017 Mechanical Leaf Collection program for Area 1

Background:

The Mechanical Leaf Collection program is a limited service designed to supplement yard waste collection in a few areas in Etobicoke and Scarborough with heavy leaf accumulations and in neighbourhoods with roadside ditches to prevent ponding, flooding and road icing as a result of blocked culverts and catch basins.

Using specialized equipment, City crews collect leaves on select streets that collect on the road allowance and public edge of the roadway during the program period.

Due to an unseasonably warmer fall, many leaves are still left on trees in Area 1 when the leaf collection crews have already gone out for collection. This warmer fall also occurred last year, where we heard from many residents that they did not receive any value from this service as it came too early, prior to leaves falling down.

Recommendations:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council request Transportation Services, to provide a second round of mechanical leaf collection to Area 1 (see attached) after the first cycle of service has been completed, subject to the weather, and more specifically snow conditions.

2. Etobicoke York Community Council request Transportation Services to consult with local Councillors prior to the 2018 implementation of the Mechanical Leaf Collection program.

Sincerely,

Michael Ford
Councillor, Ward 2

Frances Nunziata
Councillor, Ward 11
MECHANICAL LEAF COLLECTION 2017

Legend
Area 1: Nov. 6 - Nov. 10
Area 2: Nov. 6 - Nov. 17
Area 3: Nov. 13 - Dec. 2
Area 4: Nov. 20 - Dec. 2

Updated: Oct. 30 2017