

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Diverting Coffee Pods from Landfills - by Councillor Michael Ford, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate*

Recommendations

Councillor Michael Ford, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, as part of the City's approved Waste Diversion Programs Policy (Adapt Policy), to report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the fourth quarter of 2019 on a design for a potential pilot project to permit compostable/biodegradable coffee pods to be processed in the City's Green Bin Program; the pilot project design framework should include:

- a. opportunities for partnerships and cost-sharing pilot project costs with industry stakeholders;
- b. a methodology to align the pilot project with Solid Waste Management Services' Adapt Policy, including Agreements with Material Sponsors, as per the Adapt Policy;
- c. a comprehensive consumer education and information plan; and
- d. a performance monitoring and measurement plan.

Summary

As single use products become an increasingly serious and problematic environmental issue, many businesses are working to innovate and respond to these concerns. These innovations include the recent move to compostable and biodegradable products.

Although we are seeing innovation that is working to address excessive waste, the City of Toronto must take a leadership role and keep pace with environmentally friendly options as well as supporting our local businesses. Inaction on this issue will also lead to potentially hundreds of lost jobs in Etobicoke.

It is important that the City work with stakeholders to investigate the modernization of

programs within the City of Toronto such as the Green Bin Program.

Background Information (City Council)

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