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Budget Committee
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Attention: Matthew Green
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Budget Committee Item BU23.1 – Public Presentations/Comments on the 2021 Capital and Operating Budgets
Freight and Goods Movement Strategy – Off-Peak Delivery Pilot Program

Dear Chair Crawford and Members of the Budget Committee,

This letter is submitted on behalf of Wasteco, a prominent Canadian company that has been committed to provide private solid waste management and recycling solutions for industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) customers across Southern Ontario and within the City of Toronto since its inception in 1978.

In October 2020, we were pleased that City Council unanimously adopted the Freight and Goods Movement Strategy, which looks to provide a goods movement system that is safe, reliable and sustainable, connecting people with products and services, while protecting Toronto's vibrant and thriving economy and quality of life. One of the strategic actions within the Freight and Goods Movement Strategy is to promote Off-Peak Delivery through the implementation of a pilot program, which will be especially critical for business recovery and operations in a post-pandemic world.

As such, Wasteco would like to voice support for the full funding required to implement the FGMS as part of the 2021 Operating Budget and 2021 – 2030 Capital Budget submissions for Transportation Services. We appreciate that the current pandemic has given new urgency and profile to the importance of the optimal management of goods and services movement in Toronto and hope to work with staff to be part of these new, innovative solutions that aim to ease congested roadways.

On October 7, 2020, the Province introduced Bill 215, Main Street Recovery Act, 2020 as part of Ontario's Main Street Recovery Plan to assist businesses in financial recovery from losses caused by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bill 215 has now received Royal Assent, thereby



removing the City's authority to prohibit and regulate noise in connection with deliveries to certain businesses, we would hope that this would be extended to include private waste collection services. This highlights the importance of Off-Peak Delivery in a post-pandemic world and we hope to work alongside staff as they develop operational guidelines that target congested areas, examine program size and scale by industry sector and look to minimize related impacts, which may help to mitigate potential points of conflict in ever-densifying neighbourhoods near commercial operations, such as Toronto's downtown core.

In summary, we urge you to support the Freight and Goods Movement Strategy by funding this initiative within the City's 2021 Budget. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Lorusso', with a stylized, flowing script.

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