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Date: March 25, 2025
To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee Members
Title: Changing the Night of Garbage Collection for the West-End
(Ossington / Queen West / College Promenade Areas)

Recommendations

1. City Council request the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, to consider changing the garbage collection schedule for the west-end areas of Ossington Avenue, Queen Street West, and College Promenade areas from Thursdays to off-peak evenings such as Monday or Tuesday, in order to support the upcoming patio season and enhance the overall experience for residents and visitors, and

a. Engage and consult with local residents, businesses, the Ossington BIA, the Queen West BIA and the College Promenade BIA to gather their input on whether this change would meet the community's needs; and

b. Report to Infrastructure and Environment Committee, as needed, with any recommendations resulting from the consultations with residents, businesses, and the BIA.

As we approach the patio season, the busiest evenings for hospitality and retail services in the west-end areas of Ossington, Queen West, and College Promenade are Thursday through Saturday.

Currently, garbage collection is scheduled for Thursday nights, which has been identified as a less-than-ideal time for both residents and businesses.

1. **Impact on Dining Experience:** The presence of garbage bins on Thursday nights negatively impacts the dining experience for patrons enjoying the vibrant nightlife and outdoor dining options.
2. **Feedback from Community:** Numerous residents and commercial businesses have expressed concerns that Thursday is not the best night for garbage collection.
3. **Support for Night Economy:** Adjusting the garbage collection schedule to an off-peak evening such as Monday or Tuesday would better support the thriving night economy by ensuring cleaner streets during peak business hours.

By adjusting the garbage collection schedule, we can create a more pleasant environment for dining and shopping, thereby supporting the local economy and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

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