

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Providing Circular Materials with Access to the City's Dual-Use Waste Collection Containers for the Collection of Blue Box Materials from Impacted Properties

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SUMMARY:

To accommodate residences with significant storage space constraints, it has been standard practice since approximately 2008 for Solid Waste Management Services to allow some residents to use one (1) curbside collection bin for a dual purpose. These locations use a garbage bin for garbage collection every other week, and use the same bin for recycling collection on alternating weeks. To distinguish the dual-use bins from regular City residential garbage bins, the lid of the bin is green. This signals to the waste collection operator that the location is approved to use a dual bin for alternating garbage and recycling collection. There are 358 properties with this accommodation.

Circular Materials requested access to these dual bins for recycling collection. Council direction is required for staff to negotiate and execute an agreement that allows Circular Materials to collect Blue Box Materials from these City-owned assets.

Reason for Urgency:

The transition of the Blue Box Program to Extended Producer Responsibility ends on December 31, 2025, after which producers will assume the financial and operational responsibility for the management of Blue Box Recycling from eligible sources (single-family homes, some multi-residential properties, long term care homes, and retirement residences). This motion is urgent as Council direction is required for the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to negotiate and execute an agreement with Circular Materials to provide them with access to the City's dual-use waste collection containers for the 358 residential properties that have this accommodation. The agreement must be executed by December 31, 2025 so Circular Materials can access the bins for collection as of January 2, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to negotiate, enter into and execute an agreement with Circular Materials for the purpose of the providing access to the City's dual-use waste collection containers for the collection of Blue Box Materials pursuant to Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

Box, as amended, with the total term of the new agreement and each extension of an existing service agreement not to exceed ten (10) years, on terms and conditions, including receipt of payments from Circular Materials, acceptable to the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Date: December 16, 2025