



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

March 9, 2026

To: The Executive Committee

Re: Keep Toronto Beautiful 2026

In June 2025 the City launched a new citywide Keep Toronto Beautiful initiative to keep public spaces clean, safe and well-maintained.

As the snow melts this March, we're seeing that our streets need prompt spring cleaning. We're seeing trash, cigarette butts and grime reveal itself as the snow recedes, and people expect their city government to clean up our streets. Let's launch our Keep Toronto Beautiful cleaning blitzes earlier this year to clean up the mess.

Keep Toronto Beautiful includes:

- Removal of litter, wees and graffiti from streets, sidewalks, parks and other spaces
- Installing new garbage and recycle bins
- Intensified enforcement and clean-up of illegal dumping hotspots
- Street sweeping and clean-up of boulevards and laneways
- Repairs to potholes, bike lanes, and bike rings
- Repainting pavement markings, including crosswalks to improve road safety
- Tree maintenance

On March 19, registration will open for the annual Clean Toronto Together community clean-up initiative taking place April 24-26. Last year, over 700 community clean-ups were held across the City as Torontonians joined together to keep Toronto beautiful. This year, the City can help even more by launching our own cleaning blitzes ahead of schedule.

Recommendations:

- 1) Executive Committee request the City Manager accelerate the timeline for the 2026 Keep Toronto Beautiful initiative to begin as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olivia Chow".

Mayor Olivia Chow