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Mayor Olivia Chow
Members of Executive Committee
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Mayor Chow and Executive Committee:

RE: SUPPORT FOR EX29.5 — STREET FURNITURE AND LITTER BIN PROGRAM UPDATE

The Toronto Financial District BIA is pleased to see the City is considering retaking responsibility for street litter bins and supports moving street litter bins under the supervision of Solid Waste Management Services.

The FDBIA contains 89 litter bins and since 2015 we have reported 963 issues with them, usually regarding maintenance or cleaning. Having litter bins under the responsibility of the City would allow for improved tracking and accountability using the 311 system.

As part of the litter bin program, maintenance and cleaning is important to consider. As litter bins concentrate mess, the sidewalk around them and the bins themselves often require regular cleaning, something not done under the current program. We would also like to see recycling collection updated to allow for proper recycling, or a reconsideration of the litter bins' design to support what is being thrown away. Taking direct responsibility for litter bins would allow such changes to be made more easily and rapidly.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at arobertson@torontofinancialdistrict.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Robertson
Planning and Public Realm Manager