



City Councillor
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Ward 11, University-Rosedale

Administrative Enquiry re Blue Bin litter

January 21, 2026

John Elvidge, City Clerk Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Mr. Elvidge,

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code S27-7.11 to clarify the City's response to the large amount of litter created by poor customer service from Circular Materials in the provincial takeover of Blue Bin collection.

Since January 1, when Circular Materials became responsible for Toronto's Blue Bin program, numerous residents have reported poor customer service, including late and missed collections and sloppy handling of bins. Much Blue Bin material has become litter during this sloppy handling or as the wind blows and bins are tipped over awaiting overdue pickups. This large amount of Blue Bin litter is a concern to my residents and will wastefully inflate litter collection costs for the city during a very tight budget year.

I respectfully request the following information:

1. What are the City's plans to collect all this Blue Bin litter, some of which is now mixed into snowbanks?
2. How many extra taxpayer dollars does the City expect to spend collecting this extra litter?
3. What steps will the city take to recover these extra costs from Circular Materials?

Sincerely,

Councillor Dianne Saxe
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