

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **Provision of Access to Waste Receptacles On-Site for Customer Use in Quick-Serve Restaurants**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services to work with appropriate City Divisions to take the necessary steps to mandate quick-serve restaurants to provide on-site waste receptacles for use by their customers, and report back to City Council if required.

### **SUMMARY:**

Some quick-serve restaurants do not provide their customers with access to on-site waste receptacles (i.e. garbage, recycling, organics) to dispose of waste after consuming food and drinks. Rather, in these establishments that do not have customer accessible waste receptacles, customers are left with no option other than to dispose of their waste in public space waste receptacles.

Public space waste receptacles, such as street litter bins, are not designed nor intended to accept materials generated from food service establishments in lieu of the establishment providing on-site waste receptacles. Council direction is required for Solid Waste Management Services staff to research available regulatory, licensing, operational, and legal mechanisms that could be implemented to require all food service establishments to provide on-site waste receptacles for use by their customers.

### **REASON FOR URGENCY:**

As Council is not scheduled to meet for the balance of the year, staff are requested to begin this work as soon as possible. This allows sufficient time over the summer to prepare and bring forward the appropriate recommendations.

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