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Hamilton is behind the times regarding residential waste collection.

I've recently moved to Waterdown from Peel Region and realize how inefficient and excessively costly Hamilton's collection routine is. Hamilton's tax rates are significantly higher than Peel Region's so ways to reduce Hamilton taxes must be pursued.

Many municipalities have moved to larger wheeled collection bins which allow bi-weekly pickup which saves collection time, fuel and fleet maintenance, resulting in lower costs and less diesel truck exhaust pollution. Waste and recycling are picked up on alternate weeks, as opposed to both every week in Hamilton. Reducing pickup frequency also encourages residents to produce less waste and recycling as it becomes more top of mind as they manage it for 2 weeks versus 1 week.

Hamilton must modernize its waste collection system to save taxpayers' money and reduce toxic diesel pollution at the same time.

Thank you in advance for having this matter reviewed during the current budget discussions.

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