



Waterdown Business Improvement Area
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Dear Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Waterdown Business Improvement Area (BIA) to express strong support for the motion brought forward by Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch and seconded by Councillor Nann seeking extension until the end of 2026 of the city's curbside recycling pilot program for commercial properties ineligible for the province's Circular Materials collection program.

We also reference the delegation by Barton Village's Nadine Ubl on behalf of all Hamilton BIAs, at the January 19th, 2026 GIC Budget Meeting where concerns were expressed regarding the significant impact proposed waste management changes will have on businesses across the city. These concerns remain pressing, and we urge the committee to consider the ongoing challenges faced by businesses (whose sustainability is critical to maintaining a healthy tax base) as you deliberate on this important motion.

The Waterdown BIA represents 250 businesses, many of which will be negatively affected by the elimination of curbside pickup of recycling. More time is needed for the City of Hamilton and businesses to work together to find a viable, long-term plan that addresses these unique challenges.

It is important that solutions are practical, affordable and sustainable for everyone involved. We believe a thoughtful, phased approach will allow for meaningful consultation, robust education, and the development of the appropriate tools and supports to assist non-eligible properties to successfully transition to private blue box collection services beginning January 1, 2027.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to supporting Hamilton's business community as we work towards a cleaner, more sustainable city.

Kind Regards,

Susan Pennie
Executive Director, Waterdown BIA

