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General Issue Committee
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5



Re: Support for Motion to Extend the Recycling Pilot for Non-Eligible Properties – General Issues Committee agenda item
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Dear Chair and Members of the General Issues Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Westdale Village BIA to express our strong support for the motion brought forward by Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch and seconded by Councillor Nann to extend the City's recycling pilot program by the City of Hamilton through the end of 2026 for non-eligible properties. We are grateful that a solution with this motion could be found in keeping with the Mayor's desired tax rate.

At the January 19, 2026, Tax Budget Public Delegations Meeting, our Westdale Village BIA delegation outlined several issues relating to ending the pilot project prematurely before December 31, 2026, and the impact that it would have on Hamilton small businesses. The issues are real and urgent, and this motion allows time to be addressed and for a sustainable, long-term solution to be developed.

Allowing for time to establish a thoughtful, phased approach will allow for meaningful consultation, robust education, and the development of solutions that are practical and sustainable for everyone involved. We believe that this extension will help avoid unintended disruptions and ensure a smoother transition for businesses and residents alike.

The Westdale Village BIA has been and is committed to continuing working with the City and encouraging the Provincial Government to find a solution to support small businesses, who are often called the backbone of the economy. The Westdale Village BIA has about 100 member businesses, but we encourage this motion that supports the extended small businesses/non-eligible properties.

Providing this interim support represents a practical, reasonable, rational and responsible approach that supports the City's environmental initiatives and outcomes; encourages waste diversion; encourages environmental stewardship and responsibility while balancing against the new provincial framework.

We strongly encourage Council to support this motion for the extension of this pilot project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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