

**MEMORANDUM**

July 2, 2008

To: Chair Norm Kelly, and  
Member, Planning & Growth Management Committee

Topic: City of Toronto Recycling, Garbage, and Organic Bin on Site-Storage

**Recommendation:**

1. Deputy City Manager Richard Butts, and the Chief Planner report to the Planning & Growth Management Committee on the requirements for an amendment to the City-wide Zoning By-laws to require enclosed storage of the City's Recycling, Garbage, and Organic Bins within all new residential developments, including single detached, semi-detached, row houses and townhouses.
2. The Chief Planner report to Planning & Growth Management Committee on the appropriateness of adopting an Official Plan Amendment requiring such enclosed storage facilities in all new residential development.
3. Deputy City Manager Richard Butts report to the Planning & Growth Committee on the feasibility of amending the Property Standards By-law to require the ongoing maintenance and use of such storage facilities in all new residential development.

**Background**

City Council has mandated a new system of residential garbage collection throughout the City of Toronto which requires all residents to use only City provided/authorised waste collection containers.

As this new programme is implemented City-wide it is evident that many homeowners and residents do not have appropriate or in some cases any storage facilities for these containers. On many streets throughout the City the new bins are prominently displayed on porches, verandas, or driveways in front of homes. It is not feasible or fair to require all property owners to retrofit their properties to provide appropriate enclosed storage facilities.

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The City however should put in place Zoning requirements to ensure that all new residential development of any type provide such facilities. Further it might be wise to ensure such requirements within the Official Plan to limit the ability of individuals to seek Minor Variances to avoid providing such facilities. Also once the City has approved a development which contains such facilities there should be a mechanism to ensure their ongoing use. This could be affected by amendments through the Property Standards By-law.

As the City adopts new policies and programmes there should be alignment between those programmes and the physical characteristics of new development. Effective requirements for the enclosure and storage of the City's new waste bins are an example of this philosophy.

Respectfully submitted,

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