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2005 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE: Enhanced Sidewalk and Laneway Collection of Litter

Issue/Background:

At its meeting on January 6, 2005, the Works Committee reviewed the 2005 Budget submission of the Solid Waste Management Services Division (SWMD) and adopted a motion to amend the name of the “Enhanced Sidewalk and Laneway Collection of Litter” project to “Enhanced Sidewalk and Walkway Litter Cleaning”.

Subsequently, at a meeting on January 11, 2005, the representative members of Works Committee and Budget Advisory Committee reviewed the 2005 Budget submission of the Solid Waste Management Services Division and requested the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to prepare a Briefing Note on the impact of amending the project name.

Key Point(s):

Sidewalk and Laneway Collection of Litter

- The “Enhanced Sidewalk and Laneway Collection of Litter” project was part of our Clean City initiative and budget submission for 2005
- The public laneway portion of the submission relates to the need to improve cleanliness within the City of Toronto
- Public laneways are magnets for illegal dumping and are generally not maintained by the residents and businesses that back onto them
- SWMD provides some cleaning of lanes working in co-operation with Transportation Services but there is a need to enhance this service as it affects the City’s cleanliness and litter performance in an adverse way
- Within the City of Toronto there are approximately 300 kilometers of public laneways representing 2,141 different locations
- The enhanced sidewalk portion of the 2005 submission was deferred until 2006-2007 and as such is no longer part of the budget
- The sidewalk component was related to the purchase of an additional 10 litter vacs.

Weed Removal

- Weed removal is not part of the services that SWMD provides, this function is performed by other City Departments including Transportation Services and Parks and Recreation

Walkways

- The SWMD does litter collection in walkways, on a weekly basis, as part of its overall program in the North and East Districts (for walkways that connect two streets)
 - There are three types of walkways:
 1. Walkway for Street to Street – litter collection performed by the SWMD
 2. Walkway for Street to School – School Board responsible for litter collection
 3. Walkway for Street to Park – Parks and Recreation responsible for litter collection
- In the West District the SWMD performs walkway collection on a complaint basis as a result of a limited number of walkways
- In the East District the SWMD collects litter from approximately 250 walkways
- In the North District the SWMD collects litter from approximately 101 walkways

Conclusion:

Based on the foregoing the intent of the enhanced program is Laneway cleaning. The sidewalk portion of the program has been deferred, walkways are accommodated in our existing services and weed management is not within Solid Waste Management's Mandate.

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