



The Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area (BIA)

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City of Richmond Hill – City Council
225 East Beaver Creek Road
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

To Clerk's Office – City of Richmond Hill (clerks@richmondhill.ca)

Re: SRCS.25.01 - Blue Box Collection Changes - Non-Eligible Sources

On behalf of the Village of Richmond Hill Business Improvement Area (BIA), we wish to express our support for the recommendations outlined in the recent staff report, **with the exception of the proposed waste management fee in clause (c).**

The BIA Board recently met to discuss these recommendations and strongly believes that continued city collection of recycling for the 88 businesses fronting Yonge Street from Major Mackenzie Drive to Crosby Street is essential. These businesses, many of which are small, independently owned establishments, already pay a dedicated BIA tax levy that other businesses outside the BIA do not. Imposing an additional waste management fee would be an additional financial burden on our members, who continue to navigate rising operational costs and economic recovery challenges.

The city has historically provided recycling collection for these businesses because they do not have the necessary provisions to allow for private contractors to pick up their recycling. Many lack back lane access, and private contractors are prohibited from performing curbside pickup. As a result, city collection is the only viable option available to these businesses. Eliminating or reducing this service would create significant challenges, leading to unintended consequences such as improper waste disposal, which would impact both environmental and public space cleanliness.

We respectfully urge Council to continue providing this essential service for these 88 businesses, but not impose an additional fee.

We appreciate your ongoing leadership and consideration of our concerns and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your time and support.

Regards,

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