

That the following recommendations from the Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development Committee be approved:

1. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo (Region) take the following action with respect to curbside waste collection service for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) properties located in designated downtown areas as set out in report EES-WMS-24-003, dated August 13, 2024:
 - A. Approve Region administered and funded waste collection, processing and disposal service as identified as Option 1 in the Downtown Waste Services Review, as follows:
 - i. Conversion to automated cart collection for organics and garbage collection
 - ii. Maintain blue box recycling, including dedicated cardboard collection
 - iii. Provision of a minimum of four times per week collection in the tri-city designated downtowns, weekly collection for the designated township downtowns, and twice weekly collection for Belmont Village. And that to monitor this change within 6 months of implementation.
 - iv. Expansion of the tri-city designated downtown collection areas to include the full geographic extent of their respective existing Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)
 - v. Direct Staff to discuss the necessary details with representatives from all impacted area municipalities related to the discontinuation of designated downtown public space/litter container collection service.
 - vi. Delegation of waste by-law enforcement authority to local area municipalities, if they choose.
 - B. Direct staff to negotiate and amend the recently executed residential waste collection contract with Halton Recycling Ltd. dba. Emterra Environmental to undertake this work, using provisional pricing provided under RFP P2023-33 Automated Cart-Based, and Manual Waste Collection, and Supply, Initial Distribution and On-Going Maintenance of Carts Within the Region of Waterloo, with contract commencement on March 2, 2026, to align with the termination of the existing waste collection contract.
 - C. Discontinue the provision of blue box recycling to non-eligible sources, as defined by the new Blue Box Regulation (O. Reg. 391/21), for those properties located outside of the designated downtowns and that were previously eligible for Region administered blue box collection service.

2. That the Region of Waterloo take the following action with respect to TSD-TRP-24-012 dated August 13, 2024:
 1. Endorse the findings of the Cambridge to Union Passenger Rail Connection Initial Business Case and Concept Design study
 2. Direct Regional staff to forward the Council report to Area Municipal partners to create a unified voice to support the project
 3. Forward a request Metrolinx to:
 - a. include the project in the Regional Transit Plan;
 - b. continue the project under Metrolinx' jurisdiction to further design and engineering to conduct a Preliminary Design Business Case, and to continue engagement with CN to establish a strategy for use of the Fergus Subdivision; and
 - c. provide GO bus service between Cambridge and Guelph to meet current needs prior to the proposed rail service being operational.