

## Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council Memorandum

То:	Mayor and Members of Council
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Сору:	Sunny Bains, CAO Becky Jamieson, Clerk
Date:	June 18, 2025
Subject:	Village of Stouffville Advisory Committee(VSAC) Input on Staff Report Staff Report EPW-009-25 Waste Collection Option - Downtown Village Business Area (Alberta Street to Park Drive)

At the June 4, 2025, Council meeting Staff Report EPW-009-25 Waste Collection Option - Downtown Village Business Area (Alberta Street to Park Drive) was deferred to the June 18, 2025 Council meeting to allow an opportunity for the Village of Stouffville Advisory Committee (VSAC) to provide input on the report.

On Monday, June 9, 2025, the VSAC held its meeting and reviewed Staff Report EPW-009-25 Waste Collection Option - Downtown Village Business Area (Alberta Street to Park Drive).

The Committee had the following comments in regard to the report for Council's consideration:

- Strong overall preference for Option B (continuing Town collection at the existing downtown pickup point).
  - Viewed as the most practical solution for restaurants, which already pay significant private-hauler fees.
  - Option B is seen as a draw for new businesses; changing the service could deter future openings.
  - offers the smoothest transition, as it closely mirrors the downtown wastecollection system already in place.
  - 95-gallon carts raise concerns. Hard to store, may occupy valuable parking stalls.

- Option A is acceptable but clearly second choice.
  - Works in principle, yet winter access and the extra distance even for nearby storefronts would be inconvenient.
  - Operational issues noted.
  - Commercial bins attract residential dumping because they can't be fully secured.
  - Could shift waste into public sidewalk receptacles as it might be closer to businesses
- Limited support for Option C.
  - One participant felt it could work in their sector (service), but others worry it could become a larger logistical challenge.

Final thoughts: Keep Town collection (Option B) to maintain service equity and support business growth In the Village of Stouffville; treat Option A only as a fallback and approach Option C with caution.

## **Recommendation:**

That Council receive the memorandum for information.