At the January 19, 2012 CCLC meeting, the members supported the development of a position statement and/or delegation led by Chair Dan Rodrigues concerning the 2013-20 waste collection system at the February 6, 2012 Public Works Committee meeting. A special meeting was called for February 2, 2012 to develop the position statement and delegation presentation attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

1. **Discussion on Issue Statement**
   D. Rodrigues had drafted a statement intended as an introduction to the presentation. M. Sparrow suggested that wording be inserted that reflects that the CCLC has also taken into consideration that the recommendation must be appropriate and cost effective.

2. **Discussion on Preamble**
   The committee reviewed each of the 10 points provided as context for the CCLC’s recommendation. The committee agreed that these points would be presented as a “Statement of Facts.”

3. **Discussion on Recommendations**
   The committee agreed that given the short amount of time to respond to the staff recommendations presented at the January 16, 2012 Public Works Committee meeting and limited access to data and supporting documentation, the
recommendations from CCLC needed to be high-level but, as much as possible, reflective of community sentiment.

It was also noted that the recommendations need to focus on the CCLC mandate, that is, in reference to potential impacts of proposed curbside waste collection systems on litter and illegal dumping incidence and behaviour. To this end, the committee members used as reference material the following related Council Reports: Waste Collection Procurement Process for 2013-2020 (PW11030d); Solid Waste Management Master Plan Review – Final Draft Report (PW12004); Illegal Dumping, Litter and Escaped Waste (PW11052b); Illegal Dumping, Litter and Escaped Waste (PED11127(a)); Clean City Strategy 2012 Work Plan (PW11052a); and, Clean City Liaison Committee Terms of Reference (PW12003).

The committee discussed whether the CCLC recommendation should support a specific waste collection Project (from Report PW11030d). The committee agreed that its recommendation would focus on the potential impacts of any waste collection system on litter and illegal dumping incidents and behaviour.

That the position statement attached as Appendix A to these minutes be endorsed as the Clean City Liaison Committee’s presentation to the Public Works Committee at its February 6, 2012 meeting by Chair Dan Rodrigues as a Public Delegation responding to the Public Works Committee’s agenda item on the Waste Collection Procurement Process for 2013-2012.

RICH/SPERANZINI CARRIED

4. Adjournment
   Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.
Dear Public Works Committee:

Members of the Public Works Committee, my name is Daniel Rodrigues and I am here to speak with you on behalf of the Clean City Liaison Committee (hereinafter referred to as the CCLC), of which I am the current Chair. The members of the CCLC appreciate the Public Works Committee requesting our input into today’s discussion items through the invitation of PW representatives Councillors Tom Jackson & Chad Collins. Given the short timeline for reaction to the staff recommendation and appreciating that the CCLC members are all volunteers, many of whom have a full schedule and a full time job, we feel our presentation today provides reasonable recommendations for consideration. The recommendations contained within are the products of an excellent focused discussion based on research and information gleaned from various related Council reports. Unfortunately, we did not have access to the revised report provided to you today as Item 7.2, so our presentation is focused on the report previously presented at the January 16, 2012 PW meeting, which is indicated on today’s agenda as Item 7.3.

I would like to thank all the members of the CCLC for their input into today’s presentation and in particular recognize the volunteer citizen member John Hawker, volunteer Business Representatives Brad Rich and Mac Sparrow, and Vice-Chair Ron Speranzini for taking time out of their busy lives to lend their expertise and informed opinions to this task.

ISSUE

The City of Hamilton is in the process of finalizing the residential curbside collection tendering process, and has brought forward a recommendation to move to a bi-weekly collection of garbage, while maintaining weekly collection of recycling and green cart materials. Included in the recommendation, the City is proposing certain enhancements to the curbside collection process including, but not limited to, leaf & yard waste to be collected weekly, bulk pick-up to be available to be picked-up bi-weekly, and the opportunity for changes to the
blue box program allowing for either larger blue bins and/or blue bins with lids. Concern has been raised that there exists a correlation between curbside collection and litter/illega_dumping. The CCLC has been charged with reviewing the City’s current and proposed collection process, and to offer a supporting recommendation aimed at reducing unsightly litter, and illegal dumping in an appropriate cost-effective manner. As this request extends beyond the curbside collection process and includes the Community Recycling Centres (CRCs), approved Commercial curbside collection properties, and multi-residential properties, latitude must be given to marry CCLC’s proposed recommendations accordingly.

STATEMENT OF FACTS (AS WE KNOW THEM TO BE):

A. That the CCLC has been requested to review the current curbside collection delivery model and proposed curbside collection options, otherwise known as “Projects,” and offer a recommendation to the Public Works Committee.

B. That the CCLC stay within the Clean City Mandate in bringing forth any recommendations.

C. That the current curbside delivery model has been recognized throughout North America as demonstrated by being the recipient of multiple awards from the Solid Waste Association of North America, which recognizes communities and waste management corporations who enact practices aimed at minimizing environmental impacts.

D. That any changes to curbside collection have both positive and negative effects, including higher diversion rates (positive) and higher incidences of illegal dumping (negative). While these responses can be temporary in nature, the negative aspects can add cost and an adverse wellness of the community overall.

E. That each of the proposed curbside collection Projects provide a cost savings benefit to the residents of the City of Hamilton.

F. That each of the proposed curbside collection Projects offer limited increased diversion benefits.

G. That each of the proposed curbside collection Projects include options for enhancements in response to residential concerns (eg. Increased leaf and yard waste collection, increased availability of bulk collection, and larger blue bins and/or bins with lids).

H. That each of the proposed curbside collection Projects include options for enhancements which may provide some relief to illegal dumping and unsightly litter (this is implied, but not identified explicitly within the Projects), such as increased availability of bulk collection, & larger blue bins and/or bins with lids.
I. That each of the proposed curbside collection Projects do not directly address other avenues such as enforcement or CRC fees and use.

J. That each of the proposed curbside collection Projects do not include any provisions for increasing diversion in approved commercial properties and multi-residential properties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Therefore, based on the aforementioned information, the CCLC proposes the following recommendations:

- That the new collection project chosen include the enhancement of larger blue bins, and/or bins with lids to minimize litter from escaped waste.

- That the new collection project chosen be used in its entirety for the duration of the contract (7-years) to provide stability for residents.

- That the PW Committee charge the CCLC with the responsibility of engaging resident stakeholders and commercial stakeholders in a review of CRC fees, voucher, or other avenues aimed at encouraging proper waste disposal and discouraging illegal dumping.

- That the CCLC provide advice and recommendations to staff and Council in developing and implementing programs which identify the causes and create measures to minimize illegal dumping, including the commencement of ‘pilot programs’ (eg. The use of social marketing).

- That the PW Committee direct staff to review the City’s public space waste management initiatives and work with the CCLC to explore more opportunities for waste diversion in public spaces and at special events.

CLOSING

In closing, once again the CCLC appreciates the opportunity to present to the Public Works Committee today and look forward to your feedback and any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rodrigues
Chair, Clean City Liaison Committee