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Message:

Re: Changes to garbage collection

In view of the fact that the city is looking at making some wholesale changes to the collection system I would like to raise a few comments and concerns.

1. We live in an townhouse community that requires us to keep our bins in the garage. When we only had garbage bins we were able to downsize to a smaller bin that still, with only two of us, has only a small bag or two of garbage in it per week. Not nearly close to full at any time. We would love a smaller bin but apparently the city hasn't had these.
2. When the city introduced the recycling bins we were pressed for space in our garage, with two vehicles as well, and I inquired about a smaller bin (we recycle religiously and still only put our bin out about once per month, despite paying the same as others who put their bins out every pickup.). We were told a smaller bin was not available.
3. Now a third bin is being proposed for compostables. This will require more storage space in our garage that we simply don't have. This is all aside from the fact that all the garbage/recycling/compost bins around the city neighbourhoods are, in my opinion, becoming a major eyesore. It seems there should be a requirement to remove bins to backyards, or out of sight somehow, between pickups.
4. My wife and I are fortunate to go south for a good part of the winters. We obviously have no pickups of any type during these months, and we still pay the same as everyone else in the city.

I don't know if it's possible but are there any provisions for bar codes and weighing systems that would enable the city to bill residents based on the weight of trash/recyclables/compost that they produce. If the goal is ultimately to reduce, then the only way to motivate residents is through some type of user pay system that takes the amounts of these items that we each produce, into account.

If we're going to make major changes to our system, let's carefully consider all the ramifications and explore all fair options.

Thank you,
Glenn Stephenson

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