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LISTEN: Raccoon-proof green bins & expanded blue bins on this week's city agenda

Starting June 1, you will be able to recycle paper towel, milk bags, dry cleaning bags and other items

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Raccoon-proof green bins, expanded blue bins and slower speed limits will be on this week's agenda at the public works committee in Toronto.

NEW GREEN BINS

Councillors will vote on awarding a 10-year contract for the manufacturing, distribution and maintenance for the next generation green bin, which is worth just over \$31-million.

The new green bins will be bigger and rodent-resistant with a new locking lid.

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New Bin



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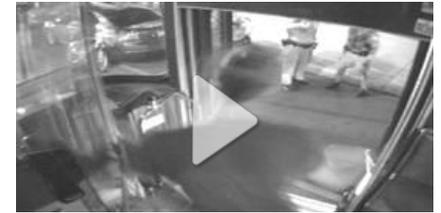
LISTEN: Brad Cates with Cates Wildlife Control joins Moore in the Morning to talk about his experience with raccoons and whether he thinks the new bins will be able to keep them out.

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BLUE BINS

Starting June 1st, you will be able to recycle more items in your blue bin.

The public works committee will look at a staff report this week on an expanded Blue Bin Recycling Program.

Staff say that you will be able to recycle things like:

- milk bags
- dry cleaning bags
- over-wrap from toilet paper
- napkins
- paper towels
- water and soft drink packaging
- transparent recycling bags
- fresh or frozen produce bags
- diaper and feminine hygiene outer bags
- newspaper/flyer bags
- bulk food bags
- sandwich bags (e.g. re-sealable type bags)
- select types of bread bags

The staff report says the expanded program will divert about 3,5000 additional tonnes from landfill and increase the amount of Blue Bin diversion by 2 per cent.

Staff say the additional revenues from the sale of the materials, reduced landfill costs will offset the additional operating costs, and result in an annual net savings of approximately \$8,527 per year.

The public works committee will also debate the future of the city's green bins.

The councillors will vote on awarding a 10-year contract for the manufacturing, distribution and bin maintenance for the next generation green bin, which is worth just over \$31-million.

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SLOWER SPEED LIMITS

On the speed limits, there has been a lot of public pressure on councillors to lower neighbourhood speed limits to 30 kilometres an hour.

City staff have come up with a set of criteria which would have to be met to lower the limit to 30.

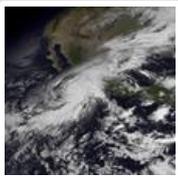
One rule would be the roadway must not handle more than 8,000 vehicles a day. It would also depend on the width of the road and the width of the sidewalks on that road but you get the idea, the big streets won't be touched because motorists on main streets would simply ignore the lower limit.

Overall the staff report concludes: "The benefits of slower local traffic far outweigh any perceived inconvenience to motorists. Reduced speeds, and more importantly, compliance with those reduced speed limits, is essential to reducing the severity of collisions and injuries, and possibly the number of potential fatalities. Slower speeds also mean that motorists will have better visibility of the road and therefore a greater opportunity to react in time to brake and stop in shorter distances, avoiding potential injury to themselves and vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists."

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RACCOONS -

Proof these city bureaucrats and many councillors are incompetent. Toronto has a major problem with raccoons (one of the worst of any major city) yet the city does nothing to curb the problem, only exacerbate it.

Their bandaid solution with new bins is probably untested and another waste of taxpayers dollars.

It would be too much to expect to really deal with the problem. City doesn't allow them to be moved more than 1 km away. Any moron knows that distance isn't enough to keep them from coming back. 5km is minimum. What these idiots need is an elementary education regarding animals, predators/prey, etc.

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