STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 387
Councillor Gerbasi made reference to a report containing information on user pay garage and asked if the report could be released to which Councillor Eadie replied that he had not seen such a report and did not know if such actually existed.

Councillor Swandel cited the ongoing garbage pick up problems in the south end of the City and questioned if the Chairperson had any information to provide.

Councillor Eadie noted that because of spring clean-up, there were larger than normal volumes of material for pickup which had put the refuse collection process behind schedule. He stated that staff had worked through the weekend and to the best of his knowledge, the work was now completed and the process was back on schedule.

Councillor Swandel asked if the administration could be requested to provide the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works with a brief report outlining exactly what happened and what could be done to address the problem in the future, to which Councillor Eadie replied in the affirmative.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy made reference to a constituent who discovered that while City by-laws required him to maintain the boulevard in front of his home, he was not allowed to prune the trees on the city boulevard, nor was he allowed to hire qualified landscaping experts to do the pruning. Councillor O'Shaughnessy questioned why people were responsible for maintaining their own boulevard, but were not able to work on boulevard trees or even have experts do the pruning. He suggested the idea of allowing people to hire approved personnel to prune the trees to which Councillor Eadie advised he would take the question under advisement.