

## **UPDATE– NEW GARBAGE BINS**

Since our last bulletin we have undertaken three initiatives to rally support for changes to be made to this new situation. These are:

1. An in-depth explanation of our issues with the new bins with a request for assistance in having the program reviewed. This was sent to the following persons:
  - a. Senior Government: Premier Ford, MPP Andrea Khanjin, MP John Brassard. To date – two no replies and one useless acknowledgement.
  - b. Local Government. Mayor Dollin, Deputy Mayor Davidson. More below on this.
  - c. Various Simcoe County senior officials.
  
2. An e-mail “blitz” by residents to Simcoe County officials. The intent was to try to get someone to take our issues seriously; previously efforts by the Association, Parkbridge and individual residents were, quite frankly, being ignored. As you will see from what follows it does appear to have had the desired effect. Our thanks to those of you who took the time to do this.
  
3. A personal approach by Association President John Bicknell to, in their dual roles, Lynn Dollin [Innisfil Mayor/Simcoe County Deputy Warden] and Dan Davidson [Innisfil Deputy Mayor/Simcoe County Councillor]. John requested that they, and any others they felt appropriate, meet him here in Sandycove to see for themselves examples of the issues with both handling and storing these new bins. This was agreed to and arranged for August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to the meeting John toured most of our streets to identify about a dozen homes that would clearly illustrate both the handling and storage problems. On the day the following attended:

Mayor Dollin, Deputy Mayor Davidson, Innisfil Councillor Kenneth Fowler, Simcoe County Waste Management Official John Williams, Sandycove Property Manager Stephen Parsons.

The identified homes were visited over a time period of about 90 minutes. Each location was discussed and pictures were taken. It quickly became apparent, including the minority defending the new bins, that there was recognition that there is indeed a problem.

Discussion followed as to solutions and a number of ideas were put forward. John raised the point that an exemption has been given to a New Tecumseth community [not Tiny Township as incorrectly reported in local media] and asked why Sandycove, with its distinct demographics and physical location could not be afforded the same relief. It must be said that no really satisfactory answer was forthcoming; this probably due to the fact that those present included votes for and against the exemption. From things that were said it does seem that there would be a problem with truck availability of the type needed to keep the current service.

However, all agreed that the matter needed further discussion and that some changes must be investigated to, at minimum, make things easier for all of us. We were given an undertaking that this would be done. Obviously, we will inform everyone when there is news.

As a side note to this issue: It is self-evident that the storage aspect of these bins may present a "community standards" problem for many of our lots. The Association is already in discussion with Parkbridge as to how this will play out. Of course, there can be no final answer on this until we know what may be forthcoming from Simcoe County, but we will say that Management are well aware that some accommodations may need to be made in this respect.

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