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## Night Economy Champion Councillor Paul Ainslie Advocates for An Improved Waste Collection Schedule

**Toronto, April 10, 2025** – The Infrastructure and Environment Committee unanimously adopted Councillor Paul Ainslie's and Deputy-Mayor Ausma Malik's request to better support the restaurant industry in western Toronto by moving waste collection away from busy Thursday evenings. City Council will make the final recommendation at the April 23 meeting. [2025.IE20.11 Agenda Item Detail](#)

Local Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), including the Ossington BIA, the Queen West BIA and the College Promenade BIA., support of the recommendations. Some wrote letters stating, "It would be advantageous to consider a change to a non-peak night for the necessary garbage collection service."

"As Toronto's Night Economy Champion, I am committed to fostering a vibrant and inclusive night economy that benefits residents and businesses. Improving the waste collection schedule to off-peak evenings will significantly enhance the dining and nightlife experience in our west-end neighborhoods, ensuring cleaner streets during peak business hours," stated Councillor Ainslie. "These neighbourhoods have a high concentration of curblane CaféTOs and patios which play a crucial role in the city's tourism, nightlife and economic vitality."

As the City of Toronto's Night Economy Champion, Councillor Ainslie's dedication extends across the city, as he continually champions initiatives which enhance Toronto's overall night economy.

The City of Toronto will host its second annual "Night Economy Town Hall" on April 30. Whether you are a small business owner, artist, gig worker, or night enthusiast, this event is your opportunity to help shape Toronto's nightlife. Attendees will hear from others who are enthusiastic about Toronto's nightlife, sharing ideas on building a nighttime economy which reflects the energy and creativity of our communities. The town hall will be held at Massey Hall, with options for both [in-person](#) and [virtual participation](#).

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