

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: EXPANDED CONTAINER DEPOSIT LEGISLATION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council reaffirm its support for implementation of solid waste regulation amendments to include expansion of container deposit systems;
2. **THAT** copies of this report be forwarded to the Minister of Environment, Lands & Parks; Burnaby-Willingdon MLA Joan Sawicki; and the GVRD Solid Waste Committee.

REPORT

The Environment and Waste Management Committee, at its meeting held on 1997 January 14, adopted the attached report supporting expanded container deposit legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D.P. Drummond

Councillor D. Johnston
Member

Councillor D. Lawson
Member

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TO: CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 1997 01 07

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 65-05-01

SUBJECT: EXPANDED CONTAINER DEPOSIT LEGISLATION

PURPOSE: To provide the Environment & Waste Management Committee information for a response on expanded container deposit legislation.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Environment & Waste Management Committee recommend to Council that:
 - a) Council reaffirm its support for implementation of solid waste regulation amendments to include expansion of container deposit systems;
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REPORT

At its regular meetings of 1996 December 9 and 1997 January 6, Council received correspondence from the Recycling Council of British Columbia and the Corporation of Delta respectively regarding expanded deposits on containers.

The issues of expanded deposit systems, product stewardship, and "user pay" formulas have long been a topic of discussion in B.C. Comprehensive programs, already in place in one form or another in 6 Canadian provinces, aim to take container recycling out of municipal blue box systems. Consumers pay deposits and then take containers of all kinds - including wine, hard liquor, beverages, paints, and solvents - back for refunds at designated depots or points of retail.

B.C.'s limited beer and pop deposit program, under which only certain brands of beverages are taken back to retailers, was landmark legislation in North America when it came into effect over 25 years ago. Since the early 1990's the debate has continued on how to best achieve waste reduction incorporating "responsibility" in management the waste.


The GVRD Solid Waste Management Plan, adopted in 1995 and approved by the Minister of Environment, calls for implementation strategies at local and regional levels and also recommends initiatives to senior governments.

The Solid Waste Management Plan includes the following initiative:

"The Province and the Federal Government should implement manufacturers' responsibility programs for all packaging and short-life products not included in the beverage container deposit/refund system. Manufacturers' responsibility should be phased in for durable products as a second priority.

The Province and Federal Government should also ensure that the responsibility for markets for recyclable and compostable materials is included within manufacturer responsibility programs. All benefits derived from this program should remain dedicated solely to waste management programs. Contribution from manufacturers should be maximized and should extend to all sectors. Manufacturers' responsibility programs regarding Household Hazardous Products should also be implemented as quickly as possible."

The Province currently is in the process of developing a program to address the container deposits issue. It would be appropriate for Burnaby to reaffirm its support for development of any manufacturers' responsibility program and expanded deposit legislation in accordance with the strategies to meet the needs of the Solid Waste Management Plan mandated by the Provincial Government.


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cc: City Manager

