

CITY OF BURNABY
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

**RE: THE STATE OF THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING
PROGRAM IN BURNABY**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.

R E P O R T

The Environment Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2003 February 11, received and adopted the *attached* report providing an overview of the City's integrated waste management and waste reduction program. The Committee advised that the single family residential waste disposal tonnage has declined 42% during the period from 1989 (pre-curb-side recycling) to 2002.

The Committee noted that a pilot multi-family yard waste collection project was initiated in 2002. In 2003, a more efficient customer service program will be put in place.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Member

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- DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

TO: CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2003 02 03

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 65-05-01

SUBJECT: **THE STATE OF THE SOLID WASTE AND
RECYCLING PROGRAM IN BURNABY**

PURPOSE: To provide the Committee and Council with an annual report on the City's 2002 integrated waste management and waste reduction program.

RECOMMENDATION:

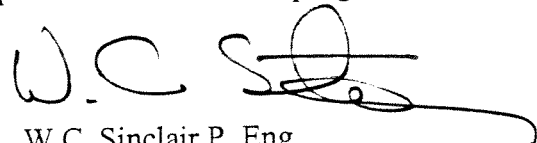
1. **THAT** the Committee forward this report and the annual report to Council for information.

R E P O R T

In early 1990, the City developed the first phase of an integrated waste management plan with the goal to reduce waste and to protect the environment and its natural resources. After 12 years of plan development, program implementation and community participation, the City's waste management program has evolved to become one of the most comprehensive and integrated waste management models in the region.

The City's Solid Waste and Recycling Division of the Engineering Department is responsible for planning, implementing and operating the solid waste collection and disposal, recycling collection and composting programs, street sweeping, litter pickup and waste reduction related community outreach services. In 2002, despite a slight reduction in the overall recycling volumes that may partially be attributed to a four week newspaper strike in the Summer, the City continues to experience the positive changes in public attitude towards waste reduction as a part of the sustainable community living goal. Overall, the single family residential waste disposal tonnage has reduced by 42% during the period from 1989 (pre-curb-side recycling) to 2002. A pilot multi-family yard waste collection project was also initiated in 2002 and will continue into 2003 to provide greater opportunity for all residents in Burnaby to participate in the waste reduction initiative. In 2003, a more efficient customer service program will be put in place to improve customer service delivery.

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The attached report summaries the services provided under the program and the key accomplishments made in 2002.



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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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Attachment

* PROVIDED TO COUNCIL
UNDER SEPARATE COVER

cc: City Manager