

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

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

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2004 May 11, adopted the *attached* report regarding the 2003 annual report on the City's integrated solid waste and recycling program.

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 COMMITTEE

DATE: 2004 05 03

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 36600-01

SUBJECT: THE STATE OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING MANAGEMENT IN
BURNABY

PURPOSE: To provide the Committee and Council with the 2003 annual report on the City's integrated solid waste and recycling program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Environment Committee receive the 2003 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report and forward the report to Council for information.

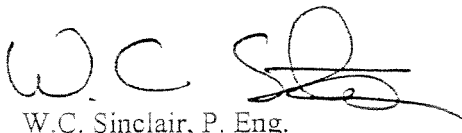
REPORT

In early 1990, the City initiated a comprehensive solid waste and recycling strategy with the goal to reduce waste and to protect the environment and its natural resources. After 13 years of plan development and implementation, Burnaby's solid waste and recycling program has evolved to become one of the most comprehensive and best service models in the Greater Vancouver region.

In 2003, approximately 38,000 single/two family households, 24,000 multi-family units and 500 school/civic facility/commercial properties were served by the City's waste and recycling collection workforce. In addition to the curbside collection service, the City's Recycling Complex on Still Creek Avenue that includes the Recycling Depot, Yard Waste Depot, Compost Demonstration Garden and the Education Centre was well used by the public. In 2003, the City continued to experience the positive changes in public attitude towards waste reduction with strong participation by residents and businesses in the City's waste reduction programs. The single family residential waste disposal tonnage has reduced by 42% during the period from 1989 (pre-curbside recycling) to 2003 despite continuous population growth. Expansion of yard waste collection to the multi-family sector has been well received and will continue to grow in 2004. In 2003, a transfer operation was established at the Still Creek Works Yard site to facilitate mass hauling and transfer of the collected curbside recyclable materials and yard waste to improve the City's operational efficiency and to reduce operating costs.

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The attached 2003 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report summarizes the services provided under the City program and is submitted for the information of the Committee and Council.

* Provided under separate cover


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Attachment

cc: City Manager