

CITY OF BURNABY
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

**RE: 2004 ANNUAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING REPORT – A YEAR IN
REVIEW**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive the 2004 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report for information.

R E P O R T

The Environment Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2005 April 12, received and adopted the *attached* report summarizing the key achievements in 2004 under the City's integrated solid waste management program. Approximately 38,000 single / two family households, 24,300 multi-family units and over 500 commercial / industrial / civic facilities were served by the City's waste and recycling collection workforce on a weekly basis. In addition to the weekly curbside collection service, the City's Environmental Centre of Excellence for Waste Reduction that comprises the Recycling Depot, Yard Waste Depot, Compost Demonstration Garden, Education Centre and the Transfer Depot continued to provide an excellent service to the general public, business operators and City forces.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Member

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TO: CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2005 April 01

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 36600-01

SUBJECT: 2004 ANNUAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING REPORT –
A YEAR IN REVIEW

PURPOSE: To provide the Committee and Council with the 2004 annual report on the City's integrated solid waste and recycling program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Environment Committee receive the 2004 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report and forward the report to Council for information.

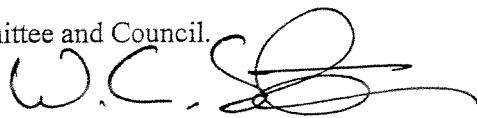
REPORT

As population and development continue to grow within the Greater Vancouver region, waste disposal, water quality and greenhouse gas emissions are just a few of the environmental challenges requiring resolution. The City of Burnaby is committed to creating a sustainable community and one of the means to protecting the environment is through better waste management and recycling practices.

The 2004 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report, provided under separate cover, summarizes the key achievements in 2004 under the City's integrated solid waste management program. In 2004, approximately 38,000 single / two family households, 24,300 multi-family units and over 500 commercial / industrial / civic facilities were served by the City's waste and recycling collection workforce on a weekly basis. In addition to the weekly curbside collection service, the City's Environmental Centre of Excellence for Waste Reduction that comprises the Recycling Depot, Yard Waste Depot, Compost Demonstration Garden, Education Centre and the Transfer Depot continued to provide an excellent service to the general public, business operators and City forces. The Transfer Depot was added to the Centre in mid 2003 and since has demonstrated significant improvement to the City's operational efficiency, fuel consumption, operating costs and vehicle emissions.

In 2004, the City continued to enjoy positive changes in the composting and recycling streams. The Blue Box program, Yard Waste Composting program and the Recycling Depot recorded their best year since program inception. However, it is recognized that further improvement can be made to achieve an even greater participation and waste diversion in future years. The City is committed to delivering an excellent waste and recycling management service to its citizens and the business community. New initiatives will continue to be developed to shape the future of the integrated solid waste management strategy for improved customer service and workers' wellness that is built on the foundation of the environmental goal.

This report is submitted for the information of the Committee and Council.



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