

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: USE OF BIO FUELS IN BC

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council endorse the resolution put forward by the District of Maple Ridge requesting that the provincial government prohibit the use of bio fuel products made from food grain.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the District of Maple Ridge, and the UBCM for information.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2008 May 13, received and endorsed the *attached* resolution submitted by the District of Maple Ridge to the UBCM requesting that the provincial government prohibit the use of bio fuels made from food grains.

For the information of Council, the Committee noted that Burnaby's garbage and recycling collection vehicles are powered by biodiesel fuel. Subject to the availability of biofuel supply, its use will be extended to the entire Engineering heavy vehicle fleet by this summer.

The Committee concluded by clarifying that biodiesel is a non-toxic and biodegradable fuel that is made from vegetable oils, waste cooking oil, or animal fats. Compared with conventional diesel, biodiesel combusts better and produces fewer greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) which contribute to climate change.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

Councillor L. Rankin
Member

Copied to: City Manager Director Planning & Building Director Engineering Director Finance Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors
From: Environment Committee
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Deep Roots
Greater Heights

April 23, 2008

File No: 5280-01

To All LMLGA Members

Dear Mayor & Councillors:

Re: Use of Bio Fuels In British Columbia

The following resolution was adopted at an open meeting of Council on April 14, 2008 and forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for submission to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Conference:

WHEREAS the provincial government has recently tabled legislation requiring that a percentage of all fuel in British Columbia be "bio fuel";

AND WHEREAS many bio fuel products are derived from food crops;

AND WHEREAS the increased use of food crops as bio fuel has led to the increased price of essential grains to the detriment of the food supplies of the citizens of the world's poorest nations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government prohibit in British Columbia the use of bio fuels made from food grains in consideration of the poorest people on our planet.

At an open meeting of Council on April 21, 2008, it was further recommended that the abovementioned resolution be forwarded to all LMLGA Member Municipalities.

Yours truly,

Ron Riach
Acting Manager, Legislative Services

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CITY MANAGER
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