
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: REGIONAL ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2009 April 14, received and adopted the *attached* report providing information regarding public consultations on the regional Zero Waste Challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Vice Chair

Councillor A. Kang
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2009 April 06

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: REGIONAL ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

PURPOSE: To inform the Committee and Council regarding upcoming public consultations on the regional Zero Waste Challenge.

RECOMMENDATION:

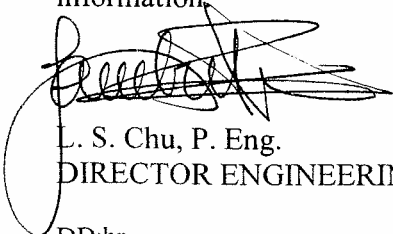
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REPORT

Metro Vancouver is presently hosting meetings for the public and Councils to provide information and receive comments on Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge: Goals, Strategies and Actions. The purpose of the consultation is to gain feed back on waste diversion target beyond 50% currently being diverted. Subsequent consultations will be undertaken by Metro Vancouver in 2009 May and June on management of residual waste which cannot be recycled. The results of these phases of consultation will be integrated into Metro Vancouver's new draft Solid Waste Management Plan which will be presented for a final round of consultation in the fall of 2009.

The first of ten meetings held across the region took place on 2009 April 01 in Coquitlam. Staff attended the public meeting on 2009 April 01 and noted that the attendance was limited. In addition, while 38% of attendees supported diversion rate of 80% it was observed that others supported a wide range of diversion rates ranging from 50% to 100%. Costs for diversion rates were not provided at the time of soliciting feedback at the meeting. For the Committee and Council's information, Metro Vancouver requested staff of local governments to provide municipal cost implications for diversion of 70% of waste. Based on information provided, staff estimate that it would require additional annual operating funding of \$300,000 for Burnaby which includes 3 new FTE positions to achieve 70% diversion rate. The additional positions are related to public education, monitoring, enforcement and outreach programs to support the enhanced waste reduction goal.

It is staff's intent to report back to the Committee and Council once the new draft Solid Waste Management Plan is prepared by Metro Vancouver in fall of 2009. This is provided for Council's information.



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