

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: PACKAGING AND PRINTED PAPER EXTENDED PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council adopt the Resolution to amend the B.C. Recycling Regulation to require that should local governments choose to provide recycling collection services to stewardship organizations that local governments be compensated for those services.
2. THAT the Resolution be forwarded to the B.C. Minister of Environment.
3. THAT a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Metro Vancouver and all Lower Mainland municipalities.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2012 September 11, received and adopted the *attached* report providing wording for a Resolution to amend the B.C. Recycling Regulation regarding packaging and printed paper extended producer responsibility program.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor A. Kang
Vice Chair

Councillor N. Volkow
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2012 September 05

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 36600 01

**SUBJECT: PACKAGING AND PRINTED PAPER EXTENDED PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY (EPR) PROGRAM**

PURPOSE: To provide the Committee and Council with the wording for a Resolution to amend the B.C. Recycling Regulation regarding packaging and printed paper extended producer responsibility program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Committee recommend Council to adopt the Resolution to amend the B.C. Recycling Regulation to require that should local governments choose to provide recycling collection services to stewardship organizations that local governments be compensated for those services.
2. **THAT** the Resolution be forwarded to the B.C Minister of Environment.
3. **THAT** a copy of this Resolution be circulated to Metro Vancouver and all Lower Mainland municipalities.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Appearing elsewhere on the Environment Committee Agenda is correspondence from City of Vancouver, City of Port Moody, City of Port Coquitlam and City of Coquitlam advising Council of the resolutions their communities have adopted requiring amendment of the B.C. Recycling Regulation.

The resolutions are similar in nature with respect to the compensation sought from the producer for services rendered with the exception of City of Port Moody which is also seeking for the producers to assist the municipalities and the Greater Vancouver Regional Utilities at the wholesale/processing level to facilitate local processing to maximize the value of the commodity and to minimize the collection costs.

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From: *Acting Director Engineering*
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The following report provides the Committee and Council, for its consideration, wording for a Resolution to amend the B.C. Recycling Regulation regarding packaging and printed paper extended producer responsibility program.

2.0 MUNICIPAL RECYCLING SERVICES

The municipal curbside recycling program in Metro Vancouver is the most established and successful program to divert waste. The City's comprehensive waste diversion program includes: the residential blue box program; collection of recyclables from multi-family and industrial, commercial and institutional customers; collection of recyclables at the Still Creek Depot; and the recent addition of three stream recycling receptacles to curb litter in public spaces.

With the adoption of the regional Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan, the region and its member municipalities are now striving to further increase the diversion rate from the average of 55% to a minimum of 70% by 2015, with the focus of diverting waste from multi-family and industrial, commercial and institutional sectors.

The Province, in 2011, amended the B.C. Recycling Regulation to include extended producer responsibility for packaging and printed paper. The regulation requires submission of a packaging and printed paper stewardship plan by 2012 November 19 and implementation of the Plan by 2014 May 19. The Regulation leaves it up to the stewardship groups to establish a service delivery model which includes how the packaging and printed material is to be collected from the residential sector.

As such, unlike other EPR programs, the packaging and printed paper program could impact municipalities. The municipalities are most knowledgeable about recycling in their communities, have invested significantly both in hard and soft costs to divert waste, and benefit from revenue recovery of higher valued commodities in the recycling stream.

If the local governments choose to provide the recycling services (which include the packaging and printed paper) to stewardship organizations that local governments be compensated for those services.

3.0 RESOLUTION

The wording for resolution to amend the B.C. Recycling Regulation regarding packaging and printed paper extended producer responsibility program follows. It draws the Committee's and Council's attention that should the local governments choose to provide the recycling (which includes packaging and printed paper) collection services for stewardship organizations, that the local governments be compensated for the capital and operating costs.


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- “Whereas in Metro Vancouver, the municipal curbside recycling is the most established and successful in diverting waste; and
- Whereas public policy priorities to divert waste should focus on waste diversion from multi-family dwellings and industrial, commercial and institutional sectors; and
- Whereas the Province has amended the Recycling Regulation to include extended producer responsibility for paper and packaging by 2014; and
- Whereas municipalities have the most knowledge about the recycling system in their communities; and
- Whereas the municipalities have invested significantly both in hard and soft costs to divert waste, and benefit from revenue recovery of higher valued commodities in the recycling stream; and
- Whereas the new stewardship program does not require municipal recycling collection pick up from the residential sector;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City request the Province to amend the B.C. Recycling Regulation to require that should local governments choose to provide recycling collection services to stewardship organizations that local governments by compensated for those services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to Metro Vancouver and all Lower Mainland municipalities.”

The resolution is provided for the Committee and Council’s consideration.


for Barry Davis, P.Eng
Acting Director Engineering

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