

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

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Minutes of the Council Workshop for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013 in the Committee Room of the District Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, British Columbia.

**Present:** Mayor R. Walton  
Councillor R. Bassam  
Councillor R. Hicks  
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn  
Councillor L. Muri  
Councillor A. Nixon

**Absent:** Councillor M. Little

**Staff:** Mr. D. Stuart, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. G. Joyce, General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities  
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
M. L. Jensen, Manager – Engineering Operations  
Mr. B. Meslo, Section Manager – Solid Waste  
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk  
Mr. T. Calder, Sanitation

**1. Opening by the Mayor**

Mayor Walton welcomed staff and the public to the meeting and acknowledged the good work of the Sanitation Department.

**2. Single Family Waste Collection and Recycling**

File No.

Presentation: Len Jensen, Manager – Engineering Operations

Mr. Len Jensen, Manager – Engineering Operations, provided a review of the results from the curbside waste diversion program survey, noting that most residents surveyed indicated they are satisfied with the current level of service and would prefer one can per week pick up verses bi-weekly pick up. He further noted that crew feedback supports stable collection days, 77 litre cans for garbage, and 240 or 360 litre carts for organics and yard trimmings.

Mr. Jensen advised that the proposals for changes to the garbage schedule are:

1. Hold off on recycling changes until issues with the extended producer responsibility program for packaging and printed paper are resolved;
2. Stay with the semi-automated garbage and organics collection;
3. Improve service by moving to set day of the week collection schedule (Push-a-Day); and,
4. Retain the current tag system for extra garbage.

The proposal for organics is to:

- Continue weekly pick up;
- Provide each resident with a locking 240 litre cart,
- Residents may choose to opt for a 140 litre cart;

- Residents may use a 360 litre cart for additional yard trimmings;
- All organics must be in carts;
- Locking 240 litre cart must contain all kitchen waste; and,
- Maximum 2 carts for pick up.

The three options for consideration to improve the diversion rate are:

1. The equivalent of two 77 litre cans collected every two weeks;
2. One 77 litre can collected every week; or
3. The equivalent of three 77 litre cans collected every two weeks.

Mr. Rick Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning, reviewed the options for implementation and the financial impacts of these options. The three options include:

1. Push-a-Day which will increase the annual collection schedule by twelve days and \$54,000;
2. Bi-weekly collection which will remove one truck (\$27,000) and divert 20% of garbage to organics (\$65,000) saving \$336,000; or,
3. Providing new bear proof carts for each home which will have a debt service of \$563,000, or \$4.9 million over ten years, and cart maintenance (\$141,000).

Staff recommended that the current organics limits and collection frequency be maintained, that residents be provided with a wildlife resistant 240 litre cart for weekly organics and that residents be permitted to use existing 360 litre carts or purchase an additional 240 litre cart for yard trimmings. Staff recommended implementing a bi-weekly garbage collection schedule using the standard locking 240 litre cart with a reduced cost to residents who choose to downsize to the 140 litre cans.

#### Council Discussion:

Council discussion ensued regarding regulations for unlocking of cans; staff noted that an at-curb unlocking service could be offered at an additional fee for residents who meet specific criteria for not being able to comply with the time restrictions for putting waste at the curbside. Staff clarified that bins would be identified using a chip tagging system.

Staff supported retaining the existing tag system for residents who are over the limit.

Council discussed the “Push-a-Day” schedule options; it was noted that the schedule could be set for either four days a week or five days a week. Staff noted that implementation of this option will provide certainty for residents and stabilize the collection schedule throughout the year.

It was noted that suites do not pay extra for garbage service; the limit is the same for all homes in the District so suites with additional garbage must purchase tags.

Staff advised that they are considering purchasing carts with chip tags already inserted so as to be prepared for technology advances.

Council inquired what the direct benefits of the proposed changes are to the taxpayer; staff advised that the changes will provide basic services to the community in the most cost efficient method possible and as a societal program it will eliminate waste going to the land fill.

Mr. Tony Caldwell of the Sanitation Department presented options for household collections supporting the once per week collection with the push-a-day system. He supports using the large carts for organics and green waste and a 77 litre can for garbage. He noted that the curbside pickup of green waste has increased the rate of waste by moving people away from composting. Mr. Caldwell spoke in opposition to the bi-weekly pick up as it will increase the length of the working day.

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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Confidential Council Clerk