

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of the Council for the District of North Vancouver held at 7:08 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 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. B. Bydwell, Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. S. Ono, Acting General Manager – Engineering, Parks & Facilities  
Mr. R. Danyluk, Manager – Financial Planning  
Mr. J. Gordon, Manager – Administrative Services  
Mr. L. Jensen, Manager – Engineering Operations  
Mr. A. Lynch, Section Manager – Waste Reduction  
Ms. K. O'Malley, Assistant Manager – Waste Reduction  
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk  
Ms. J. Meilleur, Communication, Marketing & Program Coordinator

**Also in**

**Attendance:** Ms. Carol Mason, CAO, Metro Vancouver  
Mr. Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver

Mayor Walton and Council acknowledged Mr. Al Lynch, Section Manager – Waste Reduction, who will be retiring on June 28, 2013 after 23 years with the District.

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**1.1. June 17, 2013 Committee of the Whole Agenda**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT the agenda for the June 17, 2013 Committee of the Whole be adopted as circulated, including the addition of any items listed in the agenda addendum.

**CARRIED**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1. May 13, 2013 Committee of the Whole**

**MOVED by Councillor BASSAM**

**SECONDED by Councillor MURI**

THAT the minutes of the May 13, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**3. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OR STAFF**

**3.1. Metro Vancouver Waste Flow Management**

File No. 01.0470.35/000.000

Presentation: Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver

Mr. Paul Henderson, General Manager, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver, spoke regarding the budget, revenue and actual expenditures for the Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Function between 2007 and 2013. Mr. Henderson spoke regarding the tipping fees, noting that Metro Vancouver will be maintaining their fees at their current rate of \$107 per tonne despite an operating surplus. Surplus funds stay within the solid waste function and are used to reduce debt; Metro Vancouver is working on creating a long-term financing function which will address capital costs. Mr. Henderson commented on the trend for commercial haulers to take their garbage to transfer stations in Abbotsford; currently 95% of garbage is being delivered to regional transfer stations. If large quantities of waste are removed from the regional waste stream it will impact the economies of scale and local tax payers.

The Metro Vancouver Board passed a solid waste plan which sets out goals to increase diversion rates and improve the waste to energy function; organics and wood will be banned from the system by 2015. Mr. Henderson advised that Metro Vancouver is investigating the viability of mixed waste material recovery facilities (MWMRF) and address potential lost opportunities if MWMRF are excluded. The next steps include considering feedback from the consultation and engagement process and considering new bylaw requirements.

Council urged Metro Vancouver to work with the commercial waste haulers to identify a non-legislated solution to the diversion of waste from regional transfer stations.

Mr. Henderson provided an update on the Waste to Energy Facility advising that the plan is to be at 80% diversion by 2020 and to manage the vast majority of waste through waste to energy systems. Metro Vancouver is currently identifying technology and will be launching the site location identification process in the near future; it is anticipated that a new facility will be in place by 2018.

Members of the public commented on the Metro Vancouver Waste Flow presentation:

- Proposed a two tier charging system for excess yardage for multi-family units to increase recycling rates; and,
- Expressed frustration from a user point of view that the rates increase despite increased recycling efforts of residents.

With the consent of Council, Mayor Walton varied the agenda as follows:

**3.3. Update on Multi-Material BC Stewardship Plan  
for Packaging & Printed Paper**

File No. 11.5370.01/000.000

Ms. Jennifer Meilleur, Communication, Marketing & Program Coordinator, gave an update on the printed packaging and paper (PPP) advising that the stewardship plan was updated in April 2013. This stewardship program is complicated as the additional materials to this program are all currently

collected in the District blue boxes. Staff advised that Mixed Material BC (MMBC) must be notified of the District's intent to participate by September 16, 2013. There is an offer of financial incentive to participate.

Staff advised that analysis required to ensure that the market clearing price will cover the actual costs of pick up the new material. Staff will return to Council in the fall following discussions with the other North Shore municipalities and a review of the risks and financial analysis associated with the options. Staff advised that the implementation of the new program can be included in an amendment of the current contract with the recycling service provider.

Staff advised that the District's clearing price is anticipated to be below the total cost of the service. Council requested staff to report back at the July council meeting.

**MOVED by Councillor BASSAM**

**SECONDED by Councillor NIXON**

THAT it be recommended to Council:

THAT the report dated June 6, 2013 from the Communications and Community Programs Coordinator, NSRP, on Multi-Material BC stewardship plan for packaging and printed material be received.

## **CARRIED**

### **3.2. Solid Waste Single Family Collection**

File No. 11.5400.01/000.000

Mr. Len Jensen, Manager – Engineering Operations, spoke regarding single family solid waste collection highlighting the following:

- The single family target of curbside waste diversion rate is 65% by 2015;
- Concerns raised by residents include levels of service and costs;
- The move to wheeled carts for organics and yard trimmings will address weight issues of collection crews and residents; and,
- The cost of the carts will be phased in over a ten year period and staff will replace and maintain the carts.

In response to a query by Council, staff advised that they will report back on alternate options for residents who would like to retain their existing carts. Council discussion ensued and it was noted that staff will continue to work with North Shore Recycling to increase education and diversion rates.

Staff confirmed that the preference is for a 240 litre cart for garbage and a 360 litre cart for green waste and organics. Council proposed that a final decision be postponed until a decision is made regarding the Multi-Material BC Stewardship Plan for Packaging & Printed Paper.

Council discussed bi-weekly pick up options and service levels for core users.

**MOVED by Councillor BASSAM**

**SECONDED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN**

THAT it be recommended to Council:

THAT the status quo be maintained for six months and staff be requested to report back with a phased-use program that assesses the current availability of carts and the potential use of existing carts in any program going forward;

AND THAT staff report on the cost estimates of the program, the impact of organic recycling carts on wildlife, and the impact of the Multi-Material BC proposal on the solid waste and recycling model.

**CARRIED**

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Members of the public commented on the proposed changes to the solid waste single family collection system noting:

- Expressed a desire to continue with the use of kraft bags and the 77 litre garbage cans;
- Queried if the green cart levy will be removed at the end of 10 years; and,
- Commented on gravity locks for garbage containers, noting that bears will learn to open the garbage cans in time.

Staff noted that collection crews service 1000 houses per day and there has been an 8% shift in waste to the yard waste stream. Staff noted that the kraft bags have a 40 pound limit, which is frequently exceeded; the discontinuation of kraft bags and 77 litre carts will address health and safety issues for collection crews. Staff advised that solid waste revenues stay within the solid waste funding pool and are not diverted toward general revenue.

**5. RISE AND REPORT**

**MOVED by Councillor MURI**

**SECONDED by Councillor BASSAM**

THAT the June 17, 2013 Committee of the Whole rise and report.

**CARRIED**

(9:22 pm)

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk