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Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and Council
District of West Vancouver
750 - 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

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IN LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Council:

Re: Upcoming public meetings on Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge

Metro Vancouver will be hosting meetings for the public and for Mayors, Councils and staff, to provide information and invite comments on Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge, Goals, Strategies and Actions.

The Zero Waste Challenge is the second phase in the development of Metro Vancouver's new Draft Solid Waste Management Plan. Metro Vancouver is committed to achieving a sustainable future for the region, and a key element is the reduction and effective management of solid waste.

The purpose of this phase of consultation is to gain public input into the extent to which an array of initiatives to reduce, reuse and recycle waste should be implemented to successfully divert materials from disposal. The consultation will be based on the attached report, Zero Waste Challenge, Goals, Strategies and Actions. The goal is to establish a consensus around a diversion target that will set the context for later consultation phases.

This phase will be conducted in April of this year, followed by consultation in May and June on the management of the remaining waste that cannot be recycled. The results of these phases of consultation will be integrated into a new Draft Solid Waste Management Plan that will be presented for a final round of consultation in the fall of 2009.

Metro Vancouver encourages and welcomes participation from Mayors, Municipal Councils, staff and the broad public in our upcoming public meetings. We have planned eight meetings across the region during April. Four will be held during weekday afternoons for municipal elected officials and staff, and four will be held during weekday evenings for the public. A calendar of meeting times and locations is attached.

Metro Vancouver staff will also make arrangements to present the Zero Waste Challenge, Goals, Strategies and Actions to individual Councils if that is requested.

Written comments from your Council or staff are also welcome. The deadline for all comments is May 15th, 2009. Please submit your comments by mail, email or fax to:

Mail: Metro Vancouver
4330 Kingsway
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4G8
Attention: Sarah Howarth, Corporate Relations

Email: Sarah.Howarth@metrovancover.org

Fax: 604-432-6399

Metro Vancouver's website contains background documents and related Board reports that have been created during the development of the attached report, and downloadable copies of the report. As the consultation program progresses, we will continue to post information to the site. Please visit www.metrovancover.org and follow the Zero Waste Challenge link.

I look forward to your participation in creating a Solid Waste Management Plan that takes a significant step towards a sustainable region.

Yours truly,



Johnny Carline
Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer
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cc: Municipal Clerks

Attachments:

1. Zero Waste Challenge, Goals, Strategies and Actions (*eRIM 004902618*)
2. Calendar of Meeting Times and Locations (*eRIM 004906831*)

Calendar of Meeting Times and Locations
Public Meetings on Metro Vancouver's Zero Waste Challenge

Public Breakfast Sessions: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. (registration opens at 7:00 a.m.)

Date	Day	Sector	Venue
8-Apr	Wednesday	North Shore	North Vancouver Public Library Dr. G. Paul Singh Quiet Study Hall 120 West 14th Street, North Vancouver
9-Apr	Thursday	South	Sheraton Hotel Guildford Guildford C Room 15269 - 104th Avenue, Surrey

Mayor and Council Afternoon Sessions: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Date	Day	Sector	Venue
1-Apr	Wednesday	Central Northeast	Coquitlam Executive Plaza Inn Aspen/Birch Room 405 North Road, Coquitlam
16-Apr	Thursday	South	Compass Point Inn, Ballroom B & C 9850 King George Highway, Surrey
22-Apr	Wednesday	North Shore	Legion Hall 118, Banquet Hall 123 West 15th Street, North Vancouver
29-Apr	Wednesday	Vancouver	BCIT Downtown Campus, Conference Room 555 Seymour Street, Vancouver

Public Evening Sessions: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (registration opens at 6:30 p.m.)

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