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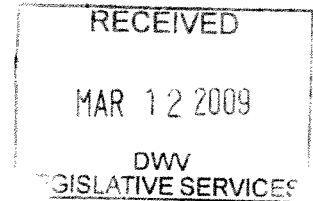
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Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and Council
District of West Vancouver
750 - 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3



Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Council,

Re: Upcoming public meetings on the proposed waste export amendment to Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan

Metro Vancouver will be holding public meetings to provide information and invite comments on the proposed waste export amendment to Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan between March 25 and April 1, 2009. For each meeting registration will be held from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and the meeting will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The meeting schedule is as follows:

| March 25, 2009 | March 26, 2009 | March 31, 2009 | April 1, 2009 |
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| Chilliwack | Abbotsford | Surrey/Delta/ New Westminster | Surrey/White Rock |
| Evergreen Hall 9291 Corbould St. | Abbotsford Banquet Centre 33738 Laurel St. | Compass Point Inn 9850 King George Hwy. | Pacific Inn and Conference Centre 1160 King George Hwy. |

The public meeting locations were chosen to provide convenient access to those municipalities and communities directly affected by the rail transfer location options and potential trucking and rail routes.

Metro Vancouver staff will introduce and explain the waste export amendment rationale and process. Following the presentation, participants will be invited to ask questions and provide input.

Metro Vancouver is seeking to amend its Solid Waste Management Plan to allow for the annual export of up to 600,000 tonnes of municipal solid waste to the United States for a period of up to five years, beginning in 2010.

The Cache Creek Landfill, one of three solid waste disposal facilities used by Metro Vancouver, is scheduled to close in 2010. Until Metro Vancouver establishes further waste management facilities, there is an immediate need for an interim disposal solution.

Metro Vancouver is assessing strategies provided by Rabanco Companies and Waste Management for waste export to disposal facilities in the United States.

Rabanco's proposal consists of shipping waste to the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in Washington via:

- Loaded shipping containers delivered by truck to Rabanco's Surrey facility located at 10610 Timberland Road, then transferred to rail, and transported south through Surrey, Delta and White Rock, into the United States.
- Loaded shipping containers transported along Highway 1, then south to the United States via Highway 11 in Abbotsford, and to Rabanco's facility in Sumas, Washington, where the containers will be transferred to rail.

Waste Management's (WM) proposal consists of shipping waste to the Greater Wenatchee Landfill in Washington, or the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Oregon via:

- Loaded shipping containers delivered via truck to WM's Annacis Island facility, located on the southwest side of the island, then transferred to rail, and transported through New Westminister, Surrey, Delta and White Rock, into the United States.
- Loaded shipping containers delivered by truck along Highway 1 and Lickman Road to WM's Chilliwack facility, located at 44555 South Sumas Road, then transferred to rail, passing south through Abbotsford, and into the United States.

Solid waste will be transported to facilities in sealed, hard-top steel shipping containers. There will be no open handling of waste at any of the facilities.

More information on the proposed amendment and the export strategies is available at Metro Vancouver's website www.metrovancouver.org (search "waste export").

Metro Vancouver is providing a comment period from March 1 to April 7, 2009 on the proposed amendment and export strategies. If you wish to submit comments please forward them to me by April 7, 2009 at the following address:

Mail: Director Marvin Hunt
Metro Vancouver
4330 Kingsway, Burnaby BC V5H 4G8

If you have any questions regarding the proposed strategies, please contact Fred Nenninger, Regional Utility Planning Division Manager, Metro Vancouver, at (604) 432-6478 or email Fred.Nenninger@metrovancouver.org.

Following consideration of the comments received, Metro Vancouver will forward its amendment application to the Ministry of the Environment for approval.

In a separate process, Metro Vancouver is updating its Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) and will continue to consult throughout the region on the future of solid waste management. Additional information on the SWMP is available on the Metro Vancouver web site at www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/planning.

Yours truly,



Marvin Hunt
Chair, Waste Management Committee
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Cc: Metro Vancouver Board of Directors

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