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**From:** ( )  
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**To:** MayorandCouncil  
**Subject:** Recycling - organic materials

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Dear Mayor and Council,

As a lifelong resident of West Vancouver, it is driving me crazy that Toronto, of all places, has the most innovative waste diversion program in North America.

I understand that the GVRD plays a key role in implementing a region wide program, but, enough is enough. It is well documented that through a effective composting system, the volume of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere can be reduced significantly.

Is not Vancouver consistently ranked the top place in the world in which to live. Therefore, a strong argument could be made that West Vancouver is the top community in all the world in which to live. It's clear that West Vancouver and the GVRD region, at large, have the most to lose by not taking action. And, yet, Toronto is ahead of us.

We still don't have a program of collection of compost material for residences, especially apartments. It really bugs me when I see how much of the garbage I throw in the dumpster is purely compostable material. Unfortunately, I live in an apartment and have no property to use for composting. Can there not be some system put in place?

Let's have West Van be the leader in pushing for a program to be implemented that out innovates those "centre of the Universe" Torontonians! All kidding aside though, this is a very serious matter, especially for our young. Please pressure Mayor Gregor Robertson to also take a lead on this.

Thanks for listening!

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