

## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2015 May 27

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE

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**SUBJECT: CITY GREEN TEAM FOOD RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

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At the Environment Committee meeting held on 2015 February 10, the Committee received a report regarding an update on 2014 activities and a 2015 workplan for the Burnaby Green Team. The City Green Team is comprised of authorized City staff charged with implementing the Sustainable Purchasing Guidelines and Initiatives, endorsed by Council at its meeting of 2008 October 27.

The recent report included information on food recovery activities undertaken by the Burnaby Green Team in partnership with the City's Food Services Division. As indicated in the report, this memorandum provides a further update to the Environment Committee on these activities.

The food recovery pilot is being completed through participation in the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society's 'Community Angels' Food Runners Program. The Program facilitates (through pick-up and delivery) the donation of nourishing food to local meal providing agencies – food that would otherwise go to waste. Due to higher food preparation and service levels, the food recovery pilot was expanded from Burnaby Mountain Clubhouse, as initially proposed, to include Riverway Clubhouse. A dry run was completed in 2015 February and, after subsequent process adjustments, initial pick-ups began in May.

Pilot findings indicate that, due to efficiencies introduced by the Food Services Division, less food than originally expected is left over and available for donation. However, during the busy late spring/summer service and event season (e.g. weddings, corporate events), donation amounts are expected to increase. The pilot will run until the end of 2015 and a full report on the outcomes will be forwarded to the Environment Committee at that time.



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