

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2016 April 04

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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SUBJECT: 2015 ANNUAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING REPORT - A YEAR
IN REVIEW

PURPOSE: To present the Committee and Council with the 2015 annual report on the City's integrated solid waste and recycling program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee receive the 2015 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report and forward it to Council for information.

REPORT

The City of Burnaby provides a comprehensive solid waste and recycling service to its residential, commercial and institutional customers. The service program offered by the City ranges from curbside service to central depot collection, and is considered as one of the most integrated solid waste and recycling management models in this region.

The City's solid waste and recycling collection workforce services approximately 35,000 single and two-family households, as well as multi-family complexes and commercial / institutional / civic facilities. In addition, thousands of person hours are devoted each year to keeping streets and public spaces clean through regular litter pick-up and bulky-item collection.

The 2015 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report (provided under separate cover) summarizes the key achievements in 2015 which include:

- Redesign of the Annual Curbside Collection schedule for ease of use and incorporation of seasonal information;
- Implementation of separation of glass containers/jars from mixed containers recycling stream for City-serviced multi-family complexes;
- Ongoing expansion of the food scraps program for multi-family complexes (150% increase in the number of multi-family buildings participating from 2014);
- Completion of implementation of Burnaby Public Schools Foods Scraps collection program;

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- Provision of a separate collection area for commercial recyclable materials from residential at the City's Eco-Centre;
- Inclusion of additional Solid Waste and Recycling Bylaw sections within the Bylaw Notification Bylaw;
- Continuation of education and outreach on contamination of residential recycling programs;
- Provision of five each of DreamRider Theatre education plays "Zero Heroes" (waste reduction, recycling and composting) and "Clean Up Your Act" (graffiti, vandalism and litter) plays to local elementary schools;
- Participation in the National Solid Waste Benchmarking Initiative; and
- Grand Opening of the Still Creek Works Yard.

In 2016, the focus will be placed on:

- Conducting a curbside collection audit and utilizing audit findings to target programs to reduce contamination rates and increase participation in the green bin program;
- Completion of the green waste collection program for multi-family complexes;
- Conducting a Pilot Project for the provision of bear resistant green bins to multi-family residents impacted by human-bear interactions;
- Exploring the provision of an additional seasonal leaf collection program;
- Reviewing the Solid Waste and Recycling Bylaw for amendments;
- Conducting outreach to private waste haulers for increased provision of recycling and green waste collection programs;
- Conducting outreach to large businesses for the establishment of Green Waste programs;
- Expanding the "I Recycle @ Work" Program to other civic facilities;
- Reviewing the City's Bulky Item and Collection Program and Abandoned Material service for improvement in service efficiency and enhanced education, monitoring and enforcement of abandoned materials; and
- Reviewing options for expanded public streetscape three compartment receptacles program in public spaces.

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In keeping with the position of reducing waste, only a limited number of hard copies of the 2015 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report will be printed. This report, as in previous years, will be available on the City website for viewing.

This is provided for Committee and Council's information.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leon A. Gous', followed by a horizontal line.

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Attachment

Copied to: City Manager