

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: CIGARETTE BUTT DEPOSIT RETURN PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council send a letter to the Union of BC Municipalities in support of the City of North Vancouver's resolution regarding Cigarette Butt Deposit Return Program, and the City of North Vancouver be so advised.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2016 September 13, received correspondence from the City of North Vancouver regarding Cigarette Butt Deposit Return Program, and advising that Council, at its Regular meeting on 2016 May 30, unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

"THAT Council submit the following resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities:

WHEREAS cigarette butts are a significant source of litter in many local communities:

WHEREAS cigarette butts are non-biodegradable and leach toxic organic chemicals and heavy metals into the environment impacting soil, fresh and saltwater, and have a significant negative impact on the aquatic and land-based organisms that ingest them;

WHEREAS a Cigarette Butt Deposit – Return Program offers a promising solution to significantly reduce cigarette butt litter and improve environmental health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BC Ministry of Environment implement a province-wide Cigarette Butt Deposit – Return Program for the elimination of cigarette litter.

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To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors
From: Environment Committee
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THAT the resolution be circulated to UBCM member municipalities in advance of the 2016 convention;

AND THAT the City implement an outreach program aimed at reducing cigarette butt litter.”

Arising from discussion, the Committee recommended that Council send a letter to the Union of BC Municipalities in support of the City of North Vancouver’s resolution regarding Cigarette Butt Deposit Return Program, and the City of North Vancouver be so advised.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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