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**Attachments:** Catherine McKenna National Zero Waste October 2016 (letter).pdf

**From:** National Zero Waste Council [<mailto:NZWC@metrovanancouver.org>]  
**Sent:** January-12-17 4:08 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Wong, Elaine  
**Subject:** Update re Food Waste Tax Incentive Proposal - FCM letter to Minister McKenna

Dear Mayor and Council of the City of Burnaby,

As a supporter of the National Zero Waste Council's proposal for a federal tax incentive to increase food donations, we wanted to update you on recent developments. First, on November 3, the Council announced the release of its National Food Waste Reduction Strategy that identifies the policies, innovations, and behaviour change required to significantly reduce food waste in Canada. The tax incentive for food retailers and restaurants is one tool in reducing food waste and this Strategy discusses some of the other initiatives required to make the tax incentive successful including the innovation and investment required to enable the safe delivery of perishable foods and the importance of guidelines from health authorities on nutritious foods. Making progress on reducing food waste in Canada will require collaboration – across different levels of government and across sectors. We look forward to engaging you in this effort.

In our previous correspondence we let you know that the tax incentive was adopted as policy by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at their September meeting. Attached, for your information, is a letter from FCM to Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honourable Katherine McKenna. The National Zero Waste Council has a meeting with Jonathan Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to Minister McKenna, in Vancouver, January 16<sup>th</sup> and are pursuing a meeting with Minister McKenna with the assistance of Parliamentary Secretary Wilkinson.

We will continue to update you as additional information develops.

Sincerely,



Malcolm Brodie, Chair  
National Zero Waste Council

