

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2019 Feb 22

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 36600-00

**SUBJECT: MAJOR APPLIANCE RECYCLING ROUNDTABLE (MARR)
AGREEMENT**

PURPOSE: To inform the Committee of participation in the MARR program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Financial Management Committee receive this report for information only relating to the City of Burnaby registration as a collector in the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR) program.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The City of Burnaby Eco-Centre has been collecting major appliances curbside through bulky item service and accepting drop-off from residents and local small businesses for many years. Registration as a collector with the MARR program will allow access to funding and incentives with no changes to our current appliance collection program or Eco-Centre operations.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

The MARR program is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan.

Goal

- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life –
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Healthy environment –
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
- A Thriving Organization
 - Financial Viability –
Maintain a financially sustainable City for the provision, renewal, and enhancement of City services, facilities and assets

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3.0 BACKGROUND

The City of Burnaby Eco-Centre has been collecting major appliances curbside and accepting drop-off from residents and local small businesses for many years. These appliances are processed on-site to remove ozone depleting substances (ODS) as required prior to recycling as scrap metal. The costs for removal of ODS have historically been expensed through Operating funding and the revenues from scrap metal recycling have been returned to the department. Recent updates to the reporting requirements and incentive rates have now highlighted the benefits of joining the MARR program.

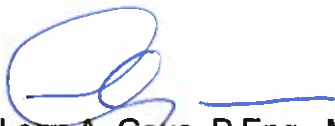
Registration as a collector in the MARR program provides incentive to the City of Burnaby for each appliance processed at the Eco-Centre. MARR pays a collection fee of \$3.00 for each qualifying appliance and an additional \$7.00 per appliance for removal of ODS (refrigerators, freezers, etc.).

The projected fees could reach \$45,000 per year based on current quantities of appliance recycled. The City of Burnaby will also continue to receive the revenues from the salvaged scrap metal.

The infrastructure, systems, and procedures required to collect appliances are well established at the Eco-Centre. No changes to our current appliance collection program or Eco-Centre operations are anticipated.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Financial Management Committee receive this report for information only relating to the City of Burnaby registration as a collector in the Major Appliance Recycling Roundtable (MARR) program



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