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Mayor and Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
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Plastic Pollution in Eagle Creek

Mayor and Council,

I was very pleased to read the Fall/Winter edition of CityConnect – A Time for Action- Climate Change.

I commend council on their approach to the Climate Emergency and the interim targets set for the reduction of carbon emissions by the City. I look forward to reading the full plan under development by staff.

The environmental crisis, as you know, extends beyond pollution of the atmosphere. As the recent CityConnect article Making Streams a Welcoming Habitat for Fish and Wildlife notes: "Creeks and Streams have significant natural, cultural and recreational value."

With the first significant rainfall each fall, the mouth of Eagle Creek, where it enters Burnaby Lake, deposits literally hundreds of golf balls washed downstream from Burnaby Mountain Golf Course and Driving Range. This is serious pollution of an important salmon bearing stream, and of the mudflats that are vital habitat for many birds that use the lake.

We know that plastic pollution is a global problem for the world's oceans. Burnaby Lake of course drains into the Pacific Ocean via the Brunette and Fraser rivers. In the interim the balls contaminate the lake for years.

The attached picture captures just a tiny piece of the problem and at least 20 balls can be seen in this small sample.

I am requesting council to ask staff to investigate this issue and prepare a plan to eliminate this pollution of the lake.

Yours sincerely,

George Clulow

Copied to:
City Manager
Dir. Corporate Services
Dir. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Dir. Engineering

Referred to:
Environment Committee
(2020 Date to be Determined)

Golf balls and birds at the mouth of Eagle Creek, Burnaby Lake

