Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management

Environmental Managers Association of BC April 16, 2015



TOP ISSUES IN 2014 CIVIC ELECTIONS

According to





- New waste-to-energy
- Transit system
- Affordable housing
- Etc...

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Background

- 1. Waste flow control
- 2. Organics disposal ban

BACKGROUND

INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 70% diversion by 2015
- Achieved 60% in 2013
- Organics Disposal Ban and Waste Flow Control just two of many initiatives



GOAL 1: MINIMIZE WASTE GENERATION

- Communications
- National Zero Waste Council
- Food waste prevention



GOAL 2: MAXIMIZE REUSE, RECYCLING AND MATERIAL RECOVERY

- New Extended Producer Responsibility programs
- Organics and wood disposal bans
- Regulatory framework to encourage diversion
- Expanded recycling at regional facilities



GOAL 3: RECOVER ENERGY FROM WASTE AFTER RECYCLING

- New Waste-to-Energy for electricity and district heating
- Maximize beneficial use of recovered landfill gas

GOAL 4: LANDFILL REMAINING WASTE AFTER RECYCLING AND ENERGY RECOVERY

- Utilize Vancouver Landfill
- Ensure contingency disposal capacity

1. WASTE FLOW CONTROL

METRO VANCOUVER REGIONAL FACILITIES



WASTE FLOW CONTROL



BYLAW 280

Waste bypassing regional system jeopardizes:

- Ability to divert waste from disposal
- <u>All</u> types of future infrastructure
- Viability of existing services

Bylaw 280 was intended to ensure:

- Effective disposal bans
- Equitable garbage tipping fees
- Vibrant recycling market

BYLAW 280

Minister rejected Bylaw 280 despite strong support

- Recycle First Coalition (12 recycling companies)
- Enterra Feed Corp. (Dr. David Suzuki Co-founder)
- SFU Community Trust
- Chair, Kwantlen Environmental Technology Program
- 10 Other Regional Districts (over 90% of BC's population)
- Peter Ladner
- Health Product Stewardship Association
- Sperling Hansen Associates
- Yield Energy Inc.
- Net Zero Waste
- Etc.

REVISED TIPPING FEE BYLAW

In the absence of Bylaw 280:

Comprehensive review of solid waste options

Changes to Tipping Fee to:

- recapture large commercial loads bypassing MV system
- ensure disposal bans are enforced
- recover costs, and maximize economies of scale
- ensure prices reflect cost of managing each load type
- offer competitive tipping fee for large commercial loads
- not increase the rate of illegal dumping

METRO VANCOUVER TIPPING FEE

Effective April 6, 2015

Changed to three tier rate, based on size of load and the actual cost of service delivery at each site Added Transaction Fee (fixed costs for each load)

Result:

- Small Loads (<1 t) see increased rate
- Medium Loads (1 to 9 t) see no increase
- Large Loads (> 9 t) see reduced rate

2. ORGANICS DISPOSAL BAN

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- ~1/3 or more of disposed waste is compostable organics
- Recycling organics:
 - Diverts waste from disposal
 - Creates compost
 - Can create biofuels
 - Prevents landfill methane





CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

2008-2010

Solid Waste Plan and Consultation

2012-2013

Organics Ban Planning, Engagement, and Readiness Surveys **2014** Organics Ban Implementation Strategy and Consultation



- Average 20-25 calls/emails per day for 1st month
 - Residential property managers (majority)
 - Residents without curbside collection
 - Residents in multi-family properties
 - Businesses
 - Media
- Haulers: significant outreach to clients

ENFORCEMENT - 2015

- Bans enforced at disposal facilities
- Inspection for visible organics by volume
- Education for 6 months
- 50% surcharge on tipping fee after July 1, 2015
- Survey of residential and business participation



ENFORCEMENT - 2016-2017

 Decrease acceptable threshold of organics in loads in 2016, 2017



ORGANICS OUTREACH

- 1. Residential campaign with municipalities
- 2. Business campaign
- 3. Standardize communications
- 4. Toolkits and guides



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MIXED CONTAINERS











GARBAGE

MIXED PAPER

ORGANICS

CARDBOARD

PLASTIC BAGS

TOOLKITS AND RESOURCES

- Recycling Guides (restaurants, multi-family, property managers)
- On-site Organics Management Options
- Food Donation Guidelines
- Business Case Studies
- Videos
- RCBC Hotline
- MV website



PREVENTING FOOD WASTE





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