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Honourable Dr. Terry Lake
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Dear Minister:

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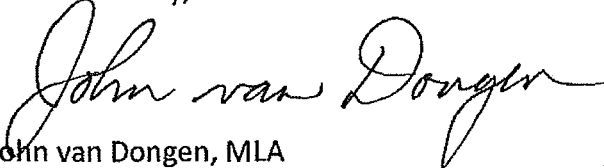
Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Management

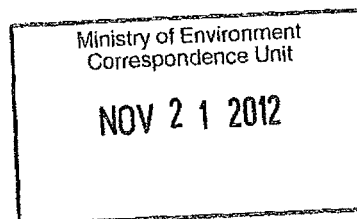
I am writing to you because there is speculation that Metro Vancouver wants to consider combustion/incineration of waste materials such as plastic, paper and wood as “recycling”, if during the process it is used to produce electricity. Such a revision of definition at this time causes me and the people of the Fraser Valley a great deal of concern.

My question is: Has the Ministry of Environment been approached by Metro Vancouver or anyone else seeking such a change to the definition of recycling? I would request a full consultation for the City of Abbotsford, the Fraser Valley Regional District and myself if you or your Ministry are involved in any discussions regarding such a change.

I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,


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c.c.: Mayor Bruce Banman, City of Abbotsford
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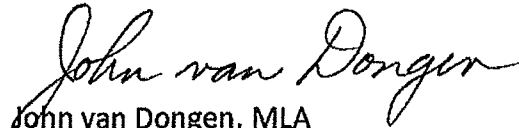
Re: Funding for Fraser Valley Regional District response to Metro Vancouver on Waste to Energy (W2E) Proposal

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) is struggling to properly resource its efforts to defend air quality concerns in this region. I believe some financial assistance should be provided to help FVRD fund the additional costs being created by Metro Vancouver's activities. Metro Vancouver should by now be very aware of the air quality impacts on their neighbours of a Waste to Energy facility in the Lower Mainland.

I am requesting consideration for some financial support from Metro Vancouver to fund the FVRD response to any W2E proposal. I believe that such a provision should be added to the conditional approval for the Solid Waste Management Plan granted on July 25, 2011.

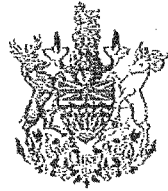
Thank you for your review of this request.

Yours sincerely,


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Dear Minister:

Re: Metro Vancouver Potential Waste Incinerator

I have read your letter (reference: 130465) to Lois Jackson, Chair, Metro Vancouver setting out conditional approval of their Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).

I am writing to request a full explanation of the ministry's legislative authority and overall capacity to enable the monitoring, the setting of standards, and ultimately the effective enforcement of those standards of air quality. I would appreciate a full description of authority and enforcement capability so that I can use it as a reference for my constituents.

I am particularly concerned about the application of provincial environmental authority on First Nations (FN) land since there have been rumours of a W2E facility being built on FN lands. This poses significant further concerns to the public in the Fraser Valley.

Thank you for responding to these requests.

Yours sincerely,

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Ingram, Geoff ENV:EX

From: Tan, Tanya [Tanya.Tan@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2013 10:29 AM
To: Ingram, Geoff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Organic Matter Disposal

Hi Geoff,

Thank you so much!! It's very helpful!

Regards,

Tanya

From: Ingram, Geoff ENV:EX [mailto:Geoff.Ingram@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: October 8, 2013 3:29 PM
To: Tan, Tanya
Subject: RE: Organic Matter Disposal

Hi Tanya,

Here is what we have:

- Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan, approved by the Minister of Environment in July 2011, included a strategy to target organics for recycling and energy recovery, as food waste comprises 21 per cent of the waste disposed in the region.
- Metro Vancouver has chosen to enact a ban on disposing food and compostable organics from all sources at their waste management facilities by 2015. These materials can be composted, donated or transported to a designated processing facility.
- More information on the ban is available on the Metro Vancouver website at <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/businesses/organicsban/Pages/default.aspx>.
- Metro Vancouver is also considering draft Bylaw #280, allowing for the development of private sector mixed waste material recovery facilities for the purpose of recovering recyclables and organics from multi-family residential and commercial/institutional waste following source separation. The Bylaw will require the Minister's approval.
- More information on the proposed Bylaw 280 is available at <http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solidwaste/planning/Engagement/Pages/WasteFlowManagement.aspx>
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Let me know if you need anything further.

Geoff

From: Tan, Tanya [mailto:Tanya.Tan@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2013 1:17 PM
To: Ingram, Geoff ENV:EX
Subject: Organic Matter Disposal

Hi Geoff,

How are you? This is Tanya, CA to Hon. MLA Suzanne Anton.

We got several business owners in our riding, asking about the Organic Matter Disposal implementation in 2015, after the full ban on the commercial organics disposal is in effect.

I have been trying to search some practical measures on the ministry's website, but I could only find some regulations.

Would you be able to tell me more detail about the plan for 2015?

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Tanya Tan

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