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From: Loiacono, Sabrina ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2012 4:17 PM
To: Blonde, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Weaver, Jaccard support waste incinerators

From: Lake, Terry ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 4:21 PM
To: Sharma, Rishi ENV:EX
Cc: Loiacono, Sabrina ENV:EX
Subject: Re: Weaver, Jaccard support waste incinerators

Excellent.

From: Sharma, Rishi ENV:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 04:11 PM
To: Lake, Terry ENV:EX
Cc: Loiacono, Sabrina ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Weaver, Jaccard support waste incinerators

From: tno@gov.bc.ca [<mailto:tno@gov.bc.ca>]
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Subject: TNO: Weaver, Jaccard support waste incinerators

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To: Loiacono, Sabrina ENV:EX
Cc: Giddens, Kiel ENV:EX; Blonde, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: Re: MLA van Dongen Briefing Merto Vancouver

Great thanks.

Terry Lake DVM
Minister of Environment

On 2011-10-19, at 10:28 AM, "Loiacono, Sabrina ENV:EX" <Sabrina.Loiacono@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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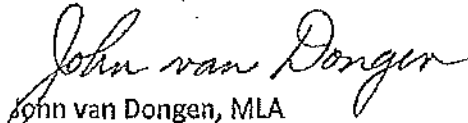
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Cc: Scherf, Robert LASS:EX; Do, Nhi ENV:EX
Subject: Briefing Merto Vancouver
Attachments: 993098[1].pdf; 993093[1].pdf

Hi John,

I have set up a briefing for you on Merto Vancouver Waste to Energy on October 26 from 10-11am in your office. I will be attending with our ADM of Environmental Protection & Assurance Division Jim Standen. As requested yesterday, attached are your two original letters that you sent to Minister Lake. Please let me know if you require any other information.

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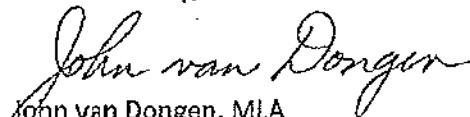
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They are indeed available.

Can I confirm this time with them?

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I think this is it ☺



Reference: 130465

The Best Place on Earth

Lois E. Jackson, Chair
Metro Vancouver Board
4330 Kingsway
Burnaby BC V5H 4G8

Dear Mayor Jackson:

I am writing in response to Metro Vancouver's letter of August 30, 2010, with attached Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP), the Board resolutions for adopting the SWMP and a summary of Metro Vancouver's consultation process. A summary of endorsements confirming each member municipality's commitments was received on March 23, 2011.

Ministry staff have reviewed your submission and accompanying documents. I am satisfied that there has been an adequate public review and consultation process with respect to the development of the new SWMP. The SWMP reflects strategies to address the specific areas of concern identified by Metro Vancouver through the Solid Waste Management Plan review process; however, the SWMP as submitted does not fully meet my requirements. Therefore, pursuant to Section 24(5) of the *Environmental Management Act*, I hereby approve Metro Vancouver's SWMP titled, *Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management: A Solid Waste Management Plan for the Greater Vancouver Regional District and Member Municipalities* dated July 2010 subject to the following conditions:

- I. Metro Vancouver must ensure that any new facility and/or modification to an existing facility managing municipal waste follow a process for authorizing a facility in the SWMP. This process shall include:
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 - b. All new facilities may be required to have a license issued in accordance with the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District's Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclable Material Regulatory Bylaw No. 181, 1996 as amended by Bylaw No. 183, 1996, and any subsequent amendments;
 - c. The Ministry of Environment, at the discretion of the Director, may commence the process to issue an operational certificate for a facility, upon authorization under the SWMP; and
 - d. If a facility's only purpose is managing municipal solid waste and/or recyclable materials under a provincial Stewardship Program and/or is already fully governed by a specific provincial regulation or Code of Practice for that industry, it shall be considered authorized by the SWMP.

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2. Metro Vancouver must ensure, to the satisfaction of the Director, that the competitive process for establishing any new or upgrading any existing waste-to-energy (W2E) capacity and/or establishing contingency landfill as identified in the SWMP for up to 500,000 tonnes of additional disposal capacity considers the full range of possible options both in and out of region in an equal and fair manner. Furthermore, Metro Vancouver must provide a consultation plan on the selected option(s).
3. Recognizing that the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and Metro Vancouver share a common and critically important air shed, if Metro Vancouver pursues establishing additional in-region W2E capacity, it shall consult with the FVRD to address air quality concerns prior to beginning construction of a new or expanded facility. As a minimum, Metro Vancouver must establish a working group with the FVRD on the potential impact to the air shed due to additional W2E capacity. The working group may include the local health authority(s) and must, within one year of any Metro Vancouver decision to pursue in-region W2E:
 - a. Develop recommendations for W2E emission standards that do not conflict with Provincial or Federal policy and/or legislation;
 - b. Develop recommendations for an environmental monitoring program for any new or expanded in-region W2E facility(s);
 - c. Establish mitigation measures that address reasonable concerns of the FVRD with respect to additional W2E in-region;
 - d. Include any other reasonable related issue agreed to by the parties;
 - e. If the parties are unable to reach consensus within the timeframe, they will submit their respective positions to an arbitrator who will render a recommendation and report to the Director for consideration in any concurrent or subsequent regulatory process;
 - f. Be supported and resourced by Metro Vancouver; and
 - g. Provide quarterly updates to the Regional Manager, Environmental Protection.
4. Metro Vancouver's Burnaby W2E facility will operate under the conditions set forth in Appendix A until December 31, 2013, at which time, the Director may issue an operational certificate pursuant to section 28 of the *Environmental Management Act*.
5. Metro Vancouver shall consult with the Ministry of Environment, member municipalities and all other applicable parties in identifying active and closed municipal landfills located within the regional district. Metro Vancouver and its member municipalities shall:
 - a. Generate, by December 31, 2012, a list of all known municipal and regional landfills within the region and submit it in the subsequent SWMP biennial report;
 - b. Determine the closure status for all landfills identified in (a) above by December 31, 2013;

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- c. Ensure closure plans are in place by December 31, 2016, for all landfills identified in (a) above with appropriate Ministry authorizations; and
 - d. Submit, in the 2017 biennial report, a status summary.
- 6. Metro Vancouver shall ensure that methane gas from solid waste management facilities, as identified in Strategy 3.2, can be used as an alternative fuel in addition to the provision for generating clean electricity or heat. Processed clean-burning methane may be an alternative vehicle fuel.
- 7. Any role or function that Metro Vancouver, member municipalities and/or any other party contracted by either the municipality or regional district may offer or deliver for products that are managed within an approved industry product stewardship plan under the Recycling Regulation will be undertaken on a voluntary and independently agreed basis between said parties.
- 8. Metro Vancouver shall establish a Plan Implementation Dispute Resolution Procedure in accordance with Section 32 of the Guidelines. The Procedure shall be submitted within three months from the date of this letter to the Regional Manager.
- 9. Metro Vancouver must establish a Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee, or a suitable alternative, to facilitate ongoing public involvement during the implementation of the new SWMP in accordance with Section 35 of the "Guide to the Preparation of Regional Solid Waste Management Plans by Regional Districts," and provide Terms of Reference for this Committee, or alternative, to the Regional Manager within 60 days of approval of the SWMP.
- 10. Metro Vancouver shall submit, to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager, the following reports:
 - a. An SWMP progress report by September 30 of every second year that includes details of Municipal Solid Waste disposed as per Subsection 36 (1) of the Guidelines. The first report must be submitted by September 30, 2013;
 - b. The SWMP performance review by September 30, 2016; and
 - c. A full SWMP review by September 30, 2021.
- 11. Metro Vancouver must include in the five-year performance review report an annual summary of the recovery and/or disposal solution for the nominal 30 percent residuals identified in the SWMP. This summary must include:
 - a. Annual actual percentage relative to the performance of the SWMP;
 - b. Name and location of each facility receiving the nominal 30 per cent residuals, whether for recovery and/or residual disposal;

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- c. Annual quantity (in tonnes) sent to each facility;
- d. Annual quantity, if greater than 1,000 tonnes, of any consequential residuals from any facility in (c) above (e.g. ash) recycled and/or sent for disposal;
- e. Name and location of any facility receiving consequential residuals as per (d) above; and
- f. Records of non-compliance to Ministry legislation or other appropriate legislation in the jurisdiction for any facility identified above.

Any new in-province W2E facility and/or landfill must comply with the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The implementation of this SWMP will require the development of Operational Certificates for the authorization of existing and future municipal solid waste landfills, W2E facilities and possibly other waste management facilities. Ministry staff in our Surrey office will be preparing Operational Certificates based on the detailed operating and environmental protection requirements for the solid waste management facilities specified in the SWMP. The regional plan, together with the required Operational Certificates, will form the basis of the authority to operate these facilities.

In closing, I commend the Metro Vancouver Board and staff on their success in developing a comprehensive SWMP to manage the Greater Vancouver Sewage and Drainage District's solid waste for years to come by conserving resources, creating new job opportunities and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

Sincerely,



Terry Lake
Minister of Environment

cc: Jonn Braman, Regional Manager, Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of
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Blonde, Sarah ENV:EX

From: Giddens, Kiel ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 3:10 PM
To: Blonde, Sarah ENV:EX
Subject: FW: Minister Lake Non-Responsive

Ok this is a meeting request for consideration then.

Kiel Giddens
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Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Giddens, Kiel ENV:EX
Subject: RE: Minister Lake Non-Responsive

Kiel: on another note, I have been asked to schedule a meeting with Minister Lake so we can update him on Metro Vancouver's implementation of our two waste management plans (solid and liquid) since the Minister approved them in the summer...given the Minister's busy schedule, maybe we can combine the two issues into one meeting? As you are undoubtedly aware, we will have a new Board Chair as of December 16 (our current Chair, Delta Mayor Lois Jackson, is stepping down), so perhaps the best strategy would be to try scheduling something for mid-January, so we can introduce our new Chair to the Minister. Do you think that might work?

Many thanks for your assistance, Kiel, and have a great weekend.

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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,

John van Dongen, MLA
Abbotsford South



Reference: 151449

NOV 07 2011

Mr. John van Dongen, MLA
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Dear Mr. van Dongen:

Thank you for your letter of September 7, 2011, requesting an explanation of the Ministry of Environment's authority with respect to air quality and how it would apply to a Waste to Energy (W2E) facility and on First Nations land.

These are complex issues, which I will address in summary. In broad terms, the *Environmental Management Act*, regulations and guidelines restrict the introduction of contaminants into the environment. Ministry staff have delegated authority to order the prohibition of activities that introduce contaminants and to authorize, with restrictions, emissions in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. As you have raised the possibility of a W2E facility being proposed, I will use that as an example.

First, if the project is of significant size (and one proposed by Metro Vancouver likely would be) it would trigger an assessment under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This is a rigorous and consultative process administered by the Environmental Assessment Office that leads to a decision by myself, as Minister of Environment, and one other Minister (depending on the nature of the project) on whether or not such a project should proceed and with what conditions. If a certificate under that process is issued, authorization under the *Environmental Management Act* would be required in order for the W2E facility to operate.

This process is administered by the Ministry's Environmental Protection Division regional offices. Such authorization would address the specifics of any discharge(s), including air emissions, in detail. Typically, this would include requirements for monitoring and reporting of specific contaminants, at specific frequencies and in accordance with provincial laboratory standards. The authorization would normally set limitations on a number of parameters, including the type or nature of the fuel (waste), volume, limits on emissions. In addition, there are provisions for updating authorizations to address evolving science, technology or specific operational issues. Furthermore, if the Ministry of Environment is not satisfied that a facility can be operated in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment the authorization can be denied.

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In terms of enforcement, ministry staff have a range of compliance and enforcement tools including fines and outright prohibition by way of orders. Compliance and enforcement is done by staff in regional offices and there are six such offices, with sub-regions located around the province. The South Coast office is located in Surrey, with district offices in Squamish, Cultus Lake, Maple Ridge, Sechelt and North Vancouver. The Ministry also collaborates with other natural resource agencies on compliance and enforcement and can use those additional resources when needed.

With respect to the establishment of standards and guidelines, the Ministry routinely creates and updates these to aid statutory decision-makers by bringing the most current and relevant scientific information to bear in protecting the environment. The Ministry's W2E guidelines have recently been updated and are among the most stringent in the world. That said, when a new W2E facility is proposed, ministry staff will consider input during the consultation on the site specific proposal before rendering a decision.

As it is speculative on whether a W2E facility would be built on First Nations lands, I prefer not to get into too much detail at this point. What is clear is that Ministry of Environment authority varies in accordance with agreements, such as treaties, strategic economic agreements (SEA) and other instruments in place between the First Nation, the Province and the federal government. For example, under the Tsawwassen First Nation treaty the Ministry has similar authorities as it would exercise on municipal lands throughout the province. In other cases the federal government oversees land use decisions on federal lands, but air emissions remain a provincial jurisdiction. Ministry of Environment staff routinely work with federal agencies, such as Environment Canada, to ensure environmental protection where there is overlapping jurisdiction.

Finally, I think it would be prudent to point out that the *Environmental Management Act* delegates some air quality management authority to Metro Vancouver. Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley Regional District have worked collaboratively with the Ministry of Environment to manage common air quality issues, in particular air monitoring, to the benefit of residents in both regional districts. While Metro Vancouver has proved invaluable aiding the Ministry's mandate to protect air quality in the region, I want to be clear that the Ministry, and not Metro Vancouver, will be the authorizing agency for any W2E facility owned by Metro Vancouver in the province.

Thank you for drawing this to my attention.

Sincerely,



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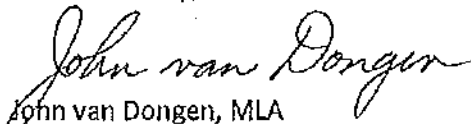
Re: Funding for Fraser Valley Regional District response to Metro Vancouver on Waste to Energy (W2E) Proposal

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,


John van Dongen, MLA
Abbotsford South



Reference: 151450

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Dear Mr. van Dongen: *John*

Thank you for your letter of September 7, 2011, requesting Metro Vancouver provide financial assistance to fund the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) response to any Waste to Energy (W2E) proposal.

The *Environmental Management Act* provides some latitude to me when approving a solid waste management plan; however, ordering one local government to provide financial assistance to another is generally beyond my authority. Furthermore, such a move would have implications for other types of projects and interactions between local governments, and indeed, between levels of governments. That said, in approving Metro Vancouver's solid waste management plan, I recognized the importance of the unique lower Fraser Valley airshed and I require Metro Vancouver to consult with the FVRD if it pursues W2E in the region. At this stage Metro Vancouver has not initiated their competitive process to determine the location, type or size of additional W2E capacity.

The Ministry of Environment is the regulatory authority for air emissions and if a W2E facility is pursued in the province the *Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Environmental Management Act* will come into effect. When it comes to evaluating a site-specific proposal and its implications to air quality, ministry staff are highly competent to do so and will, if necessary, draw upon whatever expertise they need to determine whether such a facility could or should be built given the size, type, location and with the necessary protective features proposed by Metro Vancouver or its contractors (when and if they reach that stage). In doing so, ministry staff will ensure there is full and adequate consultation by affected parties, including the FVRD if the facility is proposed within the lower Fraser Valley airshed.

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It is in the best of interest of the Province, FVRD and Metro Vancouver to work collaboratively to protect this airshed. Together we have made great strides in improving air quality and we will continue this work together, drawing on the appropriate expertise and jurisdiction of each participating agency.

Thank you for drawing this to my attention.

Sincerely,

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Terry Lake
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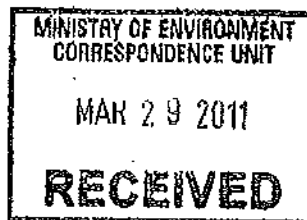
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Dear Minister Lake,

I realise that you are still new to the ministry, but would like to ask that you put your urgent attention to an issue which has been discussed and debated for many years, and which is now in your office: plans for the disposal of Vancouver's solid waste.

The Village of Gold River has been working to establish a waste to energy power generating facility, at its former mill site, for approximately eight years. Covanta, which has wide experience in such projects, has been committed to the plan for the last three years and has invested approximately \$9 million in the site. An agreement with BC Hydro is in place through one of the first calls for new power supply.

Building such a waste to energy plant would have an enormous economic impact on Gold River, with the creation of hundreds of short and long term jobs. It would also guarantee BC Hydro with a stable, predictable source of power.

However the project will not be able to go ahead without access to Vancouver's solid waste. And a decision on the future of that rests in your office.

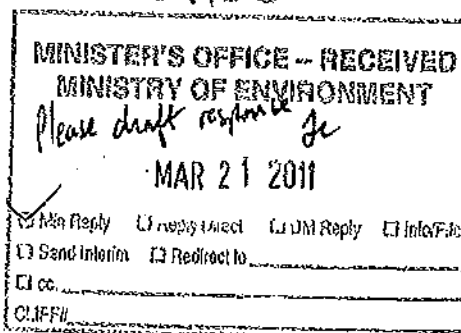
I would hope that you will make such a decision shortly and one that will prove to be a win-win: dealing with the problems facing Vancouver in a way to benefit the community of Gold River as well as the power supply for Vancouver Island.

I look forward to hearing a positive response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire Trevena".

Claire Trevena
MLA North Island



Cc: Craig Anderson, Mayor of Gold River
Tom Lyons, VP Business Development, Covanta Energy



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Claire Trevena, MLA
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Dear Ms. *Claire* Trevena:

Thank you for your letter of March 17, 2011, regarding the proposed Gold River Waste-to-Energy project and Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). I apologize for the delay in responding.

I appreciate your interest in providing information on the proposed Gold River facility and the potential economic impact on Gold River.

The Ministry has received a new SWMP from Metro Vancouver and is in the process of reviewing the content and public consultation materials submitted. As Minister of Environment, my role in the process is as the statutory decision maker on Metro Vancouver's SWMP, and, therefore, it would be inappropriate for me to comment on that plan until the Ministry has completed the review and I have made my decision. Rest assured, however, that I will be considering all of the relevant information provided in this process before I make my decision.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Terry Lake
Minister of Environment

cc: His Worship Mayor Craig Anderson, City of Gold River

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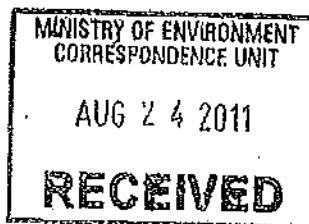
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Dear Mayor Ranta and Council,

I am writing this letter to express my total opposition to the recent announcement made by the Minister of Environment, Terry Lake, regarding incineration of garbage in the Lower Mainland.

My opposition is two pronged. I not only support the many communities of the Lower Mainland in the protection of their airshed, but from my position as Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Economic Development I am well aware of the negative impact this "change" of waste management provision would have on the community of Cache Creek and surrounding area. The landfill at Cache Creek is an important economic driver for the region and I realize that while these are resilient communities, losing the revenue stream generated by the business of processing garbage from the Lower Mainland would have an extremely detrimental effect on the economy of the region.

I have personally toured the landfill at Cache Creek facility and recognize that it is a landfill to be proud of. Therefore I wanted to express to you that I totally oppose a waste management solution that could not only put at risk the already fragile airshed of the Fraser Valley but has the potential to severely impact the small rural communities that depend on the business of waste management to put food on their families tables.

To consider incineration of garbage in the Lower Mainland as a waste management solution is a step backwards when as a province we should be moving forward.

Sincerely,

Donna Barnett, MLA
Cariboo Chilcotin
Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Economic Development

cc

Premier Christy Clarke

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✓ The Honorable Terry Lake

