



Waste Management Committee Meeting Date: June 10, 2009

To: Waste Management Committee

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Subject: **Finalizing the Draft Liquid Waste Management Plan**

Recommendation:

That the Waste Management Committee provide guidance on procedural choice regarding the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) to either:

- a) bring forward a final LWMP in July for the Committee's further guidance prior to review with municipal staff, or
 - b) work with REAC/RAAC to complete a final LWMP and bring it forward in September, 2009 for the Committee's consideration.
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1. PURPOSE

At their meeting of March 27, 2009 the draft LWMP was approved by the Board, and staff were directed to proceed with consultation. The purpose of this report is to provide the Waste Management Committee with an update on this process and to receive guidance from the Committee on next steps.

2. CONTEXT

The formal consultation process for the draft LWMP is now complete and staff are updating the LWMP in consideration of key issues identified during the consultation process.

Two issues in particular need to be addressed:

First, it is becoming increasingly evident that more prominence must be given to the fact that it is Metro Vancouver's intent to achieve an integrated approach both to resource recovery and indeed to all the management plans. The bringing together of all the management plans in a single framework and single document is in preparation. This document, the working title of which is "Metro Vancouver's Integrated Plan for a Sustainable Future" will be an expansion and extension of the "Metro Vancouver Sustainability Framework".

The approach of integrated resource recovery is consistent with:

- Metro Vancouver's sustainability framework,
- Provincial direction on Integrated Resource Recovery,
- Municipal direction on Integrated Resource Recovery,
- Reference panel recommendations.

The current references in the plan need to be enhanced and given more prominence.

Secondly, through the consultation process several key issues related to wet weather management were identified where some municipal feedback is not consistent with provincial feedback and reference panel recommendations. These key issues need to be addressed prior to finalizing the draft LWMP.

3. ALTERNATIVES

- A.** Metro Vancouver staff can rework the draft LWMP so that a final draft LWMP can be brought forward to the Committee in July, but there is insufficient time to take the reworked draft LWMP through municipal staff consultation before the July meeting, so such consultation would take place after July and the final plan could be brought forward in September.
- B.** Metro Vancouver can consult with REAC and RAAC and bring a revised plan to the Committee in September.

4. CONCLUSION

The draft LWMP is being finalized based on the input received during the consultation process on the draft Plan. The draft Plan needs to be reworked to give more prominence to integration and resource recovery, and to address key issues where some municipal feedback is not consistent with provincial feedback. The Waste Management Committee is requested to provide guidance on the process to finalize the LWMP.