

MOTION ON NOTICE

Vancouver City Council, at its meeting on July 19, 2005, received a request to speak on this matter and agreed to refer consideration to the Standing Committee on City Services and Budgets meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2005, in order to hear from the speaker.

1. Recycling Depots

MOVED by Councillor Ladner
SECONDED by Councillor Louie

Whereas industry-run recycling depots are an essential part of a city that recycles, accounting for around 85% of all containers recovered from consumers in B.C.

And whereas these depots are preferred by consumers over retail stores because they accept all recyclable containers in unlimited amounts at one location and eliminate the need for extra sorting;

And whereas these depots take pressure off liquor stores and grocery stores which don't encourage recycling because it conflicts with their primary business;

And whereas these depots provide entry-level employment opportunities;

And whereas non-returned recyclable containers end up in the landfill;

And whereas the City of Vancouver needs approximately 15 more depots to bring our recyclable return rate up to the provincial average;

And whereas residents and adjacent property owners are often opposed to having these depots in their neighbourhoods even though placing them throughout the city encourages recycling;

And whereas city policy is unclear on whether these depots must be in industrial zones or whether they are allowed in commercial zones and how much the approval should be based on neighbourhood input;

Therefore be it resolved that city staff report back on a process to develop a policy that would assess the demand for and location of recycling depots and address neighbourhood concerns with recycling depots.

Referred

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