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MEMORANDUM

November 26, 2007

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Judy Rogers, City Manager
Syd Baxter, City Clerk

FROM: Tom Timm, General Manager Engineering Services

SUBJECT: 2008 Solid Waste Utility Fee and By-Law Changes Report (RTS 6969)

The purpose of this memo is to notify Council of a modification to Recommendation D in the 2008 Solid Waste Utility Fees and By-Law Changes Report (RTS 6969). The Report is scheduled for the Thursday November 29, 2007 City Services and Budgets Standing Committee Meeting of Council

Recommendation D in the Report currently reads as follows:

THAT the garbage disposal fee at the Vancouver Landfill and Vancouver South Transfer Station for loads greater than 900 kilogram be increased from \$65/tonne to \$66/tonne effective January 1, 2008, if a Metro Vancouver proposed regional tipping rate increase of the same amount receive their Board's approval on November 30, 2007.

On November 23 the Metro Vancouver Board held a Budget Workshop. Our understanding is that during this workshop there was discussion and a recommendation to include additional capital funds in Metro Vancouver's solid waste function, and that the estimated effect of this additional capital funding could be a regional tipping fee increase from the current \$65/tonne to \$68/tonne for 2008. Alternatively, the Board may decide to fund capital payments through other means, such as surpluses held in reserve accounts. The final decision on the 2008 tipping fee amount is planned for the Board meeting on Friday November 30, 2007 as part of the overall budget.

To deal with the uncertainty of the amount the regional tipping rate will actually increase prior to Metro Vancouver Board's final decision on November 30, we propose that Recommendation D be replaced with the following:

THAT the garbage disposal fee at the Vancouver Landfill and Vancouver South Transfer Station for loads greater than 900 kilogram be increased effective January 1, 2008 from \$65/tonne to the new regional rate approved by Metro Vancouver Board's on November 30, 2007.

The actual disposal fee to be applied starting on January 1, 2008 will be reported to Council when the Solid Waste By-law is presented for enactment before the end of the year.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call Brian Davies, Assistant City Engineer, Solid Waste at 604.873.7348.

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