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MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Provincial Recycling Regulation

MOVER: Councillor Andrea Reimer

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS

1. Recycling rates for residential homes in Metro Vancouver is currently at 48%, and 58% in the City of Vancouver;
2. In Metro Vancouver, the municipal blue box curbside service is the most established and successful aspect of the waste stream in terms of diversion;
3. Recyclable materials represent a potential revenue stream for municipalities;
4. Public policy priorities to drive zero waste should focus on diverting waste from multi-family dwellings, and the commercial and industrial sectors;
5. The Province has amended the Recycling Regulation to include extended producer responsibility for paper and packaging by 2014;
6. Municipalities have the most knowledge about the recycling system in their communities; and
7. The new stewardship program doesn't require municipal pick up and could eliminate publicly controlled residential collection of paper and packaging;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province amend the Recycling Regulation so that stewardship organizations fund recycling programs through local governments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Lower Mainland Municipalities and Metro Vancouver.

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