

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Conserving Water through Measures such as a Toilet Exchange Program

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Drought conditions during the summer of 2015 required Metro Vancouver to place the region under Stage 3 Water Restrictions which meant watering of lawns, washing cars and filling of private pools, ponds and hot tubs was prohibited and water of gardens was only permitted by hand or drip irrigation;
2. Other nearby municipalities such as on the Sunshine Coast were put on Stage 4 Water Restrictions which meant that watering of all private gardens could only be done using household grey water;
3. Standard toilets account for approximately 25 percent of the water used in homes, prompting many municipalities to undertake toilet exchange programs such as the City of Richmond which offered a \$100 utility tax rebate for home-owners who exchanged a high water volume toilet with an ultra-low volume toilet;
4. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports predict increased frequency and intensity of summer droughts along the BC coast.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to report back to Council on the costs and benefits of various measures the City can undertake to mitigate against future droughts by reducing water use and conserving grey water, including a toilet exchange program and building by-law changes to encourage rainwater collection and separated grey water systems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the report be completed in time for measures to be included in the City's 2016 budget if necessary.

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