

Below is the Abbotsford City Council's letter to Metro Vancouver, stating their concern that the Generator Levy would pave the way for a Metro Vancouver incinerator.



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Dear Mr. Henderson:

**Re: Metro Vancouver Solid Waste Regulatory Changes**

I am writing in regards to recent Metro Vancouver solid waste regulatory changes, including the generator levy, commercial hauler licensing, and Bylaw 181 review. In October 2017, Abbotsford City Council received a delegation from the Waste Management Association of BC citing concerns that the changes will control the flow of waste from the region, limit competition and prevent private sector investment. The changes were discussed at the City's Council Meeting held on November 20, 2017, where Council authorized staff to send comments to Metro Vancouver and the Ministry of Environment regarding the proposed regulatory changes.

The City supports the pursuit of increased waste diversion, as evidenced by Council's Strategic Initiatives to align with regional diversion goals. The City understands Metro Vancouver's stated objectives for the regulatory changes, which include providing equitable and sustainable funding of regional solid waste management, increasing waste diversion and increasing the effectiveness of solid waste regulation. Despite this fact, the City has concerns with the proposed Metro Vancouver regulatory changes due to the negative impacts they will have on some local solid waste businesses and the potential for Metro Vancouver to re-instate its pursuit of additional Waste-to-energy (WTE) facilities. The latter is reinforced by the understanding that Metro Vancouver plans to review WTE facility development options as part of its 2018 Zero Waste Committee work plan. WTE is of particular concern given the fragile and vital air shed shared by Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD), and the negative consequences that WTE would have on local air quality and public health.