

Metro Vancouver Bylaw 280

Position

The Chamber is opposed to the proposed Metro Vancouver Bylaw 280. The proposed bylaw is intended to institute a market control measure known as “flow control” which would allow Metro Vancouver to arbitrarily set prices for the disposal of waste without concern for the price on the market. This bylaw could increase the cost of doing business in the region and our members. In addition, the bylaw places unnecessary regulatory burden on new recycling technologies, such as Mixed Waste Material Recovery Facilities, hindering market-based innovation in the waste management sector. The Chamber would like to see increased consultation with the business community and measures that would positively reward and incentive waste diversion and the use of Metro’s infrastructure.

Who is affected?

Waste management and recycling sector

Manufacturing sector

Restaurant and food services

Regional districts

Businesses in the Metro Vancouver region

Chamber Actions

04/28/14 – Press Release

05/05/14 – Letter to Port Coquitlam Mayor and Metro Vancouver Chair, Greg Moore

05/07/14 – Letter sent to Minister of the Environment, Mary Polak

05/13/14 – Meeting with Paul Henderson (Solid Waste Manager, Metro Vancouver). Began talks on a Zero Waste Study.

Outcome

Bylaw 280 is currently awaiting approval from the Minister of the Environment to become law. The Chamber is currently working with Metro Vancouver to conduct a study on members to determine the impacts of the bylaw and other waste management initiatives.

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