

April 8, 2015

Paul LaBranche, Executive Vice President
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Dear Mr. LaBranche:

Re: New Tipping Fees

Effective April 6, 2015, Metro Vancouver has adjusted the tipping fees it charges for managing the region's waste so that they more accurately reflect the cost of providing this service.

Over the last three years we have faced a growing problem with waste leaving the regional system. This situation seriously hinders Metro Vancouver's ability to finance the full system, including waste reduction and recycling activities, and the enforcement of the disposal bans designed to encourage recycling.

Concerns were expressed by the Province and by some business and industry sectors about Metro Vancouver's initial proposal to address this issue through regulatory measures. In response to these concerns, Metro Vancouver has undertaken a comprehensive review of our regional waste management system, and a significant change to the tipping fee structure was recently adopted by the Metro Vancouver Board. The revised tipping fees, effective April 6, 2015, better reflect the actual cost of service delivery.

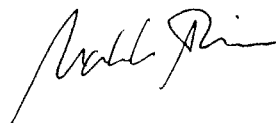
Disposal fees on large loads – Commercial, Institutional, Municipal and Multi-family - will be reduced from \$109 to \$80 per tonne. Medium sized loads will remain at \$109 per tonne. And to better reflect the higher cost of managing small loads, the tipping fee will be increased from \$109 to \$130 per tonne, and the minimum fee will rise from \$10 to \$15 per load. This will bring the average cost for small loads up from \$22 to \$31, including a transaction fee of \$5.00.

We listened to the business community, and as a result our tipping fees will be among the lowest of any large urban area in Canada. This 25% reduction in fees for large loads should help all businesses, and we encourage your members to explore the implications of the reduced tipping fees with their service provider.

Yours truly,



Greg Moore
Chair, Metro Vancouver Board



Malcolm Brodie
Chair, Zero Waste Committee

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